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**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – 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 AND MINUTES FROM DECEMBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – HC KELLY – McMANUS – 003-054-048:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS IS A LANDOWNER THAT IS TRYING TO REPAIR MISSTEPS THAT A CONTRACTOR HAS MADE. AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER INFORMED THE SURVEYORS OFFICE OF SOME DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA. ONCE ONSITE, THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE OBSERVED THE INGROUNDED POOL BEING INSTALLED. KISSINGER CONTACTED THE CONTRACTOR AND TOLD HIM HE NEEDED TO STOP AND GET ALL OF THE NEEDED PERMITS. THE CONTRACTOR DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH AND THE LANDOWNER IS TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO MAKE THIS RIGHT AFTER THE FACT. THE TILE IS 24 INCH DUAL WALLED AND IS IN GOOD SHAPE AT THIS POINT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WHEN THE PLAT WAS APPROVED FOR DEEDS CREEK MANOR, THE DRAINAGE BOARD REDUCED THE COUNTY DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO 50 FEET ON BOTH SIDES. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 21.9 FEET FOR THE POOL AND 36 FEET FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM. THE LANDOWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE CONCRETE BUMP OUT ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE POOL. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**2022 YEAR END DISCUSSION:**

THE BOARD WAS FURNISHED WITH REPORTS OF YEARS OF COLLECTIONS AS WELL AS COMPARISON OF DITCH EXPENSES.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE BELIEVES THE ISSUE ON THE BOCKMAN DRAIN HAS BEEN FOUND AND WILL NOT NEED ANOTHER MEETING.

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD A REPORT OF UPCOMING RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND POSSIBLE MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARINGS FOR 2023. A COUPLE OF THESE MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARINGS WOULD BE JOINT HEARINGS WITH ADJOINING COUNTIES. THE FIRST OF THESE WOULD BE THE A P JONES DRAIN THAT IS JOINT WITH ELKHART COUNTY. KISSINGER ASKED THE BOARD TO CHOOSE 2 MEMBERS

OF THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD TO REPRESENT ON THE JOINT BOARD. JOE IRWIN NOMINATED DENNIS DARR AND CARY GRONINGER TO REPRESENT KOSCIUSKO COUNTY ON THE JOINT BOARD. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

HE ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD WHERE THE PERMIT PROCESS STANDS FOR THE ISAIAH KUHN DRAIN. CERTIFIED LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE LANDOWNERS AND CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ALL. THE DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE INDIANA DNR. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE IS WAITING FOR A MEETING DATE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE WORK IS PLANNED PRIOR TO PLANTING SEASON.

CERTIFIED NOTIFICATIONS TO LANDOWNERS FOR THE DEEDS CREEK/CHAPMAN LAKE OUTLET ARE IN PROCESS IN THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE. ONCE ALL RESPONSES ARE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE, WE WILL SEND ALL INFORMATION TO THE INDIANA DNR AND WAIT FOR A MEETING WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE WORK IS PLANNED PRIOR TO PLANTING SEASON.

WETLAND DETERMINATION FOR THE NEVIN McCONNELL WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SPRING. THE COMPANY HAS BEEN CONTRACTED FOR THIS TO TAKE PLACE.

THERE ARE SEVERAL BID PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR 2023. THESE CONSIST OF SEVERAL DEBRUSHING PROJECTS AND A LARGE TILE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

**ARMEY ARM TO BE TAKEN INTO ARMEY SYSTEM:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS TALKED TO THE LANDOWNERS THAT ARE ON THIS DITCH AS THEY WILL HAVE THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT FORCED UPON THEM IF THIS ARM IS TAKEN INTO THE SYSTEM. KISSINGER ASKED THE LANDOWNERS IF THEY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO A 50 FOOT COUNTY DRAIN RIGHT OF WAY AND ALL THOSE LANDOWNERS WERE IN FAVOR. THE 50 FOOT SETBACK WOULD BE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE DITCH ON THESE PARCELS ONLY (033-010-001.A : 033-010-001.B : 033-010-001). ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS WILL BE GRANDFATHERED IN WHICH INCLUDE A POLE BUILDING AND A PLAY HOUSE ON A PROPERTY IN THE RIGHT OF WAY. ANY NEW STRUCTURES OR REPLACEMENT OR MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING BUILDINGS WITHIN THE 50 FOOT COUNTY DRAIN RIGHT OF WAY WOULD NEED TO APPLY FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS ARM INTO THE ARMEY DRAINAGE SYSTEM WITH THE ABOVE STIPULATED PROVISIONS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**TIPPY/CHAPMAN LAKE SEWER DISTRICT:**

GRONINGER ASKED KISSINGER IF HE HAS LOOKED AT THE DRAWINGS OR IF ANYONE FROM THE TIPPY/CHAPMAN LAKE SEWER DISTRICT HAS CONTACTED THE OFFICE ABOUT CROSSING THE COUNTY DRAINS WITH THE NEW SEWER SYSTEM. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD CONTACT SOMEONE FROM THE BOARD TO FIND OUT IF THEY ARE OR WILL BE CROSSING ANY COUNTY DRAINS.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**1/3/23**

COPPESS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$570.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2214.00	2700

POLE RUN	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$6023.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$1591.60	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$1310.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$365.15	2700

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$12,073.75**

**1/17/2023**

BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$960.00	2700
DANNER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$673.46	2700
DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$2200.00	2700
FLEUGLE	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$4233.00	2700
FUNK	L I EXCAVATING	\$4490.00	2700
KELLY H C	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$177.95	2700
KELLY H C	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$300.00	2700
KELLY H C	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2240.00	2700
LEFFELL	L I EXCAVATING	\$2625.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3060.57	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2140.18	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1888.10	1158

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$20,959.98**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$4,028.28**

**1/31/23**

BOCKMAN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$617.79	1158
BOCKMAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$820.00	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1520.00	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2461.76	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4593.40	1158
SILVER CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$810.00	2700
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3114.50	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$699.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$8650.00	2700

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$10,159.00**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$13,127.45**

**JANUARY TOTALS:**

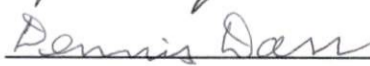
**MAINTENANCE: \$43,192.73**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$17,155.73**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

  
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 Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
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 Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
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 Dennis Darr

  
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 Steve Metzger

  
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 Joe Irwin