

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 16, 2020

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday July 16, 2020. Answering roll call was Randall J. Deetz; Michael E. Krehl; Donald D. Grogg; Jacqueline R. Rowan and William ‘Bill’ Hartman.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrative Assistant Brenda Myers; Nathan Frye, Surveyor’s Office.

Attorney Kruse and Surveyor Kline were not in attendance.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Barkhaus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mike Krehl to approve the Minutes of July 2nd, 2020 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Don Grogg, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: A motion was made by Jacqueline Rowan to approve the claim as presented, seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

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Legal notice Cedar Creek meeting	<u>\$6.31</u>
TOTAL	\$6.31

DRAIN VARIANCE – JAMES FERGUSON DRAIN NUMBER 86-00-0: Present is Jeff Barkhaus 2471 County Road 64, who is seeking a drain variance for the sewer line which will go underneath the county drain and is a two-inch force main. Jeff said he will stay forty feet from the top of the bank with the lot line 9 (a red line on the map is where the tile would run and Chairman Deetz asked that it not be closer than forty feet).

Nate Frye stated that Mike Kline is requesting a set of ‘as-builts’ after this is installed, and as for where it crosses, Nate would like some sort of ‘sign’ that there is a utility crossing in that location.

Jeff stated that the City of Auburn is going to GPS this so it will be on the GIS map, plus there will be a tracer wire. Jeff asked if the Board would be opposed to an open cut through the ditch, it is dry right now.

Chairman Deetz stated that they follow the recommendation of the Surveyor and with him not being here today that would need to be answered by him.

Don Grogg moved that based upon the facts stated and the recommendation of the Surveyor, that the Board approve executing a variance, with the understanding that the parallel line is to be no closer than forty feet from the top of the bank of said James Ferguson Drain Number 86-00-0 and the tile needs to be marked, and there needs to be a determination made by the surveyor if this drain can be straight cut or if it needs to be bored, seconded by Mike Krehl, motion carried.

ERIC MORRIS DRAIN NUMBER 416-00-0: Nate Frye stated that Rodney Leavitt who is the neighbor of Anspaugh’s is complaining similarly that the restoration along his drive was inadequate; he is not happy about the riser and the need for it to be occasionally cleaned along the drive either. It was questioned if there were pictures of before and after and it was stated that the two field inspectors do have pictures and that Mike Kline has been onsite and is unsympathetic to the complaints.

Chairman Deetz stated that he is more than willing to go onsite along with the surveyor to view this area but in order for a decision to be made, it needs to involve all of the Board and there needs to be more information given; this has been engineered in line with what has worked throughout the county.

WILLIAM BICKEL DRAIN NUMBER 133-00-0: Nate stated that the tile has been installed and there is 800' of 18" tile left over, they are contemplating continuing on with the materials onsite and moving the money in the accounts.

Chairman Deetz asked for an explanation.

Nate said they would have to credit the reconstruction for the purchase of the pipe from maintenance and then arrange a contractor to install it; the other option is, he has two other projects that will happen in the next couple of months and that tile can be utilized there. Nate questioned keeping the tile onsite and using it for the maintenance project or move it down to another drain.

Chairman Deetz stated that the options are either to return the tile, credit it back to the reconstruction or use it in maintenance as it was somewhat of a commitment that we would use maintenance money to continue on; the third option would be to generate a reconstruction project to begin where this one ended.

Nate said the condition of the pipe is what needs to happen before determining how to move forward; Bill stated that the fields are wheat, the pipe is bad and where it was left off, that landowner whose property it crosses wants it done as soon as possible.

FRED GROSCUP JR DRAIN NUMBER 335-00-0: This drain is located across Steven Leins property on State Road 8 and in doing a project it is more beneficial to the county than it would be to the landowner/watershed. The best way to go on this drain would be to declare it an urban drain and do the project by Consent and Waiver.

SPECS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Bill Hartman questioned the progress on those and Nate said they are done he just needs Mike to sign off on them and meet with Ben to see which one he wants to do and in what order. Nate said he hasn't gotten back to this for the last several weeks, but it is 'almost' done.

Bill stated that it needs to be done as soon as possible.

PROPERTY COUNTY ROAD 27: Bill Hartman said there is an open drain that goes down into a pond (Mike Klink concrete property) and questioned if that was county.

Nate said it appears to be private; there may be an easement recorded but that will take some researching in the basement. The open county drain at the south end of the neighboring property is the *David Link Drain Number 211-00-0*.

GUY PLATTER DRAIN NUMBER 112-00-0: It was questioned where we are on this drain and Nate said he needs to finish the permit for the crossing; the State was supposed to handle the crossing but that fell through and the relationship soured between the State and Mike. Nate is supposed to prepare the permit and that is on his short-list of things to do.

The consensus of the Board is that this needs to be ready to go once the crops come off, this was on the list to be done last year.

OZRO FREEMAN DRAIN NUMBER 175-00-0: Nate said he spoke to Mr. Prosser who wanted to wait until the crops are off for this project to begin. The contractor has been notified that he was low bid (Clifford Excavating) and he will be there with a backhoe when crops come off.

LECHLEIDNER: No update according to Nate.

FROST/VIAN: Nate said there are four or five landowners in a ground-swell area that want to petition for a regulated drain and that could potentially change the need between Frost and Vian.

ORA BOHLER DRAIN NUMBER 54-00-0: Mike Krehl asked if we were going to proceed with this drain and it was stated that we have to, that is a major project that has to happen.

Nate said there were two designs; they were waiting on the dipping of the Matson and that is done; he has a dozen reconstruction projects that are 75% done yet laying on his desk and he is trying to figure out where he is supposed to focus the effort of the office as he can't do ten things at once.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant