

DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

August 29, 2024

Drainage Commissioners Present:

James A. Miller, Vice-Chair
Sandra M. Harrison, Member
Michael V. Watson, Member
William L. Hartman, Member

Guests:

Vicki Eckes
Ken Harris

Others Present:

Tyler Lanning, Lead Survey Tech
Shannon Kruse, Attorney
Glenn Crawford, County Surveyor
Troy Bungard, Survey Tech
Katie Rutan, Office Clerk
Rebecca Wright, Office Manager

Absent:

Bruce Bell, II, Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Miller brought the meeting to order at 8:30 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Drainage Board Meeting from August 22, 2024. Mr. Mike Watson made the motion and Ms. Sandy Harrison seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLATS AND DEVELOPMENT DRAINAGE PLANS

Jim Miller introduced the next item of business on the meeting agenda, the Homeplace Minor Subdivision Plat located at 7023 CR 35 in the Northwest quarter, Section 34 of Jackson Township. Ken Harris with Adam Marsh consultants in Fort Wayne attended the meeting to present the plat. Troy Bungard projected a map to clarify the plat for The Board. Mr. Tyler Lanning explained the drainage opportunities associated with the subdivision and that the plat was for single-family residences. Mr. Jim Miller asked about the drainage on a small lot associated with the project and if the surveyor approved. Mr. Glenn Crawford answered Mr. Miller's question and Mr. Harris expounded that the lot in question was 5 acres.

Mr. Miller asked for a motion to approve the Homeplace-Minor Subdivision Plat located at 7023 CR 35 in the Northwest quarter, Section 34 of Jackson Township, in the following watersheds: Jerry Davis 191-00-0, Hilkey Carnahan 12-05-0 and the Hilkey Carnahan Lateral 1 Spur 1 12-05-1-1.

Mr. Bill Hartman made the motion. Ms. Sandy Harrison seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Glenn Crawford updated the Board on the Ketchum Drain Reconstruction. He explained that the project was nearing completion with approximately 12% left to complete. The project should finish approximately on time.

Mr. Tyler Lanning reported that the Melissa Kelly Drain No. 40-30-04 hearing was set for September 19, 2024. He said that a landowner had reached out to ask questions about the

benefits of the project. Mr. Lanning answered the landowner's questions, discussing the idea of living in a watershed and how all landowners benefit from a watershed. He felt the discussion was productive.

Mr. Lanning also reported that a pond The Board discussed on August 22, 2024, would not be as simple of a process as first thought. He believed more landowners than discussed last week would be impacted by the slight reconstruction of the Henry Geddis Lateral 2 157-02-0, and the Consent and Waiver process could become complicated. Landowners close to the plot where the pond would be located approached Mr. Lanning and asked about possibly vacating the Henry Geddis Lateral 2 Drain No. 157-02-0. Through the conversation, The Surveyor's Office was made aware of circumstances surrounding the drain which made Mr. Lanning think vacating the drain might be advantageous. He asked The Board if they would prefer to vacate the drain or proceed through the Consent and Waiver process.

The Board discussed the implications of vacating the drain at length. Ms. Shannon Kruse said there was no precedent for a situation like the Henry Geddis Lateral 2. She added that there were several points of the drainage law the Board and Surveyor would need to agree, and she gave The Board several options including inviting the landowners to attend an informational. Mr. Jim Miller agreed that inviting the landowners to attend a meeting would be advantageous as it would provide the opportunity for clear communication. Mr. Bill Hartman asked several questions about vacating the drain which Mr. Kruse and members of The Surveyor's Office answered.

Mr. Lanning asked the board how they wanted him to proceed. Mr. Bill Hartman answered that The Surveyor's Office should schedule a vacation hearing of the Henry Geddis Lateral 2 Drain, No. 157-02-0, and the rest of the board agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02.

James Miller, Vice Chair

Rebecca L. Wright,
Drainage Board Secretary

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