

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday November 7th, 2019. Answering roll call was Randall J. Deetz; Michael E. Krehl; Jacqueline R. Rowan and William 'Bill' Hartman.

Member Donald D. Grogg was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Drainage Board Attorney Shannon E. Kruse; Administrative Assistant Brenda Myers; Surveyor Mike Kline and staff member Nate Frye.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Deetz; Jeff Bassett; Adam Beoucher; Bobby Hixson; Nate Schuerich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Bill Hartman to approve the Minutes of October 31st, 2019 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, motion carried.

CLARIFICATION PRIVATE DRAINAGE DISPUTE: There was question as to if the letter being sent to all concerned was clear on payment and it was determined that it was and the minutes of October 24th, as well as the motion, stand as approved.

UTILITY PERMIT REQUEST – AUBURN ESSENTIAL SERVICES (AES): Mike Kline present a utility permit on behalf of Auburn Essential Services for a project boring conduits and installing structures for Auburn Essential Services to extend infrastructure to unserved broadband area. Conduit will be placed at forty-eight (48") inch depth minimum. Starting at the northwest corner of County Road 56 and County Road 39, going north on the west side of County Road 39, 3,300 feet to the north side of County Road 54. Road bores will be at County Road 54, 5451 County Road 39 and 5503 County Road 39.

The county regulated drain involved is: *Henry Prosser Drain Number 357-00-0*

Chairman Deetz questioned if when a county drain is being crossed such as this one is, does the utility company or the Surveyor's Office do a GPS location of the tile.

Mike Kline said they try to if they can if they dig it up, most times they directional drill it deep and we never see it.

Jacqueline Rowan moved that the Board approve the Utility Permits for drain crossings in regard to the above drain and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board, seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

DISCUSSION NOBLE COUNTY MEETING: Mike Kline said he received an email from Randy Sexton who is the Noble County Surveyor who was asking his two Board members when they would be available to meet as a Joint Board with DeKalb County, and they gave either November 21st or December 12th; Mike Kline and Randy Sexton felt the 21st was not viable as it would not allow enough time for notices.

It was noted that this 'meeting' is to discuss the project and review the assessment roll, it is not a hearing, so notices would not be sent and there would be plenty of time for a legal notice from the Drainage Board. The Administrative Assistant will contact Noble County as to what this meeting entails and the date/time for the meeting.

PRIORITY LIST DISCUSSION: Mike Kline said that he hadn't had time to put this 'list' into format but touched on the first five on the list; the Eric Morris drain bids are being opened today for that project; on the Marvin Walker that is all set up to go, the hearing was held; on the William Bickel and Guy Platter drains, those are going to be set for hearing; the Ora Bohler is fairly close to being done, but beyond that the Board had said

they wanted to look at what was next on the list. Mike said the Board talked about the *E. P. Griffin Drain Number 224-00-0* where there has been discussion about doing some review locations, making sure it's open and working while they are putting together a reconstruction project, they will use some maintenance funds to get a rooter/locator to make sure it is open and working. The *Delbert McBride Drain Number 66-00-0* is where I&M paid to have that reconstructed, and that will happen in the next few weeks, they've already taken quotes in the Surveyors office and Gene Clifford was the low quote. The ones that should be looked at in his opinion should be the *Ozro Freeman Drain Number 175-00-0* that is on his desk for final review; the *Fritz Bartels Drain Number 408-00-0* on County Road 68 and County Road 39 where there is flooding on the road; the *George Matson Lateral 11 Drain Number 73-11-0* has been ongoing for a while; the *Albert Higbea Lateral 1 Drain Number 268-01-0* where he would add Spur 1; *Levi Dennison Drain Number 317-00-0* (Larry Kummer). These are the four or five that he would suggest to look at. The *John Ketchum Drain Number 334-00-0* is the one they are working with the City of Auburn on and they are trying to get proposals on the review of the watershed and the engineering that will need to be done on that one; there is a broken tile north of Taco Bell on Gary Hurrand's property and he is willing to pay for that so they will do that repair. Mike said they also talked about doing a location of that tile since he wants to do some development on his property so he will know where it is, and he is paying for that so they will be doing some preliminary work on that.

The *John Hoffelder Drain Number Lateral 1 Drain Number 153-01-0* was questioned, it has been on the list since 2015 and safety along with longevity as to how long they've been on the list are some concerns and should be somewhat of a priority Mike Krehl stated.

Mike said if the Board wants to add that one they can. The *John Ketchum* drain they will not be doing anything with until they have some kind of plan put together Mike said, if this is done with the City of Auburn (and they are paying for it) and want this as a complete storm sewer system for that area, he will work with them on getting a certain area put in and then eventually this would all be given to the City of Auburn. There is a lot of work that needs done on this drain, Mike said he needs to have an engineering firm verify the boundaries of the watershed area and come up with a plan on what needs to be done based on the runoff factors.

Chairman Deetz stated that in general terms what was decided was to prioritize with 1) economic development; 2) road safety; 3) the time of filing is important; and 4) those willing to upfront money, these are the criteria for prioritizing. If the Ponderosa site owner is wanting to move quickly, that would be a perfect opportunity for outside engineering with Mike's help.

Mike Kline said that is a project he doesn't want to get involved in, it would take a tremendous amount of time, as that would be an urban drain and involve the State Highway getting across five lanes of traffic, so it's a big project. On the *Cedar Creek Drain Number 470-00-0* he would like to contact the consulting firm that did the study and have them look at the intersection with *E. P. Griffin* to see if they could come up with a natural way to get Cedar Creek to leave that outlet alone. Mike said he will come back with a plan.

OPEN BIDS – ERIC MORRIS DRAIN NUMBER 416-00-0: Mike said this is more complicated than usual in that they have broken this down into six main sections: labor, pipe materials, stone materials, structure materials, steel materials and jack and bore.

(Engineer's Estimate ~~\$234,282.33~~ as corrected 11-14-19 \$307,282.33)

MATERIALS

STONE MATERIALS:

<u>Klink</u>	#8 gravel; #53 stone	\$66,632.50
<u>Irving Gravel</u>	stone	\$55,647.50
<u>Hixson Sand & Gravel ADS</u>	stone	\$66,962.50
<u>Hixson's Frateco</u>	stone (removed 11-14-19)	\$66,962.50

STRUCTURE MATERIALS:

<u>Hixson Sand & Gravel ADS</u>	manholes/catch basins	\$12,420.00
<u>Hixson's Frateco</u>	(removed 11-14-19)	\$12,420.00
<u>Core and Main</u>		\$10,758.00

JACK AND BORE: (this will be paid by the Highway Department)

<u>SEGA Ag Group</u> (contingent upon acceptance of labor bid)	\$47,500.00
<u>Fleming Excavating, Inc.</u>	\$24,750.00

STEEL PIPE MATERIALS:

<u>Midwest Pipe and Steel</u>	\$ 8,700.00
<u>Core and Main</u>	\$ 7,375.00

HDPE PIPE MATERIALS: (noted - will have to restock at no cost for any extra)

<u>Baughman Tile</u>	HDPE tile	\$91,110.77
<u>FRATCO</u>	tile	\$83,353.69
<u>Hixson Sand & Gravel ADS</u>	HDPE pipe	\$84,810.51
<u>Midwest Pipe & Steel</u>	Domestic Pipe 100' in 20' lengths (coated)	\$11,600.00
	USA Pipe 21' lengths (uncoated)	\$ 8,285.72
<u>Hixson's Frateco</u>	ADS Pipe	\$85,085.70
<u>Core and Main</u>	HDPE Pipe	\$84,825.24

LABOR:

<u>SEGA Ag Group</u> (contingent upon approval boring bid)	\$191,040.00
<u>Tri-County Excavating</u>	\$89,857.50
<u>Knott Excavating</u>	\$79,800.00
<u>Clifford Excavating</u>	\$82,200.00
<u>API Construction Corp.</u>	\$405,285.15

Mike Kline asked that the Board allow him one week to check the numbers and paperwork, he will fill in all the numbers on the sheet and bring those back to the Board for a decision.

Mike Krehl moved that the Board take these bids under advisement for a report from the County Surveyor until the next Drainage Board meeting, seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

SURVEYOR CLAIMS: Nate Frye presented claims for the Surveyors office. No action was necessary by the Board.

CLARIFICATION ON HUNTER'S (Fred T. Miller Drain Number 91-00-0): It was stated that Mr. Hunter had some concern with the settling of the site, he does not need dirt added; he simply wants it leveled so he can mow.

Drainage Board Attorney Shannon Kruse stated that this would need to be in writing to Mr. Hunter, stating that the Surveyor is going to be on the property and specifically what purpose and date, and that should be sent by certified mail.

CITY OF BUTLER DRAIN NUMBER 200-00-0: Mike Kline said he has been really busy but Philip has some paperwork for him to review and once he does that, he will send the bill out for half of the right-of-way to the Railroad.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant