

Surveyor's Report For The

MARTIN PETERSON

County Regulated Drain

-Hearing to Consider Increasing Maintenance Assessment-

Date of Hearing: 5/23/2019, 9:00am

Current Data:

Total Acreage of Watershed: 7300

Length of Tile: 15 miles

Length of Open Ditch: 14.5 miles

Annual Collection: \$14,594.56

Balance **(Debt): -18,001.82**

Current Assessment Rate: \$1.88/acre & \$6.25 minimum

Scheduled to stop collection when balance equals or exceeds four (4) times the annual collection amount (\$14,594.56 x 4 = \$58,378.24). Collection currently would begin again when balance falls below four (4) year collection amount.

History:

-Last public hearing was Feb. 1984

-Assessment rate was raised 25% in Sept. 1997

-Drain has been in debt since April 2000 (Maximum debt was \$78,200 in April 2012)

-Repairs 2000 thru 2010 averaged \$12,200/year

- Maintenance work since 2012 has been limited to small repairs and essentials ONLY due to funding

Drainage Board PROPOSED ASSESSMENT: \$3.50/acre & \$25.00 minimum

Drainage Board PROPOSED TOTAL ASSESSMENT: \$33,176.44

Proposed to stop collection when balance equals or exceeds four (4) times the annual collection amount (\$33,176.44 x 4 = \$132,705.76). Collection would begin again when balance falls below four (4) year collection amount.

Projected/Estimated average yearly maintenance cost: \$20,000

Typical Regulated Drain Maintenance Activities:

Tile repair, Tile replacement, Catch basin installation and repair, outlet protection, Brush clearing, Excavation of the open ditch, Bank stabilization, Brush control/mowing, Herbicide application, Seeding, DNR/Army Corp. Permit application fees, etc.

IMPORTANT: Ledger, work orders & receipts are available to the public for viewing in the Office of the Kosciusko County Surveyor, Courthouse-100 West Center St., Warsaw, IN