

DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

May 27, 2021

Drainage Commissioners Present:

Chairman Randall J. Deetz
 Vice Chairman, Michael E. Krehl
 William L. Hartman, Member
 Michael V. Watson, Member
 Bruce Bell II, Member

Others Present:

First Deputy Surveyor Nathan Frye
 Drainage Board Admin. Asst. Michelle Lassiter
 Attorney Shannon Kruse

Guests:

James Deetz
 Tom Miller
 Rod Renkenberger
 Rudi Eidam
 Jordan Covely
 Bill Ward
 Nellie Peffley
 Kelly Lynch
 Tim Gouloff

Absent:

Surveyor Michael C. Kline

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Watson to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2021 as the standard minutes of the DeKalb County Drainage Board. The motion was seconded by Bill Hartman. Chairman Deetz asked for a vote, motion was approved by all members present, and Bruce Bell II abstaining due to his absence from the May 20, 2021 meeting.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Deetz asked for the Surveyor's Report and Mr. Frye presented the following:

Fritz Bartels Drain 408-00-0: Mr. Frye stated the DeKalb County / Noble County Joint Drainage Board meeting had been set for June 17, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioner's Court after the regularly scheduled Drainage Board meeting and the *Fritz Bartels Drain 408-00-0* Reconstruction Public Hearing.

William Bickel Drain 133-00-0: The meeting will be to finalize the first phase of the reconstruction of the *William Bickel Drain 133-00-0*, to hold an information meeting on the second phase of reconstruction, and to set the date for the public hearing for the second phase of reconstruction. It was decided that along with Bill Hartman, Bruce Bell II would represent DeKalb County in that meeting in Mike Krehl stead as Mike Krehl owned land in the *William Bickel Drain 133-00-0* watershed.

Mr. Frye went on to inform the Board the field inspectors had looked at the wet spot on Jim Deetz property. It does appear to be on top of the reconstructed section of the *William Bickel Drain 133-00-0*. The Surveyor's Office will install a riser with a fresh tap to alleviate the issue for Mr. Jim Deetz. The Board requested the Surveyor's Office to do some exploratory digging at the same time

to make sure no laterals were missed with the reconstruction of the tile. Mr. Deetz agreed saying he did not have anything planted in that area.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITIONS

FORD V-8 MUSEUM NEW BUILDING

Mr. Frye stated this request was from the City of Auburn's Plan Commission and the next two requests were from DeKalb County's Plan Commission.

The Early Ford V-8 Foundation was looking to build a new building for the Ford V-8 Museum located at 2181 Rotunda Drive, Auburn, IN. The site was located within the watershed of the *George Shull Regulated Tile Drain No. 33-00-0*. Mr. Frye reported the proposed new building did not appear to exceed the capacity of the existing drainage detention pond on site. The development should not block off-site drainage across the site. Storm water from the lot shall be directed into the existing drainage detention pond and would be subject to any additional information submitted at the Plan Commission hearing.

After a brief discussion, Mike Krehl moved to approve the drainage plan for the new building for the Ford V-8 Museum as presented with the Surveyor's Office recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mike Watson, motion carried.

NEW MILLENNIUM BUILDING SYSTEMS BUILDING ADDITION

Mr. Frye reported on a proposal for a new two-story office building addition for New Millennium Building Systems located at 6115 County Road 42, Butler, IN. The site was located with the watershed of the *John Wright Regulated Tile Drain No. 42-20-0*. Mr. Frye reported the proposed building addition did not appear to exceed the capacity of the existing drainage detention pond on site. The development should not block off-site drainage across the site. Storm water from the lot shall be directed into the existing drainage detention pond and would be subject to any additional information submitted at the Plan Commission hearing.

After a brief discussion, Mike Watson moved to approve the drainage plan for the building addition for New Millennium Building Systems as presented with the Surveyor's Office recommendation. The motion was seconded by Bruce Bell, II, motion carried.

COUNTRY HERITAGE WINERY BUILDING ADDITION

Mr. Frye reported on a proposal for a building addition to the farm market building at the Country Heritage Winery and Vineyard located at 0185 County Road 68, LaOtto, IN. The site was located with the watershed of the *Elmer Ditmar Lateral 1 Regulated Tile Drain No. 218-01-0*. Mr. Frye reported the proposed building addition did not appear to exceed the capacity of the existing drainage detention pond on site. The development should not block off-site drainage across the site. Storm water from the lot shall be directed into the existing drainage detention pond and would be subject to any additional information submitted at the Plan Commission hearing.

After a brief discussion, Bruce Bell, II moved to approve the drainage plan for the building addition for Country Heritage Winery as presented with the Surveyor's Office recommendation. The motion was seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

INFORMATION

Ms. Kruse presented a draft agreement between the Board and Dr. Mark S. Souder regarding the *Fritz Bartels Drain 408-00-0* reconstruction for review. It was determined no additional water was

being channeled across Dr. Souder's property. The existing runoff water would reach Dr. Souder's property quicker due to the reconstruction of the drain. The agreement once signed would be recorded to be conveyed with the land.

Ms. Kruse also presented a letter drafted for Clifford Excavating, George Brand, and Jeffrey Landis regarding unauthorized work that was done on the George Dilley Drain No. 154-00-0. The Board instructed Ms. Kruse to send the letters as soon as possible.

Nellie Peffley, District Director for the DeKalb County Soil & Water Conservation District located at 942 West Fifteenth Street, Auburn, IN, introduced herself. Ms. Peffley stated she was in attendance with Rod Renkenberger from the Maumee River Basin Commission, and they had been contacted by Kelly Lynch, property owner of 569 Mill St, Spencerville, IN regarding erosion that was taking place along the St. Joe River in Spencerville. Ms. Peffley, Mr. Renkenberger, and Mr. Lynch all spoke in regards to the erosion being seen, stating they, and Mr. Frye had met onsite with the DNR. Mr. Renkenberger stated he did not believe any action was needed currently. Mr. Renkenberger felt the best action the Board could take would be to develop a County Drainage Code and work with education outreach to the communities within the County.

Mr. Randy Deetz stated as the River was not a regulated drain, should action become necessary then the landowners should reach out to the appropriate entities with authority over the river and work with them.

VARIANCE REQUEST

Mr. Rudi Eidam took the floor on behalf of the Inovateus solar array proposed on the Custer Farm south of Scot Industries. The project was proposed to be located within forty feet of the center-line of the *George Carper Drain No. 167-00-0*. The tile was first installed in 1881 and had patches done in 2020. Mr. Frye and the Board agreed the tile needed to be located and have a camera ran inside the drain to determine the drain condition. If the tile is in good enough condition, the Board was willing to consider permitting the project to be located within thirty feet of the center-line of the drain. The project was also proposed to cross property owned by the DeKalb County Commissioners and would need to attend a Commissioner's meeting to request permission for the crossing. The variance request would be revisited after the Surveyor's Office had located the tile, determined its condition, and made a determination on the distance needed for maintenance.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION

Mr. Tim Gouloff of Gouloff Jordan Surveying & Design took the floor on behalf of the Second Replat of Robke Subdivision. This plat was set to combine four parcels into a two lot, 13,781 acre subdivision.

Mr. Frye presented his report stating "This plat does not appear to exceed the threshold set by the Drainage Board for addition drainage improvement. 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."

Mike Watson moved to approve the Drainage Plan dated 05.18.2021 for the Second Replat of the Robke Subdivision as presented by Tim Gouloff, with the Surveyor's recommendations, the motion was seconded by Bruce Bell II, motion carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

Frederick Groscup Jr Drain No. 335-00-0: Mr. Frye stated that Ms. Kruse had been working on the Inter-local Agreement between DeKalb County and the City of Auburn in regards to the reconstruction of the *Frederick Groscup Jr Drain No. 335-00-0*. Ms. Kruse provided a draft for the Board to review and discuss at a later date.

C. B. Kagey Drain 225-00-0 and George Matson Lateral 11 Drain No. 71-11-0: Mr. Frye stated that he had not had time to reach out to the property owners regarding the reconstruction of the *C. B. Kagey Drain 225-00-0*, nor the *George Matson Lateral 11 Drain No. 71-11-0*.

Ora Bohler Drain No. 54-00-0: Mr. Frye stated Troy Bungard, had updated the plans and Mr. Frye needed to review them.

Paul Funk Drain No. 3-00-0: Mr. Frye stated Troy Bungard was looking to determine the natural overland water flows, as the watersheds may not be correct. If this was the case then the reconstruction of this drain may be done with a better design that may be less costly.


Levi Dennison Drain No. 317-00-0: Mr. Frye stated this drain had four road crossings and he had Mr. Bungard looking to determine if it would be better to split the drain into two systems.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Lassiter informed the Board there had been a Scribner's error of an incorrect drain being cited in a variance agreement signed on May 6, 2021. In conferring with the Auditor it was decided the best way to correct the error was for the document to be rerecorded with the correct drain reference and for the \$25.00 rerecording fee to be paid for out of the Drainage Board budge account Other Service Fees (1001.32780.000.0015).

Mike Krehl moved to approve the payment of the \$25.00 rerecording fee for the variance agreement document out of the Other Services Fees (1001.32780.000.0015). The motion was seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.



Randall J. Deetz, Chairman



Michelle Lassiter, Administrative Assistant