

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday February 27, 2020. Answering roll call was Randall J. Deetz; Donald D. Grogg; Jacqueline R. Rowan and William 'Bill' Hartman.

Board member Michael E. Krehl was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Drainage Board Attorney Shannon E. Kruse; Administrative Assistant Brenda Myers; Surveyor Mike Kline and staff member Nate Frye.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Webb; James Deetz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Don Grogg to approve the Minutes of February 20th, 2020 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Chairman Deetz stated that it is his recommendation to not act on the Resolution today, that it be read and there be another opportunity to make any changes necessary; to direct our attorney to meet with Jan Bauman, Don Stuckey, Bill Akey (*if possible*) and Susan Sleeper to make sure that what *we*, as the Drainage Board are wanting/needng can be done smoothly through their office. Discussion was held on the 'Resolution' for the \$1.4 million being borrowed and Randy questioned if this amount would even be enough. Randy clarified once again stating that as he has told everyone in this room and beyond, he does not want money to be a reason that we are not moving forward with projects.

Drainage Board Attorney Shannon Kruse stated that all wording pertaining to the William Bickel drain directly has been removed from the resolution, this resolution now pertains to the \$1.4 million for ALL drains that can be reconstructed without exceeding the allotted amount granted.

Don Grogg stated that regarding the Joint DeKalb-Noble meeting, we can tell that Board what the plan is however, if Council would not approve it right away, the Bickel project would still move forward but would be in the red.

Bill Hartman agreed with Don stating that he would prefer that the Board approve this Resolution today and get it to the Council before they meet on Monday. If the Resolution isn't what it needs to be then it can go back to council at the April meeting.

Chairman Deetz stated that there is not enough money in the General Drain Fund currently to move forward with the William Bickel project so he would not be comfortable telling that Board how that project can move forward.

After much discussion and determining that should the Joint Board be uncomfortable with doing the project without funding in hand, another meeting can be held with the Joint Board once this has been approved by Council.

Bill Hartman moved to approve the final draft of the 'Resolution' as presented for the \$1.4 million dollars for reconstruction of county regulated drains, seconded by Don Grogg, motion carried.

Those in favor: Bill Hartman; Don Grogg; Jacqueline Rowan.

Those not in favor: Randy Deetz.

Don Grogg moved to have Jacqueline Rowan attend the Joint DeKalb-Noble meeting on his behalf March 19th, 2020, seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: Chairman Deetz asked if there had been any further correspondence on the Hunter situation (*Fred T. Miller Drain Number 91-00-0*).

Drainage Board Attorney Shannon Kruse stated that this has been sent to the insurance and an answer will not be ready until March 10th, and with the proposal ending as of March 12th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., she would ask permission of the Board to call the counsel representing Hunter's requesting an extension of time.

Chairman Deetz stated that at this time, we have turned this in as a covered claim and we are asking for their attempt to get resolution, be it attorney; negotiations or whatever they come up with and all agreed.

LIST OF DRAINS TO COLLECT IN 2020: Nate Frye presented to the Board (a spread sheet of sorts) of the list of drains they plan to collect in maintenance for 2020 showing the starting balance in the fund; the collection; the drain rate and what the collection is for. The drains requested to be collected were as follows:

DRAIN	NUMBER	Full/Half	COLLECTION
John Smith	1-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Smith Wynkoop Lateral	1-53-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Paul Funk	3-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Hilkey-Carnahan	12-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Albright	14-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Albright Lateral 1	14-01-0	Half	Periodic Maintenance
Terry Lake	15-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Thomas Harwood	17-00-0	Half	Periodic Maintenance
George Kimes Tile	19-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Walter Smith	20-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 3	24-03-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 6	24-06-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 7	24-07-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 8	24-08-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 8 Spur 3	24-08-3	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 8 Spur 5	24-08-5	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 8 Spur 6	24-08-6	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 8 Spur 9	24-08-9	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Tile	24-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. L. Ober Lateral 8 Tile	24-28-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John G. Miller	26-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Yarde	27-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Solomon Shank Lateral 2 Spur 1	28-02-1	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Wade	31-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Mary Leisinger	35-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Egbert (Open)	38-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Egbert Lateral 1	38-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Egbert Lateral 2	38-02-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Egbert Lateral 3	38-03-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Egbert Lateral 8	38-08-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Egbert Lateral 9	38-09-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Egbert Cameron Lateral	38-33-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance

John Potts Lateral 1	39-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Potts Lateral 2	39-02-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Potts Lateral 2 Spur 1	39-02-1	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Potts Lateral 2 Spur 2	39-02-2	<i>Half</i>	Periodic Maintenance
Don Van Fliet Open	40-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Weicht	42-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Garrett City Tile	44-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Diehl Lateral 6	45-06-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Diehl Lateral 11	45-11-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Daniel Hursey	48-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Daniel Hursey North	48-60-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Daniel Hursey South	48-80-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Daniel Hursey South Lateral 5	48-85-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Bemenderfer	49-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ora Bohler	54-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Elmer Likens	58-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
J. M. Harmony	59-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Filmore Shull	62-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ora Kuhlman	63-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William H. Myers	64-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Delbert McBride	66-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Fred Culbertson	67-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Eliza Werntz	69-00-0	<i>Quarter</i>	Periodic Maintenance
George Matson Lateral 3	73-03-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Matson Lateral 4	73-04-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Matson Lateral 9	73-09-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Matson Lateral 11	73-11-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Sebert	75-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Henry Emme	76-00-0	<i>Half</i>	Periodic Maintenance
George T. Walters	77-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Marion Cramer	78-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Hollabaugh	79-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
James Ferguson	86-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
James Ferguson Schmadel Lateral	86-49-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
James Ferguson Warner Lat Smith Sp	86-53-1	Full	Periodic Maintenance
G. B. Collins	87-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Manoah Miller	88-00-0	<i>Half</i>	Periodic Maintenance
Fred T. Miller	91-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Lyman Lockwood	92-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Jerry Varner	96-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Jerry Varner Lateral 1	96-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Noah Smith	97-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Noah Smith Tile	97-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Tritch	98-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Tritch Lateral 1	98-01-0	<i>Half</i>	Periodic Maintenance
Guy Strong	99-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance

Dan Ellert	100-00-0	<i>Half</i>	Periodic Maintenance
William Brown	101-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Smith	102-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Richard Carter	103-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. B. McCullough	105-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. B. McCullough Lateral 1	105-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
W. E. Swanders	107-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Melvin Herrick	108-00-0	<i>Half</i>	Periodic Maintenance
Guy Platter	112-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
James Goings Tile	113-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Brown-Albright	114-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Brown-Albright Lateral 3	114-03-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Stoops	115-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Alvin Keesler	116-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Thomas George	117-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Daniel Wagner South	119-80-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Harmes	123-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Charles Newcomer	124-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Lint-Stahl	125-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Sherman Meeks Tile Lateral 7	126-07-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Sherman Meeks Tile Lateral 8	126-08-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Teutsch	127-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Bickel	133-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ambrose Heitz	135-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ernest J. Fifer	136-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Lash	137-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Horatio Squires	138-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
W. C. Miller	141-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Creager	142-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Argyle Grogg	143-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
King-Sattison	145-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Packer	146-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ellen Reed	151-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Hoffelder	153-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Hoffelder Lateral 4	153-04-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Hoffelder Lateral 3 Tile	153-23-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Dilley	154-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Henry Geddis	157-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Royce Fair	158-00-0	<i>Half</i>	Periodic Maintenance
E. P. Sherwood	162-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Johnson	171-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ozro Freeman	175-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Jacob Hollinger	176-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Almira Teutsch Lateral 1	177-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Almira Teutsch Tile Lateral 2	177-22-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Albert Fisher	179-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance

Marion Haverstock	180-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Alva Coburn	183-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Alva Coburn Tile	183-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Hamman Lateral 2	188-02-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Hamman Lockhart Lateral	188-42-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Hamman Tile Richter Lateral	188-48-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Jerry Davis Hook Lateral	191-38-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Billy Knox Open	193-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Billy Knox Tile	193-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Wilderson	204-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Wilderson Lateral 1	204-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Wilderson Lateral 2	204-02-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Wilderson Lateral 4	204-04-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Wilderson Lateral 7	204-07-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Wilderson Tile	204-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Henry Beams	205-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
James Provines	207-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
J. L. Baltz	209-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
David Link	211-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
David Link Lateral 1	211-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
David Link Lateral 3	211-03-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
David Link Lateral 4	211-04-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Barkey	213-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Harley Cobbs Tile	214-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Aaron Baker	216-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
E. P. Griffin	224-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Solomon Simon West	227-90-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ira Goetchius	232-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Jacob Brunner	237-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Russell Coburn	251-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Auburn Industrial Park	256-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Henry Delong	257-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. E. Seldenright	259-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Nowlin-Rafine Yoder	262-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
J. Harris Reed Open	263-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Eber Cole	264-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Albert Higbea Open	268-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Albert Higbea Lateral 1	268-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Albert Higbea Tile	268-20-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Henry Frick	278-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Grover Likens	295-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
A. J. Custer	299-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Jacob Fetters	303-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Simon Smurr	305-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Eliza Lawhead	309-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Milks-Heckathorn	310-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance

Samuel Noragon		313-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Daniel Metcalf Drain		314-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Weicht		327-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
George Reeve		329-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Samuel Hawver		330-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frederick Groscup Jr		335-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Shugars		338-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Sam Pomeroy		350-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Fred Groscup South		352-80-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Jerry Davis		353-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
H. M. Widney		358-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Means		363-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Conrad		365-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John Gillingham		367-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ralph Hook		369-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
James Ricketts		370-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
John F. Dancer		379-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Charles Lehmbeck		384-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Thomas McNamara		387-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Eugene Krehl		400-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ruben Lockwood		402-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Marvin Walker		403-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Noah Hamman		412-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
F. H. Gee		429-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Jacob Magginnis		436-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Erwin Selke		439-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
William Bleeks		445-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Gaff		448-00-0	<i>Half</i>	Periodic Maintenance
Nickodemus Spindler		451-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ernest Warner Lateral 1		454-01-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ernest Warner Lateral 2		454-02-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Robert Platt		456-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Cedar Creek		470-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Eda Willennar		472-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
JOINT DRAINS				
Paul Freeman	Allen County	1150-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Willmina Ringwalt	Allen County	1151-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
W. O. Lake	Allen County	1518-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Hamm Interceptor	Allen County	1710-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
VanGorder	Noble County	2001-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Hatton	Noble County	2004-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Sycamore Creek	Noble County	2005-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Hiram Sweet Lower	Steuben County	3001-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Thomas Malone	Steuben County	3002-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Robert Johnson	Steuben County	3003-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Charles Conrad	Steuben County	3004-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance

Frank Nelson	Steuben County	3005-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Frank Nelson Lat 6	Steuben County	3005-06-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Hiram Sweet Middle	Steuben County	3006-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Hiram Sweet Upper	Steuben County	3007-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Hiram Sweet Lat 4 Sp 2	Steuben County	3007-04-2	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Ottomer Chasey	Steuben County	3012-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Crampton-Gaetz	Steuben County	3013-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Tamarack	Williams County	4444-00-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
Gordon Creek So Fk	Defiance County	6079-30-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance
State Route 2	Defiance County	6093-10-0	Full	Periodic Maintenance

Both proper forms were not available for the Board to sign so after much discussion, Randy Deetz stated that he would stop by the Surveyors office tomorrow to sign the missing form and make it official.

Don Grogg moved that the Board accept the Surveyors report on the collections thereof for the periodic maintenance of the drains, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, motion carried.

Don Grogg moved to certify the assessments for the Annual Maintenance of the listed drains and for all five (5) Board Members to sign the transmittal letter, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: Jim Deetz questioned if the surveyor was on track for opening bids on March 19th, 2020 at the Joint DeKalb-Noble meeting for the *William Bickel Drain Number 133-00-0* project and Randy said yes. Jim then asked if LaGrange County had been contacted yet and Mike Kline said he has not had time to talk to them yet but he will.

INFORMATIONAL: Kevin Webb said the bridge over Cedar Creek in Eckhart Park was talked about at the last meeting, and since then Mike Kline has talked with the Mayor of Auburn noting that there is going to be some work done there at the park and Kevin questioned if this was a temporary fix or if there was a long-term bank project.

Mike Kline said that funding has been applied for, they are going to do a work-plan for the county if it is approved through DNR. It is through a consultant but if DNR approves the funding it will be through the consultant who did the Cedar Creek study, and once they have that, they would actually have the funding to do the project but what they are looking at is pulling the banks back, doing some soft-armoring trying to get it cleaned up down through there. Where the bridge goes across the creek, one corner of the stone wing-wall on the northwest corner fell into the ditch; it has eaten up the bank so they are going to temporarily patch that until they know if they get the funding (*that has been applied for*).

Chairman Deetz informed Kevin Webb that there is an official Cedar Creek Board that would make any decisions concerning Cedar Creek.

Kevin informed the Board that the City of Auburn/Park Board is going to order an inspection of the bridge.

INFORMATIONAL: Chairman Deetz asked the Surveyor if there had been any movement on the area of Taco Bell/Pizza Hut and he said not yet.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant