

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 23, 2020

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday July 23rd, 2020. Answering roll call was Randall J. Deetz; Michael E. Krehl; Donald D. Grogg; Jacqueline R. Rowan and William 'Bill' Hartman.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Joshua Lash; Angela Wallace

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mike Krehl to approve the Minutes of July 16th, 2020 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Bill Hartman, motion carried.

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

RECONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST: Discussion was held on the list provided; the first three on the list *Eric Morris #416-00-0*, *Marvin Walker # 403-00-0* and *William Bickel #133-00-0* are projects that need final grading and potential seeding, financially processed and closed out according to Nate. The *Guy Platter #112-00-0* is still in need of the permit with the State Highway (*Nate stated that this project would be done by fall 2020*) and *Ozro Freeman #175-00-0* will be ready to go when the crops are off. *Fred Groscup Jr. #335-00-0* and *John Ketcham #334-00-0* go hand-in-hand and the City of Auburn has involvement there. The list then goes to the drains highlighted in yellow and those are potentially drains that can be done by Consent and Waiver. *Ora Bohler #54-00-0* needs a hearing and it will take holding that in the Annex Building to cooperate with social distancing at this current time. There was discussion regarding outsourcing some of these bigger projects to get them moving.

Chairman Deetz recalled that the Butler City drain also had 'outside engineering'. The vision of hiring 'outsourcing' is that it is then outsourced and the only involvement of the county surveyor should be if there is an issue from the original design or a drastic change.

- The *Robert Johnson Drain Number 3003-00-0* is still waiting.
- The top portion of the Bickel still needs to be looked at but Nate said that falls under maintenance so it needs to be assessed and evaluated to determine the condition of the upper system and how it's functioning.

Mike Krehl said the tile laying on the Deetz and Krehl property needs to be dealt with *before* winter and Nate said it would be.

Chairman Deetz suggested that a landowner from the upper portion petition to get the top portion on the list.

- The Fritz Bartels #408-00-0; Albert Higbea Lat 1 #268-01-0 and the George Matson Lat 11 #73-11-0 have been put off until the Surveyors office could coordinate it all according to Nate. The landowners on each of these drains have either come in or called repeatedly wanting these done and questioning where we are on the progress. Nate said he keeps promising them that it will get done; most of the design work is done and these will be relatively quick projects.

JOHN KETCHAM DRAIN NUMBER 334-00-0 – The consensus of the Board was for the John Ketcham drain to proceed with using an outside engineering firm by the City of

Auburn; the DeKalb County Surveyor's office should only need approve the design work once presented.

Nate stated that the City of Auburn is currently, actively involved as they have already begun the process of soliciting an engineer.

The consensus of the Board is to have the Mayor of Auburn come in for a discussion.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION - VALHALLA SUBDIVISION: Present is Joshua Lash, Midwest Land Surveying 125 East Albion Street Avilla Indiana, representing Douglas A. and Brenna E. Picco and Jamie Gordon who bought two tracts at an auction. There are two lots that are being divided as shown on the plat and they are each a 28.5 acre lot that they will build on.

Nate Frye reported on behalf of the Surveyor that this property is in the watershed of the *Willmina Ringwalt Regulated Tile Drain Number 51-00-0*; the *Willmina Ringwalt Lateral 1 Regulated Tile Drain Number 51-01-0* and the *Willmina Ringwalt Lateral 1 Spur 1 Drain Number 51-01-1*. The plat does not appear to exceed the threshold set by the Drainage Board for additional drainage improvements. This development shall not block off-site drainage across the site. Storm water from this lot shall be directed onto the parent tract and not onto adjoining tracts. This report is subject to any additional information submitted at the Plan Commission hearing.

A motion was made by Don Grogg to accept the report of the Surveyor concerning the drainage subject to any new evidence presented at the Plan Commission meeting and requests the Administrative Assistant to pass this decision of the Drainage Board to the Plan Commission, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION – L. B. ACRES: Present is Angela Wallace, Compass Land Surveying 11810 North County Line Road, Spencerville Indiana on behalf of L. M. Beam. This property is located in Concord Township, Section 8. This plat proposes to cut off two acres of land at the northwest corner of the parent parcel for a residential development.

Nate Frye reported on behalf of the Surveyor that this property is in the watershed of the *Daniel Hursey North Regulated Open Drain Number 48-60-0*. The plat does not appear to exceed the threshold set by the Drainage Board for additional drainage improvements. This development shall not block off-site drainage across the site. Storm water from this lot shall be directed onto the parent tract and not onto adjoining tracts. This report is subject to any additional information submitted at the Plan Commission hearing.

A motion was made by Bill Hartman to accept the report of the Surveyor concerning the drainage subject to any new evidence presented at the Plan Commission meeting and requests the Administrative Assistant to pass this decision of the Drainage Board to the Plan Commission, seconded by Jacqueline Rowan, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant