

## DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2021

### Drainage Commissioners Present:

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:

None

### Absent:

Surveyor Michael C. Kline  
Chairman Randall J. Deetz

Vice Chairman Michael E. Krehl 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 April 1, 2021 as the standard minutes of the DeKalb County Drainage Board. The motion was seconded by Bill Hartman. Vice Chairman Krehl asked for a voice vote, motion was approved all members who attended the meeting voting in the affirmative, and with Vice Chairman Krehl abstaining due to his absence from the April 1, 2021 meeting.

### SURVEYOR'S REPORT

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

- Mr. Frye provided the Board with a handout on the Shatto Ditch in Tippecanoe County which he had referenced at the April 1, 2021 meeting.
- *Guy Platter Drain 112-00-0*: Mr. Frye stated the reconstruction was supposed to have started the day before. He explained the contractor had moved off to another job due to the lack of tile onsite. The 24 inch tile leftover from the *William Bickel Drain 133-00-0* was now onsite. The 18 inch tile was to be delivered on Monday or Tuesday. This would mean all materials, except for the structure needed for the north side of the road was onsite and the project should be moving forward. The reconstruction should be done within 30 days, with the only possible outlier being the highway crossing. Ms. Kruse reminded Mr. Frye and the Board that should the project not be completed by the date on the contract, a change order would be needed.
- *C. B. Kagey Drain 225-00-0*: Mr. Frye informed the Board that Surveyor, Mike Kline would be reviewing the design to reduce project costs.
- *William Bickel Drain 133-00-0*: Mr. Frye informed the Board the Lateral 2 to the drain had not been included in the original design, but is now added to the Project. The design skirts the wetlands on the east side, roughly ending in the same location where the current system ends. The design also moves the system forty to fifty feet out of the woods, away from the tree roots, avoids the wetlands, and there will be enough grade for private tiles to tie effectively into the system. Mr. Frye spoke with the landowner onsite. The landowner wanted to make sure there was an appropriate amount of depth for the system. Mr. Frye had reviewed the plans with Mr. Kline. Mr. Kline was good with the design. Mr. Frye was to send the design to the Noble County Surveyor, Randy Sexton for review.

- *George Matson Lateral 11 Drain 73-11-0*: Mr. Frye stated Troy Bungard in the office drew the profiles for the project with 30 inch tile, although the project may need 36 inch tile, which would raise the project cost by approximately \$20,000. Rory Walker and another landowner have stated they are willing to contribute financially to the project. Once Mr. Kline has signed off on the design, Mr. Frye will talk with the landowners to determine what the next steps will be.
- Mr. Frye stated he was told the tile manufacturers no longer have issues with production. However, there is a back log in the supply and demand cycle.
- *Paul Funk Drain 3-00-0*: Mr. Frye stated the field crew met with Tom Miller and a TransCanada pipeline representative onsite. There was an area where it was possible to get a 24 inch tile three feet under the pipeline without dipping. It would be a cheaper route but might change the watershed area. It was recommended to hold an informational meeting to discuss the drain route with the landowners in the watershed.
- Mr. Frye reminded the Board that in 2019 arrangements were made with Gene Clifford of Clifford Excavating regarding repairs to the *A. L. Ober Lateral 8 Tile Drain 24-08-0* and the *Harley Cobbs Tile Drain 214-00-0*. The minutes of the February 21, 2019 Drainage Board meeting show the agreement was the Board would put the drains in the red by purchasing the materials for the repairs and would pay Mr. Clifford when the drains once again had money in the accounts. Mr. Frye then explained that the *Harley Cobbs Drain 214-00-0* is still in the red. The *A. L. Ober Lateral 8 Tile Drain 24-08-0* did come out of the red this year and a partial payment of \$1115.65 which is 75% of the balance in the fund after the collection of this year's assessments. Mr. Frye further explained he had been contacted by Mr. Clifford asking to be paid for his work on these drains. Mr. Frye asked the Board if they would like to consider paying Mr. Clifford in full to clean up the books on these two drains. Ms. Kruse reminded the Board that a policy criteria for putting a drain the red was set in 1995. In that criteria a contractor would be paid in full within five years. After some discussion Bill Hartman moved to be consistent with the Board criteria for putting drains in the red and the February 2019 agreement with Mr. Clifford, Mr. Clifford would be paid as monies are available in the *A. L. Ober Lateral 8 Tile Drain 24-08-0* and the *Harley Cobbs Tile Drain 214-00-0* funds but not to exceed five years from the date of the original agreement. Mike Watson second the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of the Board.
- Mrs. Lassiter presented the Board with a claim in the amount of \$1,295.00 for Ms. Kruse's March services. Bruce Bell II moved to approve the claim. Mike Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of the Board.
- Mrs. Lassiter asked the Board if they were satisfied with the minutes as they have been presented. All present said they were satisfied. If anyone were to have any suggestions for the minutes, they would get with Mrs. Lassiter individual.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Michael E. Krehl, Vice Chairman

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Michelle Lassiter, Administrative Assistant