

DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2021

Drainage Commissioners Present:

Chairman, Randall J. Deetz
 Vice Chairman Michael E. Krehl
 William 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:

Tom Miller
 James Deetz

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 Krehl to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2021 as the standard minutes of the DeKalb County Drainage Board. The motion was seconded by Bill Hartman. Chairman Deetz asked for a voice vote, with all members voting in the affirmative.

INFORMATION

Both the schedule of claims for February 22, 2021 and March 8, 2021 were submitted to the Drainage Board.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

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

- Job Descriptions Review: There were additions for the Drainage Board Administrative Assistant position requested, maintenance of attendance sheets and sending legal notices to the newspaper.
- *Guy Platter Drain 112-00-0*: Mr. Frye presented the Drainage Board with an informational letter from vendor Fratco which explained that due to a shortage in tile, the cost of tile was going up. Mr. Frye further explained that it would be several months before 24 inch tile would be available for the reconstruction of this drain. Mr. Frye then went on to explain that there was approximately 800 feet of 24 inch tile that was mistakenly ordered for the reconstruction of the *William Bickel Drain 133-00-0*. At that time Hixson Sand and Gravel had a no return policy, but due to the current shortages had decided that they would be willing to take returns by issuing credit to DeKalb County. Mr. Frye stated he was asking the Drainage Board to give permission for the Guy Platter Drain to purchase the 24 inch tile need for the reconstruction from the William Bickel Drain and returning the remainder to Hixson Sand & Gravel for credit. Mr. Frye was uncertain as to whether the tile should be purchased at the cost paid by the William Bickel Drain or the current tile costs and asked the Drainage Board to

make that determination. Points brought out of the discussion of this information and request were:

- There was a blowout in the William Bickel Drain along the property line between properties owned by Krehl Farms, Inc. and Kenneth Hartman.
- The timing for a public hearing for the reconstruction of the next segment of the *William Bickel Drain 112-00-0* would be for the Noble County/DeKalb County Joint Drainage Board to be held within one month, two months would be needed for legal notices to be sent out to the landowners and newspaper for a public hearing to be held by the Joint Drainage Board, and another month for bids to be collected and a contractor chosen.

After an extensive discussion between Mr. Frye, the Drainage Board, and Mr. Jim Deetz, Bill Hartman moved to approve for the *Guy Platter Drain 112-00-0* to purchase at current market rate the amount of 24 inch tile needed to complete the reconstruction from the *William Bickel Drain 133-00-0*, with the *William Bickel Drain 133-00-0* retaining one stick of 24 inch tile to repair the blowout between the Kenneth Hartman and Krehl Farms properties, and the remainder of the 24 inch tile to be returned to Hixon Sand & Gravel for a credit to the DeKalb County account. Mike Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried with affirmative verbal votes of four to one, with Mike Krehl voting in the negative.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION – AUER ACRES

Mr. Frye presented the Auer Acres plat for a one lot subdivision on behalf of Gerald Teders of Tri-County Land Surveying who was unable to attend the meeting. This subdivision is located in the watershed of the *C.O. Metcalf Drain 41-00-0* on County Road 34 east of County Road 53, upstream of the *C.O. Metcalf Drain 41-00-0*. The subdivision will not affect any county regulated drains as it will not cause any additional excessive runoff. The drain was just dipped last year.

Bill Hartman moved to approve the subdivision as presented and for a letter to be sent to the DeKalb County Plan Commission from the Drainage Board expressing said approval. Mike Krehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with an affirmative verbal vote by all members.

INFORMATION

Thank you: Mr. Randy Deetz read a Thank You note from Brenda Myers, previous Drainage Board Administrative Assistant, thanking the Board for her retirement party and gifts.

Paul Funk Drain 3-00-0: Tom Miller of 4099 County Road 12, Waterloo, IN 46793 stated he was in attendance to inquire when he would be able to meet with Mike Kline, DeKalb County Surveyor to discuss the reconstruction of the *Paul Funk Drain 3-00-0* as he had been promised at the March 11, 2021 Drainage Board meeting. Mr. Miller was informed that Mr. Kline had extensive ongoing health issues. Mr. Frye stated he would contact Mr. Kline to get permission to meet with Mr. Miller in Mr. Kline's absence, with Mr. Frye to call Mr. Miller after that communicate.

Barkhaus Subdivision Extended: Mr. Frye then informed the Drainage Board that a request had been received from the DeKalb County Board of Zoning Appeals for a Development Standards Variance for a Plat for Barkhaus Subdivision Extended. This Plat for a four lot residential subdivision proposed to be located within the *James Ferguson Drain 86-00-0*, on County Road 64, west of County Road 27. Mr. Frye explained the location involves both wetlands and floodplain. The subdivision is proposed to utilize City of Auburn sanitary sewer, however, the lots are smaller lots and are not setup with any drainage plans. Mr. Frye voiced concerns as to whether the subdivision was viable.

Mr. Frye further explained there had been a previous three lot minor subdivision created to the south of this location by the same developer. Mr. Frye researched the Unified Development Ordinance regarding minor subdivision finding the UDO states the Drainage Board is to have jurisdiction over the drainage plans for subdivisions. In addition, Mr. Frye explained Mr. Kline had been reviewing the drainage plans for minor subdivision and writing letters to the Plan Commission.

After some discussion, Mike Watson moved to have the Drainage Board Administrative Assistant send a letter to the DeKalb County Board of Zoning Appeals stating that due to the lot size, lack of drainage plan, involvement of wetlands and floodplain the DeKalb County Drainage Board was not comfortable approving the requested Development Standards Variance requested. Mike Krehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with an affirmative verbal vote by all members.

Drainage Ordinance: Mr. Frye informed the Board of a forth coming State Drainage Ordinance Template to be released that was developed by LTAP working with Purdue University. Allen County's Drainage Ordinance is based on this same template and is available online for the Board members to review. Mr. Frye would like to bring the template to the Board to consider enacting since DeKalb County does not currently have a Drainage Ordinance.

Tile: Mr. Hartman asked Mr. Frye to check with Bowman Tile in Ohio regarding availability of tile and costs.

Ashley: Mr. Randy Deetz inquired regarding the Ashley project. Mr. Frye informed the Board the project would use 18 inch tile and the new Steuben County Surveyor was going to take over the project.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Michelle Lassiter, Administrative Assistant