

**PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 23, 2018**

The Pulaski County Drainage Board held a special meeting on Monday April 23, 2018. The meeting was held in the Pulaski County Surveyor's office. Kenny Becker called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Present was Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Terry Ruff, Gary Kruger, Jenny Keller and Susan Thomas.

**PRATHER DITCH**

I asked Sean Gudas for a couple quotes on the Prather Ditch. I went from 175 E to 250 E and he got me an estimate of \$15,200.00. The other project was from 250 E down to 400 E and his quote of \$8,500.00.

Kenny: I'll make a motion that we put it up for bid.

Jerry: Second.

Kenny: Motion and second, motion carried.

**E.P. THOMPSON**

Steve Sommers wants this cleaned from 400 N going north to the end and the Gumz Branch. I think 2012 was the last time that was cleaned. If I was to go and ask Weaver-Fox to do this for \$5,000.00, you guys okay with that?

\*\*They all said okay\*\*

**SPRAYING PROCEDURES**

We will get the County Highway set up so it only takes approximately 15 minutes to fill up. Kenny will call the surrounding fertilizer plants asking permission to stop and fill up.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY/SURVEYOR**

We will work together on getting one or two trees out of ditches when it is feasible for everyone. The Board agreed on this procedure.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mike: Motion to adjourn.

Jerry: Second.

Kenny: Motion and second. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

**PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**MAY 21, 2018**

The Pulaski County Drainage Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday May 21, 2018 at the Pulaski County Highway Department. The meeting was called to order by Kenny Becker at 10:30 a.m.

Present was Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Mike McClure, Attorney Tim Murray, Jenny Keller and Susan Thomas. Also present was Attorney Russell Millbranth, Dennis Long, Darrel Erb, William Haselby, Ron Bucks, Al Newman, Steve Miller, Terry Ruff, George Lucy and Jim Thompson

**MUD CREEK/SMALL TILE**

Jenny: The Mud Creek/Small Tile. Russell Millbranth presented us with a petition for the reconstruction and to separate the Small Tile from the Mud Creek watershed.

Tim Murray: We just want that petition and then an explanation of your objections. Then, we can set it for hearing and send out notices.

Jenny: Your petition refers to the reconstruction. That died at our hearing and at this point has nothing to do with how we proceed forward. So basically your petition is just to separate the watershed. When we do that, the hearing is also going to include raising the rate at the same time because it's now \$ .50 an acre. I am proposing at least \$2.00 an acre.

Tim Murray: We are going to combine the two hearings into one.

Jenny: Also in your one statement, you said that it's referred to as the Martindale Tile, which it was known before as the Small Tile, always known as the Small Tile. In your petition you said that they weren't properly combined by the Board in 1988. We know that the reasons are not known as to why they did that, but we just can't assume that it wasn't properly done. We have to send out letters to everybody in the watershed and that includes Star City, no less than 30 and no more than 40 days' notice. We will set the date for the hearing for August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Miller: Will you, the Drainage Board, go on record that there will be something done this time?

Tim Murray: There is going to be a decision made on this petition to separate the watershed at this hearing.

### **WM HENRY LONG TILE**

Jenny: Darrel Erb called a couple of months ago now saying there are some issues out on the Wm. Henry Long Tile. There were approximately three tile holes that we had flagged and investigated. I hired Ron Kyburz to fix them. I just received his bill this morning for \$3,029.92. We are in the red \$1,072.30 and if that bill gets paid, you're looking at 6-6 ½ years in the red. It only brings in \$616.88 a year at \$2.00 an acre.

(There was a long discussion of the Wm Henry Tile project issues from the start of the project to present day.)

Jenny: The tile obviously needed fixed. We'll have to pay that. He already did the work. As far as the solution for the future, it's either have another hearing to raise the rate or we have a special maintenance rate to get it out of the red and then you can keep it at \$2.00 an acre.

Kenny: Do you guys want to do that?

Dennis Long: I would rather raise it for a couple years.

Darrel Erb: I've got no problem with it.

Tim Murray: I want to throw something out there. If something were to happen, the Longs, footing 68-70% of the bill, I have to look into the legality of it but what if they had to pay for it and then give them an abatement for a certain number of years to pay for it? Like you pay the bill to get things fixed as they come along and then you get an abatement for those amounts so you have to pay the taxes over the course of X number of years. Is that something that is entertainable by the Board and you folks?

Kenny: Tim, you're going to look that up for us to see if that is possible. Jenny, you want to make a hearing to raise that and you'll come up with two options.. One doing it all in one year or divide it into two. We'll have a hearing at the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **MUD CREEK**

Jenny: Terry Schultz/Kent Schultz reported a tree fell into the ditch east of the Panhandle Pathway and is holding back water. The County Highway went on the Pathway side and got it the best they could.

### **SMITH DITCH**

Jenny: Todd Schmicker reported a washout in the area of 500 W and 200 S. I'm going to call DeSabatine and see if they can fix that.

### **PRATHER DITCH**

Jenny: Kent Schultz would like this cleaned. I called that special meeting and had estimates and that fell through.

### **MCNEIL PHILLIPS**

Jenny: Kent Schultz reported Simmermaker's, our maintenance tile in Section 16, the tile needs to be bigger and lower. We told Kent that would be reconstruction. I don't know what they plan on doing with this.

### **E.P. THOMPSON**

Jenny: Steve Sommers wants this cleaned from 400 N going north to the end where it branches into the Gumz Branch. He thinks there is a blockage approximately 425 N – 475 N. That's the one where I had asked, if I asked Weaver-Fox to do this for \$5,000.00, if he could do it. Tim was going to go out there and look but then I talked to Powers' and he had it all planted. We'll just catch it in the fall.

### **KELLY-LINCOLN-OLSON**

Jenny: Davon Fields reported the crossing has a hole in the center and needs work done. This is a private crossing.

### **SLONAKER**

Jenny: Eric Hulmes reported a slide on Wilma Reinhold's. Jordan Field is going to fix that this fall.

### **SAMUEL STADDEN TILE**

Jenny: Eric Hulmes said the County put a surface drain in years ago. I told him surface drains are not paid out of the maintenance fund. Dave DeSabatine come in and reported that they got the water running thru on the Samuel Stadden Tile but there's an issue at the road which is the County Line Road.

Kenny: If it's the east County Line, we take care of it. If it's over into Fulton County, but if it's on the road right-a-way, it's Pulaski County's responsibility. We take care of the east side and the south. The north is taken care of by Starke County and the west is taken care of by Jasper County. If it's a tile or something under the road, Pulaski County has to take care of it.

### **BUDD FISHER**

Jenny: Ed Cotner called in and said that there was a big blockage of dirt that took up half the stream. Tim of Weaver-Fox went down there and looked at it. It was just a couple clumps of the grass. There was no blockage.

### **SLICK DITCH**

Jenny: Gary Gerlach wants 3 foot taken out if possible. It just depends on the profile and how much silt needs to be taken out because if you go any deeper, then it's reconstruction.

### **TYLER WEISJAHN**

Jenny: Betty DeSabatine called and reported a washout on Tim & Ann Howard's property right at the crossing into their yard. I told DeSabatines to go and fix this. The Tyler and the Falvey come into play there.

**HUMES DITCH**

Jenny: Kent Schultz reported a washout along 55 S, east of 500 east and some washing in just before and after where the ditch turns to go north. I haven't look at that one yet.

**CLAIMS**

A	\$ 4,748.50	Gudas Excavating	Buck Tousley	50100.000	GDM
B	\$ 9,549.60	Gudas Excavating	Prather Ditch	50100.000	GDM
C	\$ 1,750.00	Loehmer Ag	Stone Dilts	50100.000	GDM
D	\$ 280.00	DeSabatine Bros	Bruce Lake Outlet	50100.000	GDM
E	\$ 900.00	DeSabatine Bros	John Brown/Lydette	50100.000	GDM
F	\$ 10,800.00	DeSabatine Bros	Graffis	50100.000	GDM
G	\$ 19,100.00	Jordan Field	Fox-Raderstorf Ditch	50100.000	GDM
H	\$ 333.43	Howards Marathon \$329.93	Gas for surveyor truck	22100-006	Gas, Oil, etc
		\$ 3.50	Bulb for surveyor truck	36100-006	Equipment repair
I	\$ 4,000.00	Gutwein Bulldozing	Mosely Main	50100.000	GDM
J	\$ 900.00	DeSabatine Bros	Graffis Ditch	50100.000	GDM
K	\$ 8,824.00	Loehmer Ag	Royer Ditch	50100.000	GDM
L	\$ 1,088.13	Arborchem	Spray Chemicals	50100.000	GDM
M	\$ 8,900.00	DeSabatine Bros.	Bube Ditch	50100.000	GDM
N	\$ 16.97	Standard Auto	Spark plug – spray paint	24400-006	Field Supplies
O	\$ 2,100.00	Widner & Sons Excavating	Scheuer Keller Ditch	50100.000	GDM
P	\$ 30,000.00	Weaver-Fox Bros. Excavating	Budd Fisher	50100.000	GDM

Mike: Motion to approve the claims as presented

Jerry: Second.

Kenny: Motion and second. Motion carried

**MINUTES**

Jerry: Motion to approve minutes as presented

Mike: Second.

Kenny: Motion and second. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNEMNT**

Jerry: Motion to adjourn.

Mike: Second.

Kenny: Motion and second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

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KENNY BECKER

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JERRY LOCKE

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SUSAN THOMAS  
Drainage Board Secretary