

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2020

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT - VICE CHAIRMAN
STEVE METZGER
DENNIS DARR

NOT PRESENT:

JOE IRWIN

ALSO PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER - COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL - DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER - DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS FROM DECEMBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO YELLOW RIVER BOARD:

A CERTIFIED LETTER FROM THE MARSHALL COUNTY SURVEYOR WAS RECEIVED ON DECEMBER 20, 2019 ADVISING KOSCIUSKO COUNTY THAT THEY ANTICIPATE SCHEDULING A JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING FOR THE YELLOW RIVER BASIN. THIS IS A FOUR COUNTY JOINT BOARD. THE LAST YELLOW RIVER BASIN JOINT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD AUGUST 30, 1994. DENNIS DARR NOMINATED DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER JOE IRWIN FOR THIS BOARD. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

ADDITIONALLY INSURED ANSWER FROM CHAD MINER ATTORNEY:

KISSINGER - COUNTY SURVEYOR REQUESTED A RESPONSE FROM CHAD MINER - COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONALLY INSURED ON THE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FORM. DOES IT NEED TO BE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD OR KOSCIUSKO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS? KISSINGER HAD NOTIFIED MINER OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING IN WHICH MIKE HALL - HALL AND MAROSE INSURANCE AGENCY SPOKE BEFORE THE DRAINAGE BOARD. MINER AGREED WITH THE INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE THAT SPOKE WITH THE BOARD THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHOULD COVER ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY. JIM SCOTT REQUESTED TO KNOW WHAT DOCUMENTATION MINER HAS FOR HIS DETERMINATION. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION THAT IF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY STATES "BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS," DOES THAT ENCOMPASS ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT FALL UNDER THE COMMISSIONERS?

BEECHY BACKHOE SERVICE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY:

CONTRACTOR JAKE BEECHY HAS DONE WORK FOR THE COUNTY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HIS INSURANCE IS FROM THE OLD ORDER AMISH LIABILITY AID. THIS INSURANCE FORM DOES NOT ADDRESS THE ADDITIONALLY INSURED THAT THE DRAINAGE BOARD IS REQUIRING. CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN REQUESTED KISSINGER CONTACT THE

COUNTY INSURANCE CARRIER TO SEE WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR AN AMISH CONTRACTOR. KISSINGER ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH BEECHY BACKHOE IF OUR INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE SAYS THAT THE OLD ORDER AMISH LIABILITY INSURANCE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF COVERAGE. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION. CARY GRONINGER WAS IN FAVOR. JIM SCOTT OPPOSED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A MAJORITY VOTE.

**CAUFFMAN – REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TIF PROJECT
AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD GONE BEFORE THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO REQUEST TIF MONEY TO RECONSTRUCT A SECTION OF THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN NEAR THE LOUIS DREYFUS PROPERTY. THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AGREED TO PAY FOR THIS PORTION OF THE PROJECT. WE WILL ALSO BE RECONSTRUCTING ANOTHER PORTION OF THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN. THIS PORTION WILL BE CHARGED TO AFFECTED LANDOWNERS. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WILL BRING THE COUNTY RECONSTRUCTION PORTION TO THE BOARD AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. THE SURVEYORS OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO BID THESE TWO PROJECTS AT THE SAME TIME.

UPDATE – PLUNGE CREEK RECONSTRUCTION:

MARK MONTEL INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE DROVE DOWN TO THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DURING A HEAVY RAIN AND NOTICED A LITTLE STANDING WATER, BUT NOT CLOSE TO THE ROAD. HE DROVE BY 24 HOURS LATER AND THERE WAS NOT STANDING WATER. ED WOOD (LANDOWNER) CAME INTO THE OFFICE TO INFORM THE SURVEYOR THAT HE WAS VERY HAPPY WITH THE WORK THAT WAS DONE. CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN SPOKE WITH THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE. HE IS ALSO PLEASED WITH THE PROJECT.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:

JANUARY 7, 2020

ARTHUR JL	DAHMS SCOT H	\$79.73	1158
ARTHUR JL	DAHMS SCOT H	\$460.27	2700
CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$302.85	1158
DANNER	LDP EXCAVATING	\$1862.50	2700
DANNER	SWANSON EXCAVATING	\$1202.50	2700
DANNER	TOMMY VANCE PRODUCTIONS	\$100.00	2700
DANNER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$385.47	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$11306.75	1158
OLDFATHER	METZGER LANDSCAPING	\$925.00	1158
PETERSON	SWANSON EXCAVATING	\$812.50	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1372.23	1158
SWICK	SWANSON EXCAVATING	\$672.50	2700
SWICK	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$18299.67	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1689.50	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$24,672.41
GENERAL DRAIN: \$14,799.06

1/21/2020

DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$1495.00	2700
DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5402.50	2700
FLEUGLE	BEECHY BACKHOE SERVICE	\$1720.00	2700
FLEUGLE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$204.55	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2868.44	1158
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$1060.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$335.00	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFFERSON	SAWYER EXC	\$48234.95	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFFERSON	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
SCHUE ELIZABETH	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	1158
SMITH MARK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$537.43	2700
SWICK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$175.39	2700
SWICK	HAMBY & SON	\$1360.00	2700
SWICK	N.E.W PLUMBING	\$405.00	2700
SWICK	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$984.86	2700
WALNUT CREEK	LDP EXCAVATING	\$3490.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$1520.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$ 65,859.68

GENERAL DRAIN: \$5,108.44

JANUARY TOTALS

MAINTENANCE: \$90,532.09

GENERAL DRAIN: \$19,907.50

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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2020

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
STEVE METZGER
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN

ALSO PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS FROM JANUARY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE: UNSICKER-CRAIG DRAIN – GLEN HOCHSTETLER

GLEN HOCHSTETLER – PROPERTY OWNER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ALONG WITH JAKE BEECHY – CONTRACTOR TO REQUEST A VARIANCE OF 50 FEET FOR THE UNSICKER CRAIG DRAIN TO INSTALL A SEPTIC SYSTEM. JAKE BEECHY PROVIDED A SITE PLAN FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM. THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TILE IS PASTURE. IT IS ALSO OWNED BY HOCHSTETLER. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 50 FEET. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

DOKE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT INCREASE HEARING:

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

LARRY & VICKIE OUSLEY
DON MYERS
PHIL MENZIE
DEAN RHOADES

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS DECEMBER 1966. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN JUNE 1980. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 10,000 FEET OF TILE AND 12,000 FEET OF OPEN DITCH. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$370.70. THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED. THERE IS APPROXIMATELY \$21,000 OF MAINTENANCE WORK THAT IS CURRENTLY PLANNED IN THE NEXT 3 YEARS. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN AFTER 2023 IS \$4000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. DEAN RHOADES SPOKE TO THE BOARD AND IS IN FAVOR OF THE INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT. HE TOLD THE BOARD THAT THIS HEARING IS LONG OVERDUE. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD OF A PRIVATE CROSSING ON THE STUMP FARMS PROPERTY THAT WILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ASSESSMENT AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CAUFFMAN – HAL HUFFMAN C.R. 800 SOUTH AND C.R. 200 WEST:

THIS DISCUSSION IS A CONTINUATION FROM THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. THIS TILE WAS REPLACED IN 2006. THIS IS A 15 INCH TILE. THE TILE HAS A 9 INCH HUMP IN IT EAST OF COUNTY ROAD 200 WEST. APPROXIMATELY 350 FEET OF THIS TILE NEEDS REPLACED. THE FALL FROM COUNTY ROAD 200 WEST AND RUNNING WEST TO THE RISER IS JUST UNDER 1 FOOT. THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A DEBT OF **\$28,994.39**. HUFFMAN ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD SAY THAT THIS PROJECT WOULD BE DONE IN 1 ½ OR 2 YEARS WHEN THE DITCH BALANCE IS IN BETTER FINANCIAL SHAPE. MONTEL SAID THIS PROJECT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER DUE TO THE SOIL CONDITIONS. JIM SCOTT SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO BE LOCKED INTO A TIME FRAME. THIS PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE WHEN THE DRAIN IS IN BETTER FINANCIAL SHAPE. THE PLAN IS TO MAKE THIS REPAIR IN THE SUMMER OF 2021. THE DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY BROUGHT UP THE POSSIBILITY OF A MAJOR REPAIR IN 2020 THAT WOULD PUT THIS DRAIN IN FURTHER DEBT. IF THAT WOULD HAPPEN THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WOULD SCHEDULE A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN FOR THE 2021 COLLECTION.

CAUFFMAN – RECONSTRUCTION – PHASE III:

KISSINGER REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROVED THE TIF FUNDS TO PAY FOR PHASE II OF THE CAUFFMAN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. PHASE III WILL BE A RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE LANDOWNERS IN THE PHASE III WATERSHED AREA. PHASE III IS APPROXIMATELY 240 FEET OF 24 INCH TILE. THE ESTIMATE IS \$73.06 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM FOR A TOTAL OF JUST OVER \$12,000.00. THE SURVEYOR WOULD LIKE TO BID PHASE II AND PHASE III AT THE SAME TIME. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AS PROPOSED. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADDITIONAL INSURED:

KISSINGER REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY CHAD MINER ABOUT WHO SHOULD BE LISTED AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED. HIS RESPONSE IS:

"GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACTS AS THE EXECUTIVE FOR THE COUNTY, THE BOARD IS ALSO THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY. THUS, A TORT CLAIM NOTICE OR SUIT WOULD NAME THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. AS WE DISCUSSED, THIS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO A SITUATION WHERE A CORPORATION IS SUED IN THAT THE CORPORATION ITSELF WOULD BE NAMED, NOT A SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATION OR ANY CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL WITHIN A SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT. ACCORDINGLY, I AM CONFIDENT THAT NAMING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED PROVIDES GENERAL PROTECTION FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE DRAINAGE BOARD."

WE WOULD ALSO NEED TO HAVE CONTRACTORS COVERED BY AMISH LIABILITY INSURANCE HAVE THEIR EMPLOYEES SIGN A WAIVER DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEIR INSURANCE DOES NOT HAVE ADDITIONALLY INSURED.

DRAINS THAT NEED MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARINGS:

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A LIST OF DRAINS THAT ARE IN NEED OF HEARINGS TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENTS. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO LOOK OVER THE LIST AND PRIORTIZE THE ORDER.

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DITCH AT COUNTY ROAD 900 NORTH – EAST OF STATE ROAD 15:

DENNIS DARR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL LANDOWNERS ABOUT WORK THAT IS BEING DONE IN THIS AREA. THERE IS A LOT OF FLOODING IN THIS AREA. THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE IS OFFERING ADVICE TO TRY AND HELP ALLEVIATE THE ISSUE. THIS IS NOT A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN. THERE IS TALK ABOUT THE LANDOWNERS EXTENDING THE COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN DESIGNATION AND PETITIONING IT TO THE COUNTY.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS

2/4/2020

ACHOR	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$721.11	1158
ACHOR	HAMBY & SON	\$1781.51	2700
ACHOR	HAMBY & SON	\$293.49	1158
ARTHUR	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$372.58	1158
ARTHUR	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$32.42	2700
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$725.00	1158
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON	\$435.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	GARY DANT	\$240.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$541.39	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$1350.00	1158
KELLY H C	HAMBY & SON	\$635.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$517.50	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2291.53	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$11,288.35	2700
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$554.53	1158
POLE RUN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$40.85	2700
POLE RUN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$715.00	2700
SILVEUS	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$720.08	1158
TEEGARDEN	HAMBY & SON	\$770.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$328.87	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$2150.00	2700
WILLIAMSON	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$20,388.53

GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,465.68

CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$219.04	1158
DANNER	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$1420.00	2700

DEEDS CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$144.80	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	BEECHYS BACKHOE	\$2067.50	1158
HUFFER DAVID	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3410.70	2700
KOO9NTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$772.30	1158
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$274.10	1158
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON	\$290.00	1158
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1207.75	1158
POLE RUN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4143.75	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$ 2950.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$797.81	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$158.82	2700
TEEGARDEN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$336.04	1158
VANCUREN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$685.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$252.76	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$9530.83
GENERAL DRAIN: \$9599.54

FEBRUARY TOTALS:
MAINTENANCE: \$29,919.36
GENERAL DRAIN: \$17,065.22

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE STATE SHUT DOWN – THE MARCH 2020 KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING WAS CANCELED.

CLAIMS:

3/3/2020

FLEUGLE	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$5780.00	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$782.27	1158
HUFFER DAVID	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2198.88	2700
HUFFER DAVID	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1902.25	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$286.47	1158
PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$180.00	1158
SHANTON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$667.38	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	LDP EXCAVATING	\$6949.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2986.50	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$19,816.63

GENERAL DRAIN: \$1,916.12

3/17/2020

ARMEY	HAMBY & SON	\$725.00	2700
BEYER BRADY	APEX PROPERTIES	\$12350.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	EVEREST EXC	\$400.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
GAY EAST ROBINSON	GOOD EXC	\$4162.50	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$435.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$30.00	1158
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$180.00	1158
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$1156.15	1158
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$623.85	2700
SHANTON	DIRTWORKX LLC	\$1430.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	HAMBY & SON	\$620.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	PARKER & SONS	\$1000.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	HAMBY & SON	\$290.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOHMAN EXC	\$2021.01	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158

MAINTENANCE: \$16,389.86

GENERAL DRAIN: \$9,693.65

3/31/2020

CAUFFMAN	KOLESIK CONST	\$1200.00	1158
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS	\$762.16	2700
DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1177.67	1158
DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$370.70	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
FUNK	KOLESIK CONST	\$56.15	1158
FUNK	KOLESIK CONST	\$5738.85	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$1015.00	1158

NEFF OMAR JEFF	SAWYER EXC	\$5540.81	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	SAWYER EXC	\$2971.24	1158
SILVEUS RECON	ELKHART CO GRAVEL	\$100.00	1158
SELVEUS RECON	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$41250.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$450.00	1158
SMITH MARK	HOHMAN EXC	\$1154.39	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$620.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$15,176.91
GENERAL DRAIN: \$48,220.06

MARCH TOTALS:
MAINTENANCE: \$51,383.40
GENERAL DRAIN: \$59,829.83

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DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23, 2020**

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STEVE METZGER
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN

NOT PRESENT:

JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN

ALSO PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

NOT PRESENT:

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS FROM MARCH AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CAUFFMAN PHASE 3 RECONSTRUCTION HEARING:

THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED. THE NOTICE WAS SENT WITH A LETTER THAT STATED THAT DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE POSSIBILITY OF THE COURTHOUSE POSSIBLY BEING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, ALL LANDOWNERS WOULD NEED TO LET THE SURVEYORS OFFICE KNOW IF THEY WOULD BE ATTENDING THE MEETING. NO LANDOWNER WAS PRESENT. THIS RECONSTRUCTION WILL COINCIDE WITH PHASE 2 OF THE CAUFFMAN PROJECT. PHASE 2 IS BEING PAID FOR WITH TIF FUNDS. PHASE 2 & 3 WILL BE BID TOGETHER BUT SPLIT BETWEEN THE TIF FUNDS AND THE RECONSTRUCTION. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PHASE 3 IS \$12,000.00. ESTIMATED COST PER ACRE IS \$73.06. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROJECT. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON PROPOSED MAINTENANCE INCREASE:

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS DRAIN HAS 8.4 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 9.4 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.56 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. IT CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$11,421.62~~. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN SEPTEMBER 1990. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN FEBRUARY 2011. THE SURVEYOR PRESENTED THE BOARD A LIST OF WORK THAT IS CURRENTLY NEEDED AS WELL AS SOME WORK THAT WILL NEED DONE IN THE FUTURE. JOE IRWIN INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HIS FAMILY OWNS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF LAND THAT DRAINS INTO THIS DITCH. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT \$6.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION. CARY GRONINGER AGREED. JOE IRWIN ABSTAINED DUE TO OWNING AND FARMING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF LAND IN THE WATERSHED. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD JULY 23, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS:

THE BOARD DISCUSSED A LIST OF DRAINS THAT THAT ARE DUE FOR A MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING.

SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS NOW COMPLETE.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:

4/14/2020

BURKHOLDER	HAMBY & SON	\$580.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	EVEREST EXC	\$2270.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$175.29	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	SHANKSTER BROS	\$74.55	1158
SILVEUS	CORE & MAIN	\$3030.00	1158
SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION	CORE & MAIN	\$170.92	1158
SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1369.75	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	EVEREST EXC	\$1432.50	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	EVEREST EXC	\$1590.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$223.65	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$2110.00	2700

TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE: \$2723.65
GENERAL DRAIN: \$11,053.01

4/28/2020

ARMEY	LDP EXCAVATING	\$17,200.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700
HICKMAN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$388.90	2700
HICKMAN	ART & SONS EXC	\$260.00	2700
HICKMAN	ELKHART COUNTY GRAVEL	\$249.90	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING	\$1215.00	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	HAMBY & SON	\$435.00	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING	\$1165.00	1158
NOAH PUTNEY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$611.64	MAINT NON REPAYABLE
KIST	GARY DANT	\$780.00	MAINT NON REPAYABLE
METZGER JOSEPH	HAMBY & SON	\$275.00	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	HAMBY & SON	\$725.00	2700
MILLER J L	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HAMBY & SON	\$435.00	1158

PLUNGE CREEK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$251.81	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$1200.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	HAMBY & SON	\$165.00	2700
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$910.00	1158
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$368.97	1158
SILVEUS	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$15,621.05	1158
SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1266.08	1158
SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$13,742.46	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$210.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING	\$538.50	1158
SMITH MARK	HAMBY & SON	\$165.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$1665.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$122.80	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
TRUEX ABE	HAMBY & SON	\$475.00	2700
WALLACE EARL	HAMBY & SON	\$290.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$525.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$741.08	2700

TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE: \$23,707.68

GENERAL DRAIN: \$38,503.87

APRIL TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE: \$26,431.33

GENERAL DRAIN: \$49,556.88

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
MAY 28, 2020**

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
STEVE METZGER
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS FROM APRIL AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – McCLEARY GOCHENOUR – ROBERT HAMILTON JR.:

DUSTIN HAMILTON CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REPRESENTING HIS FATHER, ROBERT HAMILTON JR. TO REQUEST A VARIANCE TO ADD ON TO AN EXISTING HOME. SEVERAL VARIANCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE DRAIN. THE LANDOWNER IS REQUESTING A 40 FOOT VARIANCE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A 25'X30' ADDITION ONTO THE EXISTING HOME. JOE IRWIN MADE MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE AT 40 FEET CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING THE BUILDING PERMITS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE VARIANCE WILL BECOME VALID AND RECORDED AS SOON AS THE BUILDING PERMIT IS APPROVED. IF THE BUILDING PERMIT IS NOT OBTAINED, THE VARIANCE WILL BECOME VOID.

WESTLAKE-FETTERS POSSIBLE MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING:

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO THE BOARD. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 4.5 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 3.8 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$0.62 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$1,441.13 PER YEAR AND HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$16,343.40~~. THE COUNTY SPENDS APPROXIMATELY \$3500.00 PER YEAR ON BEAVER TRAPPING. THERE IS A LARGE REOCCURRING BEAVER DAM AT THE MOUTH WHERE IT EMPTIES INTO DEWART LAKE. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN NOVEMBER 1969. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN 1991. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE RATE AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION THE BOARD DECIDED TO AMEND THE MOTION. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE RATE AT \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. CARY GRONINGER AND STEVE METZGER WERE IN FAVOR. DENNIS DARR ABSTAINED DUE TO OWNING LAND IN THE WATERSHED AREA. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD JULY 23, 2020. THE BOARD INSTRUCTED KISSINGER TO SEND A LETTER WITH THE NOTICE TO THE LANDOWNERS THAT THEY MAY CONSIDER AN INITIAL RATE TO PAY BACK THE DEBT IN A TIMELY

MANNER AND THEN HAVE THE RATE LOWERED TO SUSTAIN A POIITIVE MAINTENANCE FUND BALANCE.

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE UPDATE FROM JIM SCOTT:

JIM SCOTT ADVISED THE BOARD HE SPOKE WITH MIKE HALL FROM W.A. HALL INSURANCE ABOUT THE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY RECEIVED FROM THE CONTRACTORS THAT THE COUNTY USES TO MAINTAIN DRAINS. JIM SCOTT RECOMMENDS THAT THE DRAINAGE BOARD AND COMMISSIONERS ARE LISTED AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED ON THE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FORM. CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN WANTS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE LISTED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WILL LET THE CONTRACTORS KNOW THAT AT THE TIME OF THEIR CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION OR RENEWAL, THEY WILL NEED TO HAVE BOTH COMMISSIONERS AND DRAINAGE BOARD LISTED AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MAX DEATSMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS SOME DRAINS THAT NEED WORK BUT DO NOT HAVE FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNTS. THE TILES THAT WERE PUT IN ORIGINALLY WERE INSTALLED IN AGRICULTURAL GROUND. THOSE AREAS NOW HAVE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS AND THE TILES CANNOT HANDLE THE EXTRA WATER AND TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL PLANTED TREE ROOTS THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED. DEATSMAN AGREED THAT THE MINIMUMS NEED TO BE RAISED ON MANY OF THE COUNTY DITCHES. DEATSMAN DISCUSSED A COUPLE OF PONDS THAT HE WOULD LIKE CHECKED THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE CAUSING PROBLEMS. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD AND DEATSMAN THAT HE WILL BE GOING BEFORE THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO REQUEST MORE FUNDS BE ADDED TO THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND.

DRAINS THAT COULD HAVE A 25% INCREASE:

A LIST WAS COMPILED OF DRAINS THAT COULD BE RAISE 25%. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD COMPILE A SHORT LIST OF DRAINS THAT NEED TO BE RAISED 25%. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF THOSE DRAINS THAT ARE IN DEBT THAT NEED TO BE RAISED 25% ALONG WITH A BACKGROUND OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE OR NEEDS TO BE DONE.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:

5/12/2020

DAVISSON	EVEREST EXC	\$2054.50	2700
DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$335.00	1158
ELDER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$169.05	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON	\$290.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$640.00	1158
HOOPENGARNER	HAMBY & SON	\$435.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1440.00	1158

McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$655.00	1158
MILLER J L	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$168.07	1158
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON	\$435.00	1158
PETERSON	LDP EXCAVATING	\$26730.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$190.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$402.50	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$240.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
TRUEX ABE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$224.02	2700
TURKEY CREEK	DON'S EXCAVATING	\$4180.00	2700
VANCUREN	HAMBY & SON	\$725.00	1158
WALLACE EARL	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$91.73	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$76.15	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$547.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$402.50	2700
WELCH JAMES	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$360.93	1158
WELCH JAMES	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$1482.50	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$341.86	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$725.00	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$655.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$11,455.58
GENERAL DRAIN: \$34,330.73

5/26/2020

CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$620.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$315.00	1158
DEEDS CREEK	SUPERIOR LANDSCAPE	\$595.00	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2325.00	1158
HICKMAN	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$3486.30	2700
HICKMAN	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$7978.70	1158
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON	\$1470.00	2700
OLDFATHER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$166.11	1158
OLDFATHER	HAMBY & SON	\$300.00	1158
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$675.00	1158
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$196.36	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$244.22	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$1530.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$149.10	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$64.52	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$7,539.14
GENERAL DRAIN: \$12,576.17

MAY TOTALS:
MAINTENANCE: \$18,994.72
GENERAL DRAIN: \$46,906.90

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**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 25, 2020**

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
STEVE METZGER
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

NOT PRESENT:

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM MAY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

MARY KOONTZ DRAIN 25% INCREASE:

A WAIVER WAS RECEIVED FROM WHITLEY COUNTY TO BE REPRESENTED AS THE SHED AREA IN THEIR COUNTY IS LESS THAN THE STATUTORY THRESHOLD (REF: I.C. 36-9-27-14). THE LAST HEARING WAS IN OCTOBER 2012. AT THAT TIME THE DRAIN HAD A SIGNIFICANT DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN. THIS IS A LARGE TILE AND OPEN DRAIN SYSTEM THAT STILL NEEDS A LOT OF WORK. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT BY 25%. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – WYLAND DRAIN – ROBERT BLAIR:

NO ONE SHOWED UP TO PRESENT THIS VARIANCE TO THE BOARD. THE LANDOWNER RECEIVED A BUILDING PERMIT FOR A POLE BARN. HE WANTS TO ADD A 12X20 DECK TO THE POLE BARN. THE DECK WOULD BE IN THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY. THE COUNTY TILE WAS 25 FEET AWAY FROM AN EXISTING POND. THE LANDOWNER DECIDED TO EXPAND THE POND AND GOT INTO THE COUNTY TILE AND FLOODED THE FIELD TO THE EAST OF THE PROPERTY. THE COUNTY SURVEYOR HAD THE LANDOWNER RELOCATE THE COUNTY TILE 25 FEET AWAY FROM THE NEW POND AT THEIR EXPENSE. THE LANDOWNER IS BUILDING A POLE BUILDING AND WANTS TO PUT A DECK ON THE BUILDING WITHIN THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE VARIANCE FOR MORE DETAILS (WHERE IS THE SEPTIC SYSTEM LOCATED) AND SOMEONE TO REPRESENT THE PROPERTY. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

OTHER BUSINESS:

UPCOMING REPORTS FOR HEARINGS:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT IN JULY HE WILL PRESENT 3 DRAINS FOR HEARINGS NEXT MONTH. THOSE DRAINS ARE THE HOOPENGARNER, WILL TUCKER AND WILLIAM DORSEY.

POSSIBLE 25 % ASSESSMENT INCREASE:

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A LIST OF DRAINS THAT COULD HAVE THE ASSESSMENTS RAISED 25%. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION FOR KISSINGER TO REACH OUT TO WHITLEY COUNTY ON WAIVING THEIR RIGHTS TO RAISING THE **ALFRED ROSS** DRAIN 25% ASSESSMENT INCREASE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION FOR KISSINGER TO CONTACT ELKHART COUNTY FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF WAIVING THEIR RIGHTS FOR THE **BURKHOLDER** DRAIN 25% ASSESSMENT INCREASE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

HOOPENGARNER – BEYOND LANDSCAPING:

DENNIS DARR WAS CONTACTED BY A LANDOWNER ABOUT ROCKS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE HOOPENGARNER DRAIN. KISSINGER SAID THE ROCKS WERE AT PLACED BELOW GRADE TO FORM A BABBLING BROOK AND SHOULD NOT BE CAUSING AN ISSUE, HOWEVER, HE WILL CHECK OUT THIS SITE.

NEVIN McCONNELL:

THIS DRAIN IS GOING TO BE SPRAYED. THERE IS ALSO CULVERTS UNDER THE RAILROAD AND AT THE DANA PLANT THAT THE LANDOWNERS HAVE SAID WERE PUT IN TOO HIGH IN THE PAST. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD CHECK THE PROFILE.

TURKEY CREEK DAM PROJECT:

REPLACEMENT OF THE TURKEY CREEK DAM HAS STARTED. THE COUNTY DRAINAGE FUND PORTION IS FOR BANK STABILIZATION BELOW THE DAM ONLY.

CLAIMS:

THE BOARD HAS REQUESTED THE CLAIMS DOCUMENT BE SENT VIA EMAIL EVERY 2 WEEKS SO THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE CLAIMS BEFORE THE CHECKS ARE SENT TO THE CONTRACTORS.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:

JUNE 9, 2020

ARMEY	HAMBY & SON	\$910.00	2700
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
HOOPENGARNER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$111.52	1158
HOOPENGARNER	HAMBY & SON	\$475.00	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	HAMBY & SON	\$1345.00	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$149.51	1158
MAINTENANCE NON REPAYABLE	GARY DANT	\$180.00	KIST DRAIN
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
SHANTON	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$112.01	1158

SHANTON	HAMBY & SON	\$1160.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1086.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2069.02	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$4,545.02

GENERAL DRAIN: \$3,773.04

MAINTENANCE NON-REPAYABLE: \$180.00

JUNE 23, 2020

ARMEY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$359.19	2700
DORSEY MILTON	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$620.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$460.00	1158
HOOPENGARNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1983.56	1158
PETERSON	STOCK & FIELD	\$129.99	1158
SCHUE ELIZABETH	HAMBY & SON	\$1760.00	1158
SCHUE ELIZABETH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$196.88	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$765.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	LDP EXCAVATING	\$625.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$719.31	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3937.86	2700
WALNUT CREEK	LDP EXCAVATING	\$4975.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$687.50	2700
WELCH JAMES	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$198.25	1158
WELCH JAMES	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$803.75	1158
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$910.00	2700
WYLAND	BMF TRANSPORT & EXC	\$1950.00	2700
WYLAND	LDP EXCAVATING	\$1443.95	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$725.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$17,097.81

GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,152.43

JUNE TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE: \$21,642.83

GENERAL DRAIN: \$9,925.47

MAINTENANCE NON-REPAYABLE: \$180.00

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**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 23, 2020**

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
STEVE METZGER
DENNIS DARR

NOT PRESENT:

JOE IRWIN

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM JUNE AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON HEARING:

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

TOM BESSON
MIKE BESSON
MIKE LONG
DAVID FORNEY
BOB HUFFMAN
JOHN POWELL
MARK WELDY
DAVE LAUSTER
INGRID CHURCHILL

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN SEPTEMBER 1990. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN FEBRUARY 2011. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 9.4 MILES OF TILE AND 8.4 MILES OF OPEN DITCH. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$18,069.59~~. THERE WAS 1 REMONSTRANCE LETTER RECEIVED FROM RONALD TUTOROW. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.56 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN IS \$22,500 - \$25,000. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$6.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. MIKE LONG SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE ASSESSMENT INCREASE HOWEVER, HE WANTS TO SEE WORK BEING DONE, LONG SPOKE OF AN INVASIVE AQUATIC WEED PROBLEM THAT WAS TO BE SPRAYED IN 2018. THE PARTICULAR WEED SEEMS TO DIE OUT IN HOT WEATHER. THE COMPANY THAT WAS GIVEN THE WORKORDER NEVER DID THE SPRAYING. ANOTHER WORKORDER WAS MADE IN 2020 FOR SPRAYING. THE CONTRACTOR AGAIN DID NOT SPRAY THE DITCH AND AGAIN THE WEED DIED OUT IN HOT WEATHER. LONG TOLD THE BOARD THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED THE LATTER PART OF APRIL OR BEGINNING OF MAY. LONG EXPRESSED TO

THE BOARD THAT HE WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE. MIKE BESSON AND JOHN POWELL BOTH SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE INCREASE. MARK WELDY WAS ALSO IN FAVOR ALTHOUGH HE THINKS THE INCREASE IS RATHER EXCESSIVE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO SET THE NEW RATE AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

WESTLAKE FETTERS HEARING:

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

PHIL MOCK
 LUANN MOCK
 LARRY MOCK
 JONATHAN McCULLOUGH
 MARY ROBYN TILSON
 CHIP MANG
 JON ROBERTS

DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER DENNIS DARR EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM THE BOARD DUE TO OWNING PROPERTY IN THE WESTLAKE FETTERS WATERSHED AREA. KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS IN NOVEMBER 1969. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN SEPTEMBER 1991. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 4.5 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 3.8 MILES OF TILE. THIS DRAIN HAS A LARGE REOCCURRING BEAVER DAM AT THE MOUTH WHERE IT EMPTIES INTO DEWART LAKE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$16,493.40~~. THERE WAS ONE REMONSTRANCE LETTER RECEIVED FROM SHAWN ROSE. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.62 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$17,000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. LARRY MOCK SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF KEEPING THE DITCH CLEANED OUT ALTHOUGH HE WOULD LIKE US TO CHECK WHETHER HIS FARM ALL DRAINS INTO THE WESTLAKE FETTERS DRAIN. JIM MADER SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT HIS PROPERTY ON DEFREES ROAD. HE HAS A LOW SPOT ON HIS PROPERTY. HE DISCUSSED SOME ISSUES WITH THE BOARD ABOUT A CULVERT UNDER THE ROAD AND DRIVEWAY CULVERTS. KISSINGER TOLD MR. MADER THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE. ROBYN TILSON CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REMONSTRATE AGAINST THE INCREASE. SHE FEELS THE INCREASE IS EXCESSIVE. SHE QUESTIONED WHY A HEARING WAS NOT HELD IN PREVIOUS YEARS WITH A MODEST INCREASE. GRONINGER INFORMED THE GALLERY THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET THROUGH AS MANY HEARINGS AS POSSIBLE AND THIS ONE IS LONG OVERDUE. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RATE AT \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE FOR A 5 YEAR PERIOD AND THEN REDUCE THE RATE PER ACRE TO \$7.00 WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE FIRST YEAR OF COLLECTION WILL BE 2021. THE RATE WILL BE REDUCED FOR THE 2026 COLLECTION. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION. CARY GRONINGER WAS IN FAVOR. DENNIS DARR ABSTAINED DUE TO OWNING PROPERTY IN THE WESTLAKE WATERSHED AREA.

DENNIS DARR AGAIN TOOK HIS SEAT ON THE BOARD.

PROPOSED HEARINGS:

HOOPENGARNER – WILL TUCKER – WILLIAM DORSEY

HOOPENGARNER:

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO THE BOARD. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 5 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN AND 2.4 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.25 WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS - **\$25,127.57**. THE LAST HEARING WAS OCTOBER 25, 2007 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% ON OCTOBER 24, 2015. THE HOOPENGARNER HAS BEEN IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN SINCE 2004. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND CARY GRONINGER WAS IN FAVOR. DENNIS DARR ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE DUE TO OWNING PROPERTY IN THE WATERSHED AREA. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2020.

WILL TUCKER DRAIN:

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO THE BOARD. WABASH COUNTY WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT HEARING. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 2.3 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN AND .40 MILE OF TILE. THE LAST HEARING WAS DECEMBER 3, 1971 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% ON JUNE 26, 2008. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.25 WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS - **\$1002.30**. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE IS \$3500 - \$5500 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT WATERSHED AREA DOES NOT GO INTO WABASH COUNTY. THE NEW WATERSHED AREA DOES. KISSINGER HAS CONTACTED THE MAJORITY OF AFFECTED LANDOWNERS IN WABASH COUNTY. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE RATE AT \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2020.

WILLIAM DORSEY DRAIN:

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 1600 FEET OF OPEN DRAIN AND 4500 FEET OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.25 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. WITH THE CURRENT LIDAR, THE WATERSHED AREA FOR THIS DRAIN HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS - **\$200.49**. THE LAST HEARING WAS HELD ON MAY 3, 1977 AND THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN 1980. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE RATE AT \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2020.

VANCUREN DRAIN REPAIR:

WILLIAM COFFING AS REPRESENTATIVE OF STUMP FARMS ALONG WITH JIM WAUGH – CONTRACTOR CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS A COST SHARE ON REPLACING SOME TILE ON THE VANCUREN DRAIN. THERE IS 1550 FEET OF 12 INCH TILE THAT NEEDS REPLACED. KISSINGER HAD AN ESTIMATE OF \$8000 - \$10,000 FOR TILE. THE LANDOWNER AGREED TO PAY FOR INSTALLATION. COFFING AND WAUGH TOLD THE BOARD THAT THEIR ESTIMATE IS APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 FOR FLEXIBLE DUAL WALL TILE (330 FOOT ROLLS) AND MISCELLANEOUS FITTINGS. THE TILE WILL BE INSTALLED WITH A TILE MACHINE. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COST SHARE WITH THE COUNTY PAYING FOR THE MATERIALS NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE VANCUREN DRAIN IS CURRENTLY IN DEBT AND THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE IS PUTTING TOGETHER RATES TO BRING TO THE BOARD FOR A HEARING.

25% INCREASES:

KISSINGER PRESENTED A REPORT OF SEVERAL DRAINS THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE RAISED 25%. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO RAISE THE FOLLOWING DRAINS 25%. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

GOSHERT, JAMES
 MELLOTT, ROY
 MILLER, JL
 NEFF OMAR PLAIN
 OLDFATHER, HENRY
 SLOAN-ADAMS
 WALLACE, EARL

CAUFFMAN PHASE II & PHASE III CONTRACT:

THERE WERE 3 BIDS RECEIVED ON THE CAUFFMAN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PHASE II & PHASE III.

EVEREST EXCAVATING:

PHASE II - \$43,806.00

PHASE III - \$21,469.00

INGRAM EXCAVATING:

PHASE II - \$26,406.20

PHASE III - \$11,882.40

LDP EXCAVATING:

PHASE II - \$28,348.00

PHASE III - \$14,304.00

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACTS TO THE LOWEST BIDDER (INGRAM EXCAVATING). JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:

7/7/2020

BIERCE	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$730.00	1158
BIERCE	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$1075.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & Son	\$220.00	1158
DEEDS CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$3532.96	2700
DORSEY MILTON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$296.78	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$1354.16	1158
GILLIAM WILLIAM	HAMBY & SON	\$507.50	1158
KEEFER EVANS	SCOTTS COVER CROPS LLC	\$61.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
OLDFATHER	HAMBY & SON	\$435.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2250.00	2700
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$6.56	1158
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$605.00	1158
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$510.00	1158
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	HAMBY & SON	\$1460.00	2700
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$396.38	1158
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$910.00	1158

WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$76.95	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2061.60	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1379.56	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
WYLAND	SHANKSTER BROS	\$205.38	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$11,867.45
GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,046.38

7/21/2020			
BIERCE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$125.00	1158
DEEDS CREEK	CRAIG EXCAVATING	\$4000.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$193.81	1158
PYLE JOHN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1398.72	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	SHANKSTER BROS	\$985.64	2700
TURKEY CREEK	THE PROPERTY COMPANY	\$1487.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$550.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$612.93	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$8,934.79
GENERAL DRAIN: \$318.81

JULY TOTALS:
MAINTENANCE: \$20,802.24
GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,365.19

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**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2020**

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
STEVE METZGER
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM JULY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – WYLAND DRAIN – ROBERT BLAIR:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS VARIANCE WAS TABLED FROM JUNE DUE TO THE FACT THAT NO ONE ATTENDED THE MEETING TO SPEAK TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD ABOUT THE VARIANCE REQUEST. THE LANDOWNER EXPANDED THE POND WITHOUT A POND PERMIT AND CUT INTO THE COUNTY TILE. THE COUNTY SURVEYOR INFORMED THE LANDOWNER THAT THE TILE WOULD NEED TO BE REROUTED AND KEPT 25 FEET AWAY FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK OF THE NEW POND. THE LANDOWNER HIRED A CONTRACTOR AND REPLACED THE TILE. WITH THE TILE HAVING TO BE MOVED, WE NOW HAVE SETBACK ISSUES WITH THE WELL, DECK ON THE HOUSE, NEW DECK THAT WAS PUT ON THE POLE BUILDING WITHOUT OBTAINING A VARIANCE, THE POND AND SEPTIC SYSTEM.

ARLEN HOSTETLER (B & B ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION), THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE POLE BUILDING AND DECK APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LANDOWNER. THE REPRESENTATIVE FILED FOR THE VARIANCE IN JUNE, HOWEVER THE LANDOWNER TOLD HIM THE TILE WAS IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HIS SUBCONTRACTOR WENT AHEAD AND BUILT THE DECK ON THE POLE BUILDING WITHOUT THE VARIANCE. THE LANDOWNER WAS INFORMED BY KISSINGER THAT A FREESTANDING DECK WOULD NOT NEED A VARIANCE DUE TO THE FACT THAT IS CONSIDERED A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE AND CAN BE REMOVED IN THE CASE THAT THE DRAIN NEEDS SOME MAINTENANCE. HOWEVER, THE DECK WAS ATTACHED TO THE POLE BUILDING. THE VARIANCE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

WELL - 72 FEET FROM DITCH

DECK #1 HOUSE - 54 FEET FROM DITCH

**DECK #2 POLE BUILDING - NEEDS TO BE DETACHED AND IS CONSIDERED A
TEMPORARY STRUCTURE – NO VARIANCE REQUIRED**

POND - 25 FEET FROM DITCH

SEPTIC SYSTEM - LOCATION COULD NOT BE DETERMINED FROM LANDOWNER OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT. LANDOWNER IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT THE COUNTY BEARS NO RESPONSIBILITY OF DAMAGE WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY TO THE SEPTIC SYSTEM. ANY NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM MUST BE INSTALLED NO LESS THAN 75 FEET FROM THE COUNTY TILE.

THE BRIDGE IS CONSIDERED A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE – NO VARIANCE REQUIRED. HOWEVER, THE LANDOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOVING IF WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE ON TILE.

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AS LISTED ABOVE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

DEEDS CREEK – PIKE LAKE:

JUSTIN BLOTKAMP FROM AQUATIC WEED CONTROL CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REPRESENTING THE PIKE LAKE ASSOCIATION. THE ASSOCIATION CONTRACTED AQUATIC WEED CONTROL TO DO A SEDIMENT STUDY OF 3 AREAS OF THE LAKE. ONE OF THE AREAS IS WHERE DEEDS CREEK EMPTIES INTO THE LAKE. THIS AREA HAS A LOT OF SEDIMENT. KISSINGER RECOMMENDED A SUMP AREA IN THE COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN AREA NORTH OF THE CHANNEL. MR. BLOTKAMP ASKED THE BOARD IF THERE WERE ANY FUNDS THAT WOULD ASSIST THE ASSOCIATION IN DREDGING THIS AREA. BOTH SIDES OF THE COUNTY DRAIN IN THIS AREA IS IN WETLANDS. THIS PROJECT IS IN THE BEGINNING STAGES. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE WELL WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS TO HELP ON THE PORTION OF THIS PROJECT THAT IS WITHIN THE DEEDS CREEK COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN. THE BOARD AGREED THAT THEY WOULD HELP WITH THE COST OF DREDGING THE COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN PART OF THIS PROJECT. NO DOLLAR AMOUNT WAS SET AT THIS TIME.

LEX DALTON – DITCH SPRAYING:

LEX DALTON CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ALONG WITH HIS PARTNER BRAD BOLINGER, TO EXPLAIN WHY THE MAJORITY OF THE SPRAYING FOR 2020 HAS NOT BEEN DONE. WE ISSUED WORKORDERS FOR APPROXIMATELY 38 MILES OF SPRAYING AND AT THIS POINT ONLY 10 MILES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. DALTON TOLD THE BOARD WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND HEALTH ISSUES WITH HIS BEST APPLICATOR, THE COMPANY WAS NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE THE WORKORDERS. DALTON ASKED FOR FORGIVENESS FROM THE BOARD AND PROMISED THAT THE INCOMPLETE WORKORDERS WILL BE DONE IN 2021 ALONG WITH THE SPRAYING FOR THAT YEAR. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE LETTERS THAT ARE SENT TO THE LANDOWNERS INFORMING THEM OF THE SPRAYING WILL LET THEM KNOW THAT IT WAS NOT ABLE TO BE COMPLETED IN 2020 AND WILL BE DONE IN 2021.

JOE IRWIN ASKED DALTON ABOUT THE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL FOR THE DANNER AND GAY EASTERDAY DRAINS. THIS WEED DIES OUT WHEN THE WEATHER AND WATER TURN WARM. THE COUNTY WILL BEGIN TREATING THIS AQUATIC WEED NEXT YEAR. DALTON ASSURED THE BOARD THAT THERE WILL BE NO COST INCREASE FOR THE SPRAYING THAT WAS NOT COMPLETED IN 2020.

VANCUREN PROPOSED MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING:

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO THE BOARD. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 9.4 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 11 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.88 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN ALSO INCLUDES THE LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT WHICH PAYS \$5.00 PER UNIT FOR THEIR OUTLET. THERE HAVE BEEN

SOME COST-SHARE PROJECTS WITH LANDOWNERS IN 2020. THE VANCURE CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$19,624.13 PER YEAR AND HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$31,347.51~~. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS 6/5/1980 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% ON 1/14/1981. THE ESTIMATED YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST FOR THE VANCUREN IS \$40,000.00. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE A RATE OF \$6.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE FOR LANDOWNERS. WE WILL ALSO INFORM THE LAKE LAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT OF THE POSSIBLE INCREASE TO \$10.00 PER UNIT BEFORE THE HEARING. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 22, 2020. JIM SCOTT WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING DUE TO OWNING LAND IN THE VANCUREN WATERSHED AREA.

OTHER BUSINESS:

WELCH RECONSTRUCTION:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WENT BEFORE THE COUNTY COUNCIL AT THE BUDGET HEARING REQUESTING \$60,000.00 FOR THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND DUE TO A LARGE RECONSTRUCTION THAT IS NEEDED. THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS APPROXIMATELY \$325,000.00. THERE ARE SEVERAL SMALLER RECONSTRUCTIONS THAT NEED TO BE DONE, HOWEVER THE LARGE ONE IS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST. MIKE LONG – COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER CONTACTED KISSINGER WITH ANOTHER AVENUE TO COMPLETE THIS LARGE RECONSTRUCTION. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE HAS HAD OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS CONTACT HIM AS WELL. HIS SUGGESTION IS TO HAVE THE PROJECT COMPLETED OUT OF THE EDIT AND/OR RAINY-DAY FUND AND HAVE IT PAID BACK BY THE LANDOWNERS. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WITHDREW THE \$60,000.00 REQUEST FROM THE BUDGET AND WILL ASK THE COUNCIL TO FUND THE PROJECT WITH THE EDIT AND/OR RAINY-DAY FUND.

JOHN PYLE DRAIN:

STEVE MILLER AND JOE HALSTROM FROM CREIGHTON BROTHERS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ABOUT THE UPCOMING RECONSTRUCTION ON THE JOHN PYLE DITCH. THIS DITCH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN A PASTURE FIELD WITH CATTLE. THE DRAINAGE BOARD WOULD NOT RECONSTRUCT THE DITCH AS LONG AS THERE WERE STILL CATTLE IN THE AREA. THE CATTLE TRAMPLED THE BANKS OF THE DITCH. IT HAS BEEN ON THE RECONSTRUCTION LIST FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS. THIS DRAIN IS IN A WETLAND AREA AND THE SPOIL WOULD HAVE TO BE HAULED TO HIGH GROUND. IT WAS QUESTIONED WHETHER THIS NEEDED TO BE A RECONSTRUCTION OR IT COULD BE DONE OUT OF MAINTENANCE. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE SENT HIS ASSISTANT OUT TO SURVEY THIS DRAIN LAST FALL AND HE HAD TROUBLE TAKING SHOTS WITH THE LASER. HE INFORMED KISSINGER THAT THE AREA WOULD NEED TO BE MOWED TO GET THE SHOTS THAT WE NEED. THE BOARD AGREED TO CLEAN THE SHORT STRETCH NORTH OF CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD NOW. WE WILL ALSO SURVEY THE AREA SOUTH OF CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD TO SEE IF IT NEEDS TO BE DONE AS A RECONSTRUCTION OR THE PROJECT COULD BE DONE FROM MAINTENANCE. THE BOARD AGREED TO DO THE PROJECT OUT OF MAINTENANCE SOUTH OF CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD IF IT FALLS IN THE REALM OF A MAINTENANCE PROJECT. IF THE SURVEY SHOWS IT NEEDS TO BE A RECONSTRUCTION, THE MOTION WOULD BE VOID. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROACH THE PROJECT AS LISTED ABOVE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CAUFFMAN – PHASE II & PHASE III:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE TIF PROJECT AND THE RECONSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. LOUIS DREYFUS SAYS THEIR WATER IS NOT LEAVING THE SITE AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD CHECK OUT THIS ISSUE.

NEVIN McCONNELL – DANA CORPORATION CULVERT – RAILROAD AVENUE:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS DRAIN HAS BEEN SURVEYED AND IT WILL MORE THAN LIKELY BE A COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT. THE CULVERT THAT DANA CORPORATION PUT IN IS 2 ½ FEET TOO HIGH. THE CULVERT WAS INSTALLED WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE DRAINAGE BOARD.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:**8/4/2020**

ELDER	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
FLEUGLE	HAMBY & SON	\$580.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HOHMAN EXC	\$6716.64	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	LDP EXCAVATING	\$11,740.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	GARY DANT	\$510.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2682.41	2700
PYLE JOHN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$3154.24	2700
ROBINSON RUHAMA	HOHMAN EXC	\$891.94	2700
ROBINSON RUHAMA	HOHMAN EXC	\$2984.53	1158
ROSS ALFRED	NEIDLINGER FARM TILE CLEANING	\$450.00	1158
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$90.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3247.50	1158
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$1447.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	402.76	2700
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$1529.50	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	HOHMAN EXC	\$287.12	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	HOHMAN EXC	\$782.08	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HOHMAN EXC	\$2186.13	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$25,321.60
GENERAL DRAIN: \$14,900.75

8/18/2020

CAUFFMAN PHASE II TIF	INGRAM EXC	\$22,445.27	TIF
CAUFFMAN PHASE III	INGRAM EXC	\$10,100.04	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
ELDER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$863.69	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON	\$837.50	2700
FUNK	HAMBY & SON	\$435.00	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$4640.00	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	LDP EXCAVATING	\$360.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCH	HAMBY & SON	\$825.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCH	GARY DANT	\$210.00	1158
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$540.00	1158
PHILLIPS WALTER	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	2700
POLE RUN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$157.91	2700

POLE RUN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$3915.00	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$300.00	1158
TURKEY CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$712.50	2700
VANCUREN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$10,755.83	1158
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$605.00	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4563.75	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$990.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$13,685.35
GENERAL DRAIN: \$27,805.87
TIF: \$22,445.27

AUGUST TOTALS:
MAINTENANCE: \$39,006.95
GENERAL DRAIN: \$42,706.62
TIF: \$22,445.27

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN

NOT PRESENT:

STEVE METZGER

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM AUGUST AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

HOOPENGARNER VARIANCE: BEYOND LANDSCAPING

RUSTY RUMFELT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING 2 VARIANCES FOR BUILDINGS ON THE HOOPENGARNER DRAIN. BEYOND LANDSCAPING WOULD LIKE TO BUILD 2 STRUCTURES WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE HOOPENGARNER DRAIN. THE NORTH BUILDING THE LANDOWNER WOULD LIKE TO BE 20 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. THE SOUTH BUILDING (LEAN TO) THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE 30 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE VARIANCE FOR THE SOUTH STRUCTURE. IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE FOR THE NORTH STRUCTURE AT 35 FEET. THE LANDOWNER ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO RELOCATE THE DITCH. THE BOARD AGREED TO LET THE LANDOWNER RELOCATE THE DRAIN WITH THE SPECS OF THE NEW ROUTE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE 35 FOOT VARIANCE IS GRANTED FROM THE EXISTING DITCH OR RELOCATED DITCH.

HOOPENGARNER MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT HEARING:

DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER DENNIS DARR EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM THE BOARD DUE TO OWNING PROPERTY IN THE HOOPENGARNER WATERSHED AREA.

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

ALBERT SCHAFFER – BLACK WALNUT FARMS
WAYNE & MARY SHOLTY – MELLOW ACRE FARMS

REMONSTRANCE LETTERS:

JOHN & CAROL HURD

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THEIS DRAIN WAS 10/25/2007. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% ON 10/24/2015. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 5 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 2.4 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS **-\$25,127.57**. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE \$1.25 WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN THE DRAIN IS \$15,000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. WAYNE SHOLTY SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE INCREASE. HE TOLD THE BOARD HE UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR THE RATE INCREASE HOWEVER, HE FEELS THE MINIMUM INCREASE IS TOO HIGH. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RATE AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND CARY GRONINGER WAS IN FAVOR. DENNIS DARR ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE DUE TO OWNING PROPERTY IN THE HOOPENGARNER WATERSHED AREA.

DENNIS DARR AGAIN TOOK HIS SEAT ON THE BOARD.

TUCKER WILL MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING:

JOINT HEARING WABASH COUNTY

WABASH COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO THE HEARING

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

MATTHEW ENYEART

MAX & IRENE METZGER

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS 12/3/1971. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% ON 6/26/2008. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 2.3 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND .40 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.25 WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$244.02. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN IS \$5500.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MATTHEW ENYEART SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT HIS PROPERTY. HE OWNS PROPERTY IN KOSCIUSKO AND WABASH COUNTIES. HE FEELS THE MAINTENANCE INCREASE IS EXCESSIVE. JIM SCOTT SAID IT HAS BEEN 49 YEARS SINCE THE LAST HEARING SO IT DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RATE AS ADVERTISED. THE RATE WILL BE \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

DORSEY WILLIAM MAINTENANCE HEARING:

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

ERIC ENGELBERTH

RICHARD L VESTER

MARY BAKER

REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED:

RICHARD ROBINETT

SUPPORT LETTERS RECEIVED:

STEVE SHANKSTER

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS 5/3/1977. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN 1980. THE DRAIN HAS 1600 FEET OF OPEN DITCH AND 4500 FEET OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.25 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLEY HAS A BALANCE OF **-\$200.49**. THE ESTIMATED

ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN IS \$1800.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION. WITH THE NEW TECHNOLOGY, THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO CREATE WATERSHEDS WITH LIDAR DATA. THE NEW WATERSHED IS MUCH LARGER THAN THE CURRENT WATERSHED. ERIC ENGELBERTH SPOKE TO THE BOARD AGAINST THE PROPOSAL. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAD BEEN DONE TO CREATE THE NEW WATERSHED. HE FEELS THE FAIREST WAY WOULD BE FOR ALL THE LANDOWNERS TO PAY A HIGHER RATE PER ACRE AND THERE SHOULD NOT BE A MINIMUM. MARY BAKER SPOKE TO THE BOARD AND SURVEYOR ABOUT WHICH TREES WOULD BE CUT DOWN AND ROUTINE SPRAYING. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEW RATES AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JJ O'CONNELL VACATION REQUEST:
MINER FAMILY PROPERTIES/NRCS**

MINER FAMILY PROPERTIES AND THE NRCS PETITIONED THE COUNTY TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE JJ O'CONNELL DRAIN IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19-32-7 FOR WETLANDS. THE VACATION LIES ONLY ON THE PETITIONERS PROPERTY. THE VACATION WOULD BEGIN 85 FEET FROM THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF THE MINER PROPERTY. THE LANDOWNERS AND THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE OUTLET BOX. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VACATION. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SWICK MEREDITH:

MARTIN FARMS WOULD LIKE TO REPLACE SOME TILE ON THEIR PROPERTY. THE TILE NEEDS UPSIZED. THE COST FOR THE COUNTY WOULD BE TO REPLACE THE TILE THE SAME AS THE EXISTING SIZE. MARTIN FARMS ARE WILLING TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE IN THE SIZE OF THE TILE IF THE COUNTY WOULD FIX THE ISSUE AT THIS TIME. THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 2400 FEET OF TILE THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. IF THE BOARD AGREES, THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SPECS AND GET QUOTES. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:

9/1/2020

CAUFFMAN TIF	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$142.00	4400
ELDER	DALTONS	\$1836.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$275.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	DALTONS	\$1530.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	DALTONS	\$1224.00	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	LDP EXCAVATING	\$4500.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4340.13	2700
TURKEY CREEK	DALTONS	\$4896.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$385.00	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3712.50	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$22,423.63

GENERAL DRAIN: \$715.00

9/15/20

KOONTZ MARY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$300.80	1158
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$4134.80	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$420.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1456.92	2700
TURKEY CREEK	BEER & SLABAUGH	\$1900.00	2700
VANCUREN	WAUGH FARM DRAINAGE	\$3150.00	1158

MAINTENANCE: \$3356.92

GENERAL DRAIN: \$8395.60

9/29/20

CAUFFMAN TIF	SHANKSTER BROS	\$20.48	4400
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
FLEUGLE	KOLESIK CONST	\$1100.00	2700
FLEUGLE	KOLESIK CONST	\$24555.00	2700
FUNK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$431.54	2700
FUNK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$601.33	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$183.38	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$90.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
POLE RUN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$925.12	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1129.59	1158
WALNUT CREEK	OLDFATHER EXC	\$2565.00	21700

MAINTENANCE: \$30,597.99

GENERAL DRAIN: \$1,458.07

SEPTEMBER TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE: \$56,378.54

GENERAL DRAIN: \$10,568.87

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2020**

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN
STEVE METZGER

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – FLEUGLE – STEVE KAUFFMAN

STEVE KAUFFMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PLACE 50x72 FOOT BUILDING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY ON THE FLEUGLE DRAIN. KAUFFMAN INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE OVERHANG AND THE CONCRETE PAD ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE DIMENSIONS. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY HAS JUST COMPLETED CLEANING THE DITCH TO THE SOUTH OF THE PROPERTY. THERE IS NOT A SEPTIC SYSTEM PLANNED FOR THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AT 50 FEET. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – ENOCH FELKNER DRAIN – SHERLOCK FAMILY:

TABLED TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING DUE TO THE VARIANCE NOT BEING RETURNED TO THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE AND NO ONE ATTENDING THE MEETING TO REPRESENT THE PROPERTY. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE VARIANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – TURKEY CREEK – POLYWOOD:

STEVE SNYDER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REPRESENTING POLYWOOD FOR A VARIANCE TO PLACE A DETENTION POND WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY ON TURKEY CREEK. PETE GARBER FROM DJ CONSTRUCTION WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE REPRESENTING POLYWOOD. POLYWOOD WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAULING ANY SPOIL AWAY IN THIS AREA IF TURKEY CREEK WAS TO BE CLEANED OUT AS STATED ON THE VARIANCE. SNYDER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT POLYWOOD IS FULLY AWARE THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPOIL. THE SIDE SLOPES FOR THE DETENTION POND ARE 3-1. POLYWOOD IS REQUESTING THE VARIANCE BE FOR 40 FEET FROM TOP OF THE DITCH BANK TO THE TOE OF THE MOUND OF THE DETENTION POND. SNYDER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE ARE SOME WATER LINES THAT HAD TO BE MOVED AND ARE IN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE WATER LINES ARE FINE, THAT THE LANDOWNER JUST NEEDS TO INFORM THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE (THERE

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IS A FORM ON THE WEBSITE) OF THE WATER LINES BEING MOVED INTO THE RIGHT OF WAY. IF THEY WERE TO MOVE THEM UNDER THE DITCH, THERE WOULD BE MORE PAPERWORK THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO COMPLETE MOVING THEM. THESE PARTICULAR WATER LINES ALREADY GO UNDER TURKEY CREEK. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 40 FEET SETBACK FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK TO THE TOE OF THE DETENTION POND. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VANCUREN ASSESSMENT HEARING:

DRAINAGE BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN JIM SCOTT EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM THE BOARD DUE TO OWNING PROPERTY IN THE VANCUREN WATERSHED AREA.

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

JOANIE FOREMAN

BRUCE FOREMAN

THOMAS PLETCHER

JIM HANEY (LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT PRESIDENT)

REMONSTRANCE LETTERS:

PETE GROSS

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THEIS DRAIN WAS 6/5/1980. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% ON 1/14/1981. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 9.4 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 11 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT ANNUAL COLLECTION IS \$ 19,624.13 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$19,004.61~~. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE \$1.88 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT PAYS \$5.00 PER UNIT INTO THIS DRAIN. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN THE DRAIN IS \$40,000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$6.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE PROPOSED RATE FOR THE LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT IS \$10.00 PER UNIT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD SOME FEEDBACK FROM SMALL PARCEL LANDOWNERS THAT WERE CONCERNED WITH THE LARGE INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM ASSESSMENT. THOSE LANDOWNERS FELT THAT THE INCREASE IN THE RATE PER ACRE AND THE MINIMUM SHOULD MORE CLOSELY REFLECT ONE ANOTHER. AT A \$50.00 MINIMUM THE SMALL TRACTS WOULD BE PAYING AN AVERAGE OF \$21.00+ PER ACRE.

JIM HANEY – PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR. HE WANTED CLARIFICATION ON HOW THE SEWER DISTRICT WOULD BE CHARGED. KISSINGER INFORMED MR. HANEY THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE WITH THE SAME AS IN THE PAST. THE SEWER DISTRICT WILL INFORM THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE OF HOW MANY UNITS FOR THAT YEAR BY FEBRUARY 1ST. HE ALSO WANTED CLARIFICATION THAT IF AND WHEN THE DRAIN MAY HAVE THE 4 TIMES THE ANNUAL COLLECTION IN THE BALANCE AND WHETHER THE SEWER DISTRICT WOULD STILL HAVE TO PAY. THE BOARD INFORMED MR. HANEY THAT IF THE DRAIN WOULD EVER STOP COLLECTING, BECAUSE OF THE 4X BALANCE THE STATUTE REQUIRES THE DRAINAGE BOARD TO STOP COLLECTION UNTIL WHICH TIME THE FUND DROPS BELOW THE 4X AMOUNT. THE SEWER DISTRICT WOULD ALSO NOT BE CHARGED UNTIL THE BALANCE WOULD FALL BELOW THE 4 TIMES THE ANNUAL COLLECTION.

BRUCE AND JOANIE FOREMAN SPOKE TO THE BOARD. THEY ARE NOT COMPLETELY AGAINST THE RATE INCREASE HOWEVER; THEY FEEL THE MINIMUM INCREASE IS EXCESSIVE. SHE ALSO SPOKE OF A DRAINAGE PROBLEM WITH A CULVERT UNDER THE

ROAD. KISSINGER TOLD HER HE WOULD SPEAK TO THE COUNTY HIGHWAY ABOUT THE CULVERT.

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO SET THE RATE AT \$6.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. THE LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT WILL BE ASSESSED AT \$10.00 PER UNIT. A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE WILL APPLY TO BOTH THE LANDOWNERS IN THE SHED AREA AND THE SEWER DISTRICT. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

JIM SCOTT AGAIN TOOK HIS SEAT ON THE BOARD.

DEEDS CREEK – PIKE LAKE – JUSTIN BLOTKAMP:

JUSTIN BLOTKAMP FROM AQUATIC WEED CONTROL- REPRESENTING PIKE LAKE ASSOCIATION SPOKE TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE DEEDS CREEK INLET TO PIKE LAKE. THE PIKE LAKE ASSOCIATION RECEIVED A GRANT FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR UPSTREAM DEEDS CREEK TO SEE IF IT WOULD HELP WITH THE WATER LEVEL IN THE CHANNEL. THE WATER IS SO SHALLOW THAT THE LANDOWNERS CANNOT GET A KAYAK TO GO THROUGH THAT AREA. BLOTKAMP PRESENTED 2 DIFFERENT PLANS TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD. HE WAS REQUESTING POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEEDS CREEK DRAINAGE FUND WITH THE DREDGING PROJECT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE BELIEVES THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE JURISDICTION ALL THE WAY TO THE LAKE, BUT ONLY THE WIDTH OF THE DITCH. THE BOARD INFORMED BLOTKAMP THAT THEY WOULD GET THEIR OWN ESTIMATES FOR THE PORTION THAT AFFECTS THE COUNTY DRAIN AND COORDINATE WITH THE CONTRACTOR THAT THE ASSOCIATION WOULD HIRE. AT THIS POINT, THE BOARD DID NOT AGREE WITH AN AMOUNT THAT THEY WOULD COVER FOR THIS PROJECT. GRONINGER SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT A COST/BENEFIT FOR THE PROJECT BEFORE THE BOARD WILL AGREE WITH THE AMOUNT WE WOULD COMMIT TO.

JAMES WELCH RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS SPOKEN WITH SOME OF THE LANDOWNERS ON THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. THE ESTIMATE FOR THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS \$357,000.00. SEVERAL OF THE LANDOWNERS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING TO DISCUSS OTHER OPTIONS FOR THIS PROJECT. KISSINGER SUGGESTED TABLING THIS THE DISCUSSION UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING AND HE WILL MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO MEET ANYTIME BEFORE THE NOVEMBER MEETING. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL NOVEMBER. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

OTHER BUSINESS:

TURKEY CREEK DAM PROJECT UPDATE:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE TURKEY CREEK/SYRACUSE DAM PROJECT IS COMPLETE. WE HAVE RECEIVED OUR PORTION OF THE CONTRACT (LESS THE ENGINEERING FEES) FOR THE BANK STABILIZATION DOWNSTREAM OF THE DAM ONLY OF TURKEY CREEK.

RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

JOE IRWIN ASKED IF WE COULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEXT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. KISSINGER INFORMED HIM THAT WE ARE WAITING FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY TO REPLACE A PIPE UNDER STATE ROAD 19 BEFORE WE COULD START THE PROJECT.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:**10/13/20**

ELDER	RIGHT OF WAY MGMT	\$1020.25	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4762.28	1158
PYLE JOHN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$7864.34	2700
PYLE JOHN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$7805.66	1158
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$320.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$9,204.59
GENERAL DRAIN: \$12,567.94

10/27/2020

ALSPAUGH HAINES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$495.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$390.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$362.50	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$7840.38	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$4730.38	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$400.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$867.08	1158
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$112.59	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1470.49	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$41564.51	2700
TURKEY CREEK	PRECISE PILE DRIVING	\$70519.75	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3275.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1500.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HOHMAN EXC	\$444.96	2700
WYLAND	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$892.19	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$121,071.90
GENERAL DRAIN: \$14,182.93

OCTOBER TOTALS:
MAINTENANCE: \$130,276.49
GENERAL DRAIN: \$26,750.87

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN
STEVE METZGER

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM OCTOBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – ENOCH FELKNER DRAIN – SHERLOCK FAMILY:

THIS VARIANCE WAS TABLED FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING. THE VARIANCE WAS NOT RETURNED TO THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE AND NO ONE SHOWED UP TO REPRESENT THE PROPERTY. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO DISMISS THE VARIANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – WYLAND – SAM STIMMEL:

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS VARIANCE TO THE DECEMBER MEETING DUE TO NO ONE HERE TO REPRESENT THE PROPERTY. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

SAM STIMMEL SHOWED UP TO REQUEST THE VARIANCE. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO REOPEN THE DISCUSSION FOR THIS VARIANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

STIMMEL CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PLACE A MOBILE HOME ON A LOT AT SELLERS LAKE. THE LOT IS 100' X 100'. STIMMEL WAS REQUESTING TO PUT THE MOBILE HOME (14'X65') IN THE SAME PLACE AS THE FORMER MOBILE HOME. THE WELL AND SEPTIC ARE ON THE ROAD SIDE OF THE PROPERTY. KISSINGER TOLD STIMMEL THAT IF WE WOULD NEED TO CLEAN THE DITCH AND THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM TO SPREAD THE SPOIL, STIMMEL WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAULING THE SPOIL AWAY. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 55 FEET. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

JAMES WELCH LANDOWNER MEETING DISCUSSION:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE LANDOWNER MEETING WAS HELD MONDAY 11/16/20. THERE WERE 8 LANDOWNERS PRESENT. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD BRING MORE INFORMATION TO THE DECEMBER MEETING.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT DOING THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN PHASES. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT IF THIS IS THE OPTION CHOSEN, HE WOULD NEED A COMMITMENT FROM THE BOARD THAT THE SECOND PHASE WOULD DEFINITELY BE COMPLETED.

LECKRONE NELSON HEARING DISCUSSION:

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 8.2 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 4.6 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.95 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN HAS A CURRENT BALANCE OF ~~-\$21,980.75~~. THE LAST HEARING WAS IN FEBRUARY 1974 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN MAY 1981. THE ESTIMATED YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST IS \$25,000.00 FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS. KISSINGER PRESENTED SAMPLE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT RATES RANGING FORM \$5.00 - \$8.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE A RATE OF \$7.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

VARIANCE – MARTIN PETERSON – NICK CHAPMAN:

NICK CHAPMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A DETACHED GARAGE WITHIN THE 75' DRAINAGE EASEMENT. HE IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE FOR 25 FEET. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED TO TABLE THE VARIANCE UNTIL THE DECEMBER MEETING AND THE SURVEYORS OFFICE PERSONNEL WOULD GO OUT TO THE SITE AND TAKE SOME MEASUREMENTS. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE VARIANCE REQUEST UNTIL THE DECEMBER MEETING. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

STEVE METZGER REAPPOINTMENT:

KISSINGER ASKED STEVE METZGER IF HE WOULD LIKE TO BE REAPPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE DRAINAGE BOARD FOR THE NEXT TERM. METZGER AGREED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD. THE LETTER OF INTENT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

TURKEY CREEK/NEVIN McCONNELL – POLYWOOD LOCATION:

DENNIS DARR ASKED THE SURVEYOR WHERE THIS SURVEY STANDS AT THIS POINT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE STILL NEEDS TO SURVEY PART OF THIS DITCH. PERMITS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CLEAN THIS AREA.

COPPESS – TOM FARMS:

DARR ASKED WHERE WE STAND ON THIS DRAIN. THE SURVEYORS OFFICE IS HELPING WITH THIS PROJECT. THIS IS NOT AN EXISTING COUNTY DRAIN.

RUPLE DRAIN:

DARR ASKED WHERE WE STAND ON THIS PROJECT. KISSINGER TOLD HIM WE HAVE A WORKORDER FILLED OUT TO DIP THE OPEN DITCH TO GET THE TILE OUTLET ABOVE WATER. AFTER THE TILE IS CLEAR, THE COUNTY WILL REPLACE THE TILE COMING INTO THE OPEN DITCH.

ISAIAH KUHN DRAIN:

DARR ASKED IF THERE ARE PLANS TO CLEAN THIS DITCH. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY PLANS TO CLEAN THIS DITCH, HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME TREES DOWNED FROM A TORNADO THAT NEED TO BE REMOVED. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE AREA IN QUESTION.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:**11/10/2020**

CAUFFMAN PHASE 2	SHANKSTER BROS	\$194.30	TIF
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6910.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$224.03	1158
DORSEY MILTON	HAMBY & SON	\$620.00	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
GARBER JOSIAH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$76.15	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	GARY DANT	\$420.00	1158
KELLY H C	HAMBY & SON	\$875.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	GARY DANT	\$90.00	1158
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
OLDFATHER	HAMBY & SON	\$455.00	1158
OLDFATHER	SHANKSTER BROS	\$51.35	1158
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$690.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$691.57	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$5431.97	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2735.83	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$17,322.80

GENERAL DRAIN: \$2,898.10

11/24/2020

DEEDS CREEK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$628.15	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4752.85	2700
FLEUGLE	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$2425.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	GARY DANT	\$360.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$287.83	1158
MAINT NON REPAY	HAMMAN	\$240.00	
PETERSON MARTIN	HOHMAN EXC	\$623.06	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$374.62	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$1055.00	2700
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$570.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	LDP EXCAVATING	\$6629.23	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	LDP EXCAVATING	\$1833.27	1158
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$870.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$11931.44	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	KOLESIK CONST	\$1535.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$334.00	2700
WYLAND	SHEPS EXCAVATING	\$1583.30	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$31,998.59
GENERAL DRAIN: \$3,974.16

NOVEMBER TOTALS:
MAINTENANCE: \$49,321.39
GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,872.26
MAINTENANCE NON REPAYABLE: \$240.00

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2020**

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
JOE IRWIN
STEVE METZGER

NOT PRESENT:

DENNIS DARR

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE – MARTIN PETERSON – NICK CHAPMAN:

THIS VARIANCE WAS TABLED FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING. AFTER SOME RESEARCH, THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE FOUND THERE IS A VARIANCE FOR A DISTANCE OF 45 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK FROM 1985 FOR A GARAGE. THE OFFICE COULD NOT FIND ANY CONFIRMATION THAT THE GARAGE WAS EVER BUILT. THE BOARD DECIDED NOT TO ISSUE A NEW VARIANCE AND LET THE LANDOWNER KEEP THE EXISTING 45 FOOT VARIANCE IN PLACE. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO KEEP THE EXISTING VARIANCE IN PLACE AND DENY A NEW ONE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD CONTACT THE LANDOWNER WITH THIS INFORMATION.

JAMES WELCH RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION:

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

STEVE MILLER – CREIGHTON BROTHERS

KISSINGER REMINDED THE BOARD THAT THE LANDOWNERS MET MONDAY 11/16/20 WITH THE SURVEYOR TO DISCUSS THE WELCH RECONSTRUCTION. THERE WERE 8 LANDOWNERS PRESENT. KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD THE MINUTES OF THE LANDOWNER MEETING AT THE NOVEMBER DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING. THE LANDOWNERS SENT A LETTER INTO THE DRAINAGE BOARD EXPRESSING THEIR OPINION ON THE RECONSTRUCTION.

Dear Kosciusko County Drainage Board,

We, as landowners in the James Welch Watershed, are writing you to make you aware of what we are proposing to do in place of what the Surveyor's Office is proposing. We

all acknowledge that there are issues with this tile, and it is in need of attention. Our proposal is that we replace the existing tile starting at CR 200S, however increase the size to 24" past the low hole along CR 200 S to match what is under CR 200S before possibly reducing to 18". We would then continue to replace the tile for an additional 3,000' or until we are past the degraded tile that is causing the repair work between CR 200S and CR 950W. This tile size has drained this area for over 90 years and after multiple repairs by others is now a "hodge-podge" and would benefit from a new tile. The other concern that has been voiced is the low hole located along CR 200S. It is our understanding that there is no tile that runs into this low spot we propose that more investigation is done to get a better understanding of this issue. There is a riser located on the west side of the driveway, but there is no culvert to let the water cross under. It would appear that the proposed changes would not have a major effect on the rare occasion of the road flooding, but may be addressed better by running a spur up towards the low area and making it part of this county tile and project. We also acknowledge that if after repairing the bad section of tile it shows that it is restricted by the size of the tile on the north side of CR 200S, we may be asked in the future to fund changes.

SIGNATURES INCLUDED:

JIM WISE
JEFF WISE
PAUL MANGUN
TYLER & MELISSA BOUSE
B J ROMINE
STEVE MILLER – CREIGHTON BROS
TERRY KIRCHENSTIEN
TODD SMITH

95% OF LANDOWNERS REPRESENTED – OTHER LANDOWNER IN FLORIDA

STEVE MILLER – REPRESENTING CREIGHTON BROTHERS RECEIVED AN QUOTE FROM A CONTRACTOR FOR RECONSTRUCTING FROM COUNTY ROAD 200 SOUTH TO COUNTY ROAD 950 WEST. THE LANDOWNERS ARE CONTEMPLATING THE PROJECT ON THEIR OWN. KISSINGER INFORMED THEM THAT THE WORK WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD/COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE SPECIFICATIONS. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT PHASES OF THIS PROJECT. THE BOARD EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT NOT FIXING THE ISSUE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 200 SOUTH WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OR WITH THE FIRST PHASE. CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN REQUESTED HAVING STEVE MILLER FROM CREIGHTONS GET QUOTES FOR THE PROJECT. MILLER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD WORK WITH KISSINGER TO GET THE QUOTES FOR THE PROJECT. KISSINGER SAID THE OFFICE WILL PREPARE THE SPECS FOR THE PRIVATE JOB. GRONINGER WANTS A QUOTE FOR 24 AND 30 INCH TILE FROM THE OPEN DITCH TO COUNTY ROAD 200 SOUTH. ALSO A QUOTE FOR SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD 200 SOUTH TO COUNTY ROAD 950 SOUTH. THE BOARD AGREED TO READDRESS THE WELCH RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION AT THE JANUARY 2021 MEETING.

SLOAN ADAMS VACATION REQUEST – LOUIS DREYFUS:

LOUIS DREYFUS COMMODITIES PETITIONED FOR THE VACATION OF A TILE ON THEIR PROPERTY. LOUIS DREYFUS IS LOOKING AT AN EXPANSION OF THEIR FACILITY. THE VERY UPPER END OF THE COUNTY TILE RUNS ON THIS PROPERTY. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VACATION FROM THE END OF THE TILE TO THE EAST EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 15 (PENDING NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONER). JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. STEVE METZGER WAS IN FAVOR. CARY

GRONINGER ABSTAINED FROM THE MOTION DUE TO A CONTRACT WITH LOUIS DREYFUS.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RUPLE DRAIN – BOB BISHOP:

JOE IRWIN TOLD THE BOARD THAT BOB BISHOP CONTACTED HIM ABOUT THE RUPLE DRAIN. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO GET THE WATER LEVEL DOWN SO THAT THE COUNTY CAN REPLACE SOME TILE AND REMOVE TREES.

SUE GLADIEUX RETIREMENT PARTY:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SUE WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE OFFICE AFTER 47 YEARS OF SERVICE ON DECEMBER 30TH. THE BOARD IS INVITED TO A RETIREMENT PARTY ON THAT DAY TO WISH SUE A HAPPY RETIREMENT AND TO THANK HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:

12/8/2020

CAUFFMAN PHASE II TIF	INGRAM EXCAVATING	\$4065.79	4400
FLEUGLE	CLUNETTE ELEVATOR	\$92.50	2700
MAINT NON REPAYABLE	GARY DANT	\$420.00	
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
UNRUCH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$559.74	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	ED BOGGS FARMS	\$250.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1503.16	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$240.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	NEIDLINGER FARM TILE	\$500.00	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3657.76	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$7,133.16
MAINTENANCE NON REPAYABLE: \$420.00
TIF: \$4065.79

12/22/2020

DEEDS CREEK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$442.84	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$2290.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	SITE WORX SERVICES	\$1275.00	2700
GARBER JOSIAH	HAMBY & SON	\$290.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$556.42	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$730.00	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$8970.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$4005.00	2700
POLE RUN	SWANSON EXC	\$1907.50	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	SWANSON EXC	\$985.00	1158
SILVEUS	HOHMAN EXC	\$4069.97	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	KOLESIK CONST	\$6735.50	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4937.50	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$30,983.34
GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,631.39

DECEMBER TOTALS:
MAINTENANCE: \$38,116.50
GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,631.39
MAINTENANCE NON REPAYABLE: \$420.00
TIF: \$4065.79