

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2020

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday December 10th, 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 staff members Nate Frye and Michelle Lassiter.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Watson; Gary Sible; James Holbrook

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Don Grogg to approve the Minutes of December 3rd, 2020 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Mike Krehl, motion carried.

SURVEYORS MONTHLY CLAIMS: The claims for the Surveyors office were reviewed. No action was necessary by the Drainage Board.

SURVEYOR UPDATE: *Eric Morris Drain Number 416-00-0; Marvin Walker Drain Number 403-00-0* came in under the engineer's estimates. It was stated that the stone appears to be the saving, in that the contractor did more of a contour bottom, but the surveyor has a concern as to whether that results in a tile that is vented as well as if they do it with a traditional rectangular bucket, but the jury is still out on that one Nate said.

Chairman Deetz stated that he has a concern with the fact that we are putting tile in that is not meeting the specs that were bid, did we sign off the fact that they were allowed to use a contour bottom? Was this approved by the surveyor's office? The savings is great but we need to make sure that contractors are following the specs.

Nate Frye stated that this is more of an agency issue; the methods they are currently using are the methods that the Surveyors office used for the last thirty years; when he estimates the project, he estimated it based on a square cut bottom but they haven't actually told the contractors that they want a square cut bottom. Nate stated that it is not specifically stated in the contract which method is demanded, that has been left up to the contractor depending on their most effective equipment for the task.

Mike Krehl stated that with the Surveyor staff being present when work is taking place and knowing what is going on with those ditches is saying to them that regardless of what that contractor is doing, that it is ok, and that is the responsibility of the Surveyor's office to be specific on what is expected on a project.

Chairman Deetz stated that in other words, no bidder will get an advantage by having a contour bucket because the rock is being billed directly to the county for a project.

William Bickel Drain Number 133-00-0 will not be finalized until a joint meeting with Noble County is held, that assessment will need to be certified by that joint board.

INFORMATIONAL: The *Ozro Freeman Drain Number 175-00-0* should be finished up by next week Nate said.

INFORMATIONAL: Don Grogg encouraged the Board to get involved with the Maumee River Basin, Rod Renkenberger is concerned that there is not much representation from this area. These meetings are held four times a year and the Commissioners are being encouraged strongly to consider being a part.

INFORMATIONAL: Chairman Deetz stated that he has spoken quite extensively with the Leins' on the Fred Groscup Jr. Drain Number 335-00-0 and they would prefer that the new tile be installed through the yard and go along State Road 8 instead of the proposed route. The Leins' are ready to sign the Consent and Waiver if the Board will agree with

their preference. Randy said he will talk with the surveyor about this preference and get his recommendation.

DRAIN VARIANCE – DANIEL MAGGINNIS LATERAL 1 DRAIN NUMBER 286-01-0: Present is James Holbrook who is proposing a new garage addition at 3894 State Road 8, Auburn Indiana which would encroach on the right-of-way of the drain taking the right-of-way down to sixty (60') feet. There was some flooding a few years ago and the surveyors office put a riser in and moved the drain around.

Chairman Deetz asked if the tile line had been moved differently than it shows on the map but Nate didn't remember if he had moved the line work on the GIS.

Mr. Holbrook gave his recollection of where that drain tile is located, thinking it is further away from the building because when he built that building he had to measure from one point out to know how far they could come through; he placed the building at that time so he would not have to have a variance for it.

Nate Frye asked that Mr. Holbrook flag that and he would then go out and look at it.

After much discussion it was questioned if the two existing buildings that are shown on the map as being in the right-of-way have a variance and if the tile was moved, if a variance on those buildings is necessary. Chairman Deetz asked that Mr. Holbrook and the surveyor staff determine what will need a variance, prepare the paperwork and with the determination Mr. Holbrook wouldn't need to appear before the Board with the explanation but may want to in order to sign said paperwork and have it recorded at that time.

Attorney Kruse stated that the Board can approve the variance for the new garage to be no closer than sixty feet of the drain (encroaching 15') right-of-way.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant