

DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2023

Drainage Commissioners Present:

Bruce Bell, II, Chair
Sandra M. Harrison, Vice-Chair
William L. Hartman, Member

Others Present:

Glenn Crawford, County Surveyor
Tyler Lanning, Lead Survey Tech
Michelle Lassiter, Sec. /Drainage Board Adm.
Shannon Kruse, Attorney
Troy Bungard, Survey Tech

Guests:

Angie Wallace
Tom Green
Eric Gleissner
Steve Mattingly
Travis Willison
George Brand

Absent:

Michael V. Watson, Member
James A. Miller, Member

Chair Bruce Bell, II, called the October 12, 2023, regular meeting of the DeKalb County Drainage Board to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sandy Harrison to accept the Minutes of October 5, 2023, as presented as the standard minutes of the DeKalb County Drainage Board. The motion was seconded by Bill Hartman, and the motion carried. Sandy Harrison abstained due to her absence from the meeting.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DRAINAGE PLANS PLATTED SUBDIVISION

AUBURN SHOPPES - 106 FULTON ST/ 525 W. SEVENTH ST., AUBURN

The Board reviewed the drainage plan for the Development Plans for Auburn Shoppes, 106 Fulton St/525 W Seventh St, Auburn, in Section 31, Union Township, and within the watershed of the Cedar Creek Open Regulated Drain No. 470-00-0.

Eric Gleissner, of Civil Site Group took the floor to explain that the proposed site was currently a Jiffy Carwash and approximately .63 acres. There would be underground stormwater detention to slow the stormwater release into the City of Auburn stormwater system on Fulton St. for a 10-year storm event.

The Board accepted the Surveyor's Report, which stated "In regards to the drainage plan, I approve. The proposed underground retention system meets the cubic feet per second (cfs) discharge for the existing conditions."

Bill Hartman moved to approve the drainage plan on the development plans dated October 10, 2023, stamped by Eric A. Gleissner, Professional Engineer, of Civil Site Group, with the County Surveyor's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Sandy Harrison, and the motion was carried.

BRAND'S DAIRY FARM EXPANSION - 0417 COUNTY ROAD 43

The Board reviewed the drainage plan for the Expansion Development Plans of the Brand Dairy Farm, located at 0417 County Road 43. This development is located within the watersheds of the Joh Bemenderfer Drain No. 49-00-0, the G.B. Collins Drain No. 87-00-0, the O.D. Scoville Drain No. 3639-00-0, the Upper Hiram Sweet Drain No. 3007-00-0, the Middle Hiram Sweet Drain No. 3006-00-0, the Lower Hiram Sweet Drain No. 3001-00-0, and the unregulated Fish Creek waterway.

Tom Green of Tom Green Engineering took the floor to explain that the plan was engineered to meet the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's requirements. There would be a sand lane into which manure would be flushed. The water would settle out of the sand and be directed to the pond to the west of the barn, then on to a new pond to the east, and then on to the pond on the north. The water would then be directed via a gravel alley to the south for dispersal. The only water not captured would be the barn roof's stormwater runoff. The sand would be on concrete to dry out and be reused.

Mr. Crawford stated the proposed runoff rate would be .44 cfs. With Mr. Brand owning the entire eighty-some acres there would be plenty of dispersal area for the roof's runoff.

Ms. Kruse asked if there would be any connection made to a county-regulated drain. Mr. Crawford stated there were none on the plans. The *G. B. Collins Regulated Drain No. 87-00-0* was the nearest drain and was on the northeast corner of the property.

Mr. Hartman asked if the plans needed to be reviewed by Steuben County since the property was within the watersheds of four Joint DeKalb County/Steuben County drains. Ms. Kruse stated that since they were not connecting to any of those drains the plans did not need to be reviewed by Steuben County.

The Board accepted the Surveyor's Drainage Report, which stated "In regards to the stormwater management plan for the new proposed dairy expansion for robotic milking, I approve, since the proposed 100-year release rate is less than the existing 100-year release rate."

Sandy Harrison moved to approve the drainage plan drawings dated 08.28.2023, as submitted by Tom Green, Tom Green Engineering, with the Surveyor's recommendations, the motion was seconded by Bill Hartman, and the motion carried.

DRAINAGE PLANS

RODKEY ACRES – WEST SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 47, NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 42

The Board reviewed the drainage plan for the Plat of Rodkey Acres, located on the west side of County Road 47, north of County Road 42. This plat is for a one-lot minor subdivision, platted as 4.975 acres, and located within the watersheds of the Solomon Shank Open Regulated Drain No. 28-00-0.

Angie Wallace of Compass Land Surveying presented the plat stating the owners were looking to create a one-lot five-acre subdivision to build a home.

Mr. Crawford stated it was a simple subdivision with no issues and was next to an open drain with plenty of capacity for the runoff.

The Board accepted the Surveyor's Drainage Report, which stated "In regards to the drainage plan, I approve. The proposed plat has sufficient onsite drainage for a single-family residence."

Sandy Harrison moved to approve the plat drawings dated 0929.2023, signed and stamped by Angela D. Wallace, Land Surveyor, of Compass Land Surveying, with the Surveyor's recommendations, the motion was seconded by Bill Hartman, and the motion carried.

TWISTED OAK HOLLER – COUNTY ROAD 63, NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 34

The Board reviewed the drainage plan for the Plat of Twisted Oak Holler, located on the west side of County Road 63, north of County Road 34. This plat is for a one-lot minor subdivision, platted as 9.22 acres, and located within the watersheds of the W. A. Mason Regulated Drain No. 70-00-0, the E. D. Creager Drain No. 6-00-0, and the C. O. Metcalf Drain No. 41-00-0.

Angie Wallace of Compass Land Surveying presented the plat stating it was a minor subdivision with 9.22 acres, and again the landowner wanted to build a home on the lot.

Mr. Hartman asked what the state of the *Warren A. Mason Open Regulated Drain No. 70-00-0* on the property. Mrs. Wallace stated the drain was in good shape, open, mowed, and maintained.

Ms. Kruse asked Mrs. Wallace to inform the landowners they were not permitted to plant trees in the drain's right-of-way. Mrs. Wallace replied she would do so.

The Board accepted the Surveyor's Drainage Report, which stated "In regards to the drainage plan, I approve. The proposed plat has sufficient onsite drainage for a single-family residence."

Bill Hartman moved to approve the plat drawings dated 09.27.2023, signed and stamped by Angela D. Wallace, Land Surveyor, of Compass Land Surveying, with the Surveyor's recommendations, the motion was seconded by Sandy Harrison, and the motion carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bell asked for the Surveyor's Report and the surveyor's staff provided the following information:


Mr. Crawford informed the Board that INDOT had finally issued a permit for the State Road 8 crossing to complete the reconstruction of the *Guy Platter Tile Regulated Drain No. 112-00-0*. Mr. Crawford had applied for the permit at the beginning of the year after he took office. He stated that Ryan Gearhart with the Waterloo INDOT location had helped to get the permit through the system. There had been a hiccup, as INDOT's automated system was sending information to former First-Deputy Nathan Frye's email address. Additionally, INDOT at first thought they could do the crossing more economically than the County could, but discovered that as deep as the cross was they could not. Knott's Excavating would need to work with 3 Rivers Barricade on the road detour and then get started.

Mr. Lanning informed the Board that the contractor walk-through for the *Fred Groscup Drain No. 352-00-0* reconstruction project would be on October 13, 2023. The office had received a few bids.

Mr. Lanning stated there was a lull currently in the maintenance of tiles that would pick back up after the fall harvest was completed.

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Bell once again thanked everyone for attending the meeting and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.


Bruce Bell, II, Chairman


Michelle Lassiter, Secretary