

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2020

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday October 1st, 2020. Answering roll call was Randall J. Deetz; Michael E. Krehl; Donald D. Grogg; Jacqueline R. Rowan and William L. Hartman.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Gabet

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Bill Hartman to approve the Minutes of September 24th, 2020 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Don Grogg, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A motion was made by Mike Krehl to approve the claim for October Attorney Fees in the amount of \$1,295.00, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, motion carried.

DISCUSSION: It was questioned if a letter had been prepared to tie up loose ends in order to protect both the surveyor and Drainage Board since work was done without permission on the *F. H. Gee Drain Number 429-00-0*, and the surveyor stated that it has not.

ERIC MORRIS DRAIN NUMBER 416-00-0: Chairman Deetz had asked several weeks ago for contact information of the landowner (Rod Levitt) who was complaining. Neither Mike nor Nate were able to find that information. Randy will find the contact information himself and make contact.

INFORMATIONAL: There is a potential utility permit request from NIPSCO who are planning to replace poles and will be stringing new wire on poles in the *Frank Nelson Drain Number 3005-00-0* which a Steuben County controlled joint drain. The work would be done in DeKalb County so there was question as to how to proceed and which county would need to prepare the utility permit. Nate was instructed to contact the Chairman of the Joint Steuben/DeKalb Board to inquire.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS ISSUE: It was questioned if there was any headway on the outcome with Steuben County and the process of over/under payments?

Not at this time according to the Surveyor's office.

GUY PLATTER DRAIN NUMBER 112-00-0: Nate Frye said it hasn't been determined if the Surveyor's office will be allowed to do a local detour or if they are going to have to pull in the State of Ohio, or if they directional bore where a different contractor would be needed. Until there is a timeline for the road crossing the bidding process won't begin.

Bill Hartman said that this drain is in the eleventh hour and asphalt with an open cut will become problematic; as far as a local detour on US #6, that has been detouring for weeks so that shouldn't be a problem; let's get it done.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION – HUMANE PLACE SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Present is Joe Gabet, ForeSite Consulting, LLC with the drainage plan for Humane Place Subdivision Development located on 11-A in DeKalb County. After reviewing the drainage plan and discussion, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Don Grogg to approve the drainage plan for the Humane Place Subdivision as per the plans, specifications and calculations by ForeSite Consulting, LLC, dated August 21st, 2020, subject to any new evidence presented at the DeKalb County Plan Commission hearing, and the Board requests the Administrative

Assistant to pass this decision of the Drainage Board to the DeKalb County Plan Commission, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION – SESQUICENTENNIAL MINOR SUBDIVISION:

Present is David Wolfe, Midwest Land Surveying, LLC., on behalf of Jeffrey W. and Elizabeth A. Conrad (Trustees of Conrad Family Farm Preservation, LLC) who own an eighty acre tract of ag land on County Road 4, west of Barker Chapel Church west of County Road 35 on the south side of the road. They are doing a small tract cutout so that a family member can build a residence on the site. This is a one-lot minor subdivision with no county regulated drains on the property.

Surveyor Mike Kline reported that this property is in the watershed of the *John Hoffelder Regulated Tile Drain Number 153-23-0*. The plat does not appear to exceed the threshold set by the Drainage Board for additional drainage improvements. This development shall not block off-site drainage across the site. Storm water from this lot shall be directed onto the parent tract and not onto adjoining tracts. This report is subject to any additional information submitted at the Plan Commission hearing.

A motion was made by Don Grogg to accept the report of the Surveyor concerning the plat as presented, subject to any new evidence presented at the Plan Commission meeting and requests the Administrative Assistant to pass this decision of the Drainage Board to the Plan Commission, seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: It was determined that the Board would meet on October 8th and not on the 15th. A notice will be sent to the newspaper stating such.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant