# President Clarence Hensley called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were the following:

Clarence Hensley, President

John Landers, Vice President

Larry Bledsoe, Member

Charles Whitehair, Member

William Whitehead, Member

Phil Taylor, County Surveyor

Amanda Dunnuck, Board Attorney

Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary

**Mr. Hensley** opened the meeting by welcoming the audience and inviting them to participate in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

**Mr. Hensley** entertains a motion for the approval of the February 19, 2013 Drainage Board minutes. Mr. Bledsoe moved for approval. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion. **Motion passes 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

***Farmington Plat #17:***

**Phil Taylor** addressed the issue of an increase in the assessment fees for Farmington Plat #17. Mr. Taylor stated that the issue initiated in September of 1997, at which time Farmington Addition installed a detention pond and asked the Drainage Board to assume responsibility for the pond. Mr. Taylor informed the Board that the assessment fee for maintenance is currently at $20.00 but needs increased to $50.00 to have money in that fund to maintain the pond. Furthermore, Mr. Taylor stated that there are forty-six residents who pay the assessment and pay those extra funds to have the pond mowed, cleaned and chemically treated annually. Mr. Taylor recommended the increase of the assessment fee.

**Mr. Hensley** entertains a motion to increase the assessment for Farmington Plat #17. Mr. Whitehead so moves. Mr. Landers seconds the motion. **The motion passes 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

**Mr. Hensley** introduces the Tort Claim Notice the Delaware County Drainage Board received from Susan Snyder through her attorney, Holly Curtis.

**Ms. Dunnuck** stated that she received the Tort Notice from the Drainage Board Secretary and both Ms. Dunnuck and Cindy Harty have forwarded the notice to Shawn Neal, Delaware County Attorney.

**Cindy Harty** informed the Board that a copy of the Tort Claim was attached to their packet for today’s meeting so that they would be aware that the Drainage Board had received such notice. Ms. Harty informed the Board that the Surveyor also received the Notice. No action is needed this date.

***Country Village/Creekwood Neighborhood Association***

**Mike Jacobs** a member of the Creekwood Neighborhood Association (Country Village) approached the Board and stated that he would like to thank the county, especially the Drainage Board, Chris McCammon, Angie Moyer, Troy Landers and Phil Taylor, who have all been supportive and very helpful with problems in the neighborhood. Furthermore, Mr. Jacobs stated that their support is appreciated, but stated that he still has a couple of problems in Country Village and comes before the Board to see if they might help solve these issues. Mr. Jacobs gives the Board a history as to the work completed in Country Village, as follows:

**Mr. Jacobs** explained that the association approached the county approximately one and half years ago concerning road and drainage issues, and they have been working very hard to solve all of those problems at a reasonable cost. Furthermore, Mr. Jacobs stated that he is not asking for big money for his neighborhood, just for basic maintenance for the roads and the creek, which he feels have been ignored by their association throughout the years. Mr. Jacobs stated that he has two areas of concern he would like to bring before the Board, and presents pictures and letters from residents about those concerns. Mr. Jacobs stated that his first concern is a problem at 8612 N. Wilderness. The resident at that location sends a letter to the Board with attached billings that have been paid out-of-pocket. Mr. Jacobs explains that this resident feels that he is doing his part in correcting problems on his property.

**Mr. Jacobs** further stated that he and Mr. Taylor walked from the tennis courts east to County Road 100; and from County Road 100 to the tennis court, and found that creek to be flowing extremely well. Mr. Jacobs explains that Mr. Taylor has removed seven beaver dams, an old wooden bridge, and some trees from the creek. Mr. Jacobs tells the Board that Mr. Taylor forced him to walk from the tennis courts west to L.J. Stone, where he lost a pair of dress shoes in the mud.

**Mr. Jacobs** explained that at his initial interaction with Angie Moyer, she told him that the highway department could not do anything to the roads in that area until the association looked into their leaf problems. Mr. Jacobs stated that he thought Ms. Moyer was just trying to brush him off at the time, but later realized that they did have a leaf problem. He explained the process the neighborhood went through to clean up the leaves, and he stated since that date, they have had very little problems with the drainage.

**Mr. Jacobs** stated that he resides in Country Village and did not realize such a flooding problem existed on Santa Barbara. Mr. Jacobs presents pictures and a map to the Board members. He stated that the drain comes across County Road 500 and goes down Santa Barbara; it then takes a turn to the west, and creates a bottleneck, which causes back-pressure through the drain. Mr. Jacobs questions whether a 2-stage ditch would work in that area. Furthermore, Mr. Jacobs stated that the creek is three to five feet higher on the farmer’s side of the ditch. Mr. Jacobs inquires as to dredging the creek or whether he could lay fill-dirt along the bank of the ditch.

**Mr. Taylor** stated that he wanted to let Mr. Jacobs know that Ms. Dunnuck informed him that he could contact Chris McCammon at the Highway Department, because the Highway Department is always looking for places to dump clean dirt. Ms. Dunnuck stated that she does not know how clean the dirt is, but the Highway Department has a website where you can sign up for the dirt and dumping sites for the dirt. Mr. Jacobs asked if the Surveyor would do that or does he need to do that himself. Mr. Taylor suggested that he call Mr. McCammon at the Highway Department and let Mr. McCammon know what is needed and where it should be dumped.

**Mr. Bledsoe** questions Mr. Taylor whether the ditch is functioning properly or is in need of maintenance work. Mr. Taylor stated that after inspecting the ditch and having an engineer look at it, he is not certain the dredging would solve the problem. Mr. Bledsoe asked if a 2-stage ditch is needed in that area. Mr. Taylor stated a 2-stage ditch could be installed from the Nunley’s home, which is the last home before the undeveloped section, to the farmer’s field before it runs northwest to L.J. Stone’s property. Mr. Taylor stated he is willing to do anything to solve the problems in that area.

**Mr. Jacobs** reiterated that he would like to see the ditch built up with fill-dirt. Mr. Jacobs further stated that he feels dredging the creek would work, but would be a temporary fix, and re-dredging would be needed in the near future. Mr. Bledsoe stated that he will inform Mr. McCammon to bring fill dirt to Country Village as he gets it. Mr. Taylor agreed that it is a good idea and instructs Mr. Jacobs to try that first, and if that does not work, then they would try a different solution. Mr. Taylor assured the Board that Mr. Jacobs is great to work with and is great in getting matters accomplished without any complications.

**Mr. Jacobs** stated that he would like to discuss the problems at the Santa Barbara property. Mr. Jacobs stated that a resident on Sun Valley informed him that the county could come right through his property to install the pipe needed. Mr. Jacobs inquires as to the use of county machinery to do the work. Mr. Taylor informs Mr. Jacobs that usage would be up to the Highway Department. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Jacobs agree that they should move down Santa Barbara and cut straight across Sun Valley through the resident’s yard. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Jacobs agree that would be the most inexpensive way since the resident will let them go through his yard to do the work. Mr. Jacobs stated that the resident would be more than happy to do it and that would relieve all of the back- pressure. Mr. Jacobs stated that it is approximately 575 feet of pipe in that area. Furthermore, Mr. Jacobs stated that an elderly man resides on that street and stated it would be a big help to get the flooding under control in case of an emergency. Mr. Taylor stated that looking at the work that the Highway Department and the Surveyor have completed in that area, it shows the water is dissipating at a faster rate. Mr. Jacobs stated he feels the creek is deep enough to take in the water, and if the banks are built-up and the pipe installed on the east side, this should resolve the drainage issue. Mr. Jacobs stated that the association has been trying to correct this for a year, and he appreciates the phone calls and tours, and he stated that it is worth a pair of dress shoes to get these things done. Furthermore, he stated they have gotten a lot accomplished, but they have a couple more steps to take.

**Mr. Bledsoe** informed Mr. Jacobs that he sent a text message to Chris McCammon concerning fill dirt so he does not need to call him.

***Update on the Truitt Ditch Reconstruction Project***

**Tyler Comstock of Randall Miller & Associates** approached the Board with a brief update on the reconstruction of the Tributary to the Truitt Ditch. Mr. Comstock explained that at the last Drainage Board meeting, several affected landowners attended. Mr. Comstock further stated one landowner in attendance was Mrs. Wright, who questioned Miller & Associates’ proposed preliminary design, and strongly disagreed on the project. Ms. Wright asked the Board and engineer to look at other ways of doing the reconstruction by suggesting a ditch on the north side of State Road 32. Mr. Comstock furnishes an exhibit to the members and refers to it. Mr. Comstock informed the Board that they studied the ditch from Dujmovich’s property west to the J.D. Truitt Ditch. Mr. Comstock explained the numbers on his map show 100-foot increments for approximately 2,200 feet. He explained the numbers on the north of the line on the map are the spot elevations of that ditch. Furthermore, Mr. Comstock stated that he wished Ms. Wright was in attendance today so he could explain their findings to her. Mr. Comstock instructed the Board to review the exhibit, and stated that the elevations are on an incline up to six feet. Mr. Comstock further stated that those elevations would shoot down the idea of using a side-ditch because the State would not allow them to go deep enough to get something to flow to the west. He stated that he did want the Board to know that his organization looked for other options in case Ms. Wright would happen to bring up any concerns. Mr. Bledsoe stated that he was sure she would be back for the public hearing.

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:

**Mr. Hensley** entertains a motion to approve the maintenance claims as submitted. Mr. Bledsoe moves to approve the claims. Mr. Whitehair seconds the motion. **Motion passes 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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