

DEKALB COUNTY / NOBLE COUNTY JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD
NOVEMBER 02, 2023

Drainage Board Commissioners Present:

Noble County:

Gary Leatherman, Chairman

Gary Timmerman, Member

Steuben County: James Crowl, 5th Member

DeKalb County:

Bruce Bell II, Vice-Chairman

Bill Hartman, Member

Others Present:

Tyler Lanning, DeKalb Co. Lead Survey Tech.

Michelle Lassiter, DB Secr. /Admin. Assist.

Troy Bungard, Survey Technician

Shannon Kruse, Attorney, via Phone

Guests: None**Absent:**

Glenn Crawford, DeKalb Co. Surveyor

Randy Sexton, Noble Co. Surveyor

Chairman Gary Leatherman called the November 2, 2023, DeKalb County / Noble County Joint Drainage Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Leatherman then asked for a motion to approve the August 31, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Gary Timmerman to approve the Minutes of August 31, 2023, as presented as the standard minutes of the Joint DeKalb County/Noble County Drainage Board. The motion was seconded by Bruce Bell, II, and the motion carried.

CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Leatherman stated that the bid for the labor had been awarded at the August 31, 2023, meeting to Tri-County Excavating for the reconstruction of Phase 2 of the *William Bickel Tile Regulated Drain No. 133-00-0*. The Board was meeting to sign the contract.

Mr. Leather then asked the staff if there was a contract for stone and pipe. Mr. Lanning explained that the DeKalb County Surveyor's Office did not usually ask for a contract for those items, but issued an award letter. In this case, Clifford Aggregate was the winning bidder for stone and Baughman Tile for the remaining materials, and both letters had been sent out.

Mr. Leatherman then noted that on page three of the contract, there were two errors in dates on item number 9. The document stated substantially complete by March 31, 2023, and complete by April 30, 2023, the year for each should be 2024. He corrected the official document.

Mr. Lanning stated the drain's reconstruction would begin once the corn harvested was completed in the fields.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lanning stated that there had been a request from Ted Deal at 0058 County Road 36 for maintenance on the joint *John Lash Tile Drain No. 137-00-0*. The drain came out of Noble County along the south side of County Road 36 / E 300 N and turned into an open drain just east of County Road 1 in DeKalb County, emptying into the *Frank Yard Open Drain No. 27-00-0*. Mr. Lanning stated

that Jeff VanGessel was a property owner in Noble County who had worked on the drain himself without the Drainage Board's or County Surveyor's approval and had installed a pump on the drain. Mr. Lanning stated that going east of Mr. Deal's property there were eight-foot-deep suck holes above the tile. Mr. VanGessel and Mr. Deal wanted to have the drain repaired via a consent & waiver, using Durup Excavating. The office was waiting for the consent and waiver paperwork to be filled out and returned to the office.

There being no further business, Mr. Leatherman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Hartman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Timmerman seconded the motion, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.



Gary Leatherman, Chair

Michelle Lassiter, Secretary