

MINUTES OF THE DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2020

Chairman Randall J. Deetz called the regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Thursday December 3, 2020. Answering roll call was Randall J. Deetz; Michael E. Krehl; Donald D. Grogg; Jacqueline R. Rowan and William L. Hartman.

ALSO PRESENT: Drainage Board attorney Shannon E. Kruse; administrative assistant Brenda Myers; Surveyor Mike Kline and staff member Nate Frye.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Watson; Jerry Teders

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Bill Hartman to approve the Minutes of November 19th, 2020 as standard minutes taken by the DeKalb County Drainage Board, seconded by Jacqueline R. Rowan, motion carried.

SURVEYORS REPORT: Surveyor Kline presented the schedule of claims for his office for the month of November. No action was necessary by the Board.

Surveyor Kline reported that he, along with his field man took shots on the upper end of the *William Bickel Drain Number 133-00-0* so he can design that whole system to make sure he has the grades/sizes that are needed and then go ahead and put that 800+ feet of tile in that is laying onsite. No estimate has been done on this yet, Mike said he has to get some prices on stone and the cost to put it in; that will determine how far the money will go verses how much tile they have. If they have more money they will buy extra tile but if they have less money he will ask the Board to put this drain in the red for a year or two so he can get the tile that is laying there in the ground.

Mike Krehl stated that he has a list of the inventory that is on his property.

OZRO FREEMAN DRAIN NUMBER 175-00-0: Surveyor Kline reported they are 30-35% done with this project, the neighbor wants to tie in to the system so they put a 't' in for him.

INFORMATIONAL: Surveyor Kline stated that they are working on the collections of drains, all drains that are currently in the red stand to be collected. These will be brought back to the Board for discussion and approval in late January.

Chairman Deetz questioned drains standing in the red that are not on maintenance, those need to go through the drain hearing process before they can be collected, so hearings will need to be held on those.

FRED GROSCUP JR DRAIN NUMBER 335-00-0: Surveyor Kline stated that he and Chairman Deetz have a teleconference with the landowner so once they can obtain signatures this project can begin right away.

FRITZ BARTELS DRAIN NUMBER 408-00-0: Surveyor Kline stated that this drain located on South Road 31, north of County Road 68, was open back in the 1890's; at some point someone covered in most of it but he does not believe this was ever tile all the way to the property line and he would like the Board to look at fact partially an open drain and partial tile. It runs into a wetland and he can bottom dip and do a little bit of clearing on this to make it work and save quite a bit of money on the reconstruction project and Mike will bring the plans to show the Board the difference. The old record showed the drain stopping 80' from the property line but Mike thinks it has all been used up to the property line. There is a culvert pipe under a driveway and that all dumps into a wetland and then wanders down to the *Hilkey Carnahan Drain Number 12-00-0* system.

Dr. Souder has historically not wanted us in there on his property and didn't care that it sits wet, but with turning this into an open drain and functioning, the water will come

down quicker and Randy doesn't want an issue with channeling water onto a neighboring property.

Attorney Kruse said an option for Mr. Freeman and Dr. Souder to sign a consent and waiver where it clearly states he would approve of any extra water coming on his property.

Mike Kline said he didn't think he has anything to say about it because the water has ran there since the 1890's and that is just the way the water is, that is the lay of the land and natural drainage. Mike said he will bring more information to the Board regarding this drain. There are issues between Mr. Freeman and Matthew Souder.

C. B. KAGEY DRAIN NUMBER 225-00-0: Surveyor Kline stated that Mary Jo Diehl has stated that she would pledge \$75,000.00 toward this project and Presley's who are another landowner have pledged \$5,000 so this project could go quickly if they can get a Consent and Waiver to get this one done.

PLAN COMMISSION PETITION – NICK'S PLACE: Chairman Randall Deetz recused himself as he has a financial interest being the owner of this property. Vice Chairman Michael E. Krehl proceeded with the meeting and asked for Mr. Teders to proceed. Present is Jerry Teders, Tri-County Land Surveying on behalf of Nicholas McDonald who is seeking approval for a one-lot subdivision so he can build a home on this just shy of a 3-acre lot.

Surveyor Kline reported that this plat is in the watershed of the *Henry Schuster Regulated Open Drain Number 291-00-0*. This development 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 the 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 Bill Hartman, motion carried.

Jerry Teders was made aware of a private tile that runs along the property and the location of that tile.

INFORMATIONAL: Discussion was held regarding meetings in December and it was decided that there would be meetings on the 10th, 17th and 31st, at least as of now.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Randall J. Deetz, Chairman

Brenda F. Myers, Administrative Assistant