

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

May 15, 2023

President, Dick McIntire, called the meeting to order. Members present at the meeting were the following:

Dick McIntire, President
Jamie Swoboda, Vice President
Shannon Henry, Member
John Landers, Member
William Whitehead Member
Tom Borchers, Surveyor
Patrick Wright, Attorney
Jennifer Licht, Recording Secretary

President, Dick McIntire, opened the meeting by welcoming the audience and inviting them to participate in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. McIntire entertained a motion for the approval of the April 17, 2023 Drainage Board Minutes.

Mr. Whitehead moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Henry. **Motion passed 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McIntire addressed Mr. Borchers and asked if he had any new business to present to the Board today.

Mr. Borchers stated there was no new business to discuss this date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. McIntire addressed Mr. Borchers and asked if he had any old business to present to the Board today.

Mr. Borchers stated there is no old business to address this date.

Mr. Robert Shroyer, 7110 East Centennial Ave. Muncie, approached the Board concerning an issue located at Centennial and the Bypass. Storage Express on the East side right along the fence line there is a County Ditch, a legal drain with 10 in. tile put in by Bart Keesling several years ago. There is water running constantly out from underneath the fence line into and over the top of the county tile, it's been doing this for months. Jeremy Russell is the person farming the ground for me that I own, 40 acres North of that. I feel it's impeding my drainage. I have contacted Storage Express, they seem to not admit there is any problem at all. I understand the Surveyor has also contracted a contractor to look at it. It is still an issue and I think its time for the Drainage Board Attorney to act to see if we can get this stopped. I took pictures this morning, one is a video showing the water running. I can show them to you if you like.

Mr. Henry asked where is the water coming from?

Mr. Borchers stated I got a contractor, he dug around and it is a broken off farm hydrant, it's in the property of the storage units, on the other side of their fence. I contacted a company out of state that owns it, they claim they don't have a water bill and have nothing to do with it. I contacted a construction company that owned it years ago before they built the storage units they claim they don't have any information. It's got to be a well pumping somewhere around there. Everyone around there says it's not theirs. I can't just start digging up to follow because once you get off the right of way I don't have any authority to just dig up someone's lot to see where it is coming from. The construction company at one time, when Mr. Russell first got ahold of me said, they would check with the people who owned it prior to them but they never did. I just really don't know where to go from here without staying within my Indiana Code on the Wright of Way. You can't plug it up because it's running the whole time.

Mr. Henry asked is there City water over there?

Mr. Borchers stated I don't believe so its rusty, like well water, and it looks like an old farm hydrant. If it was city wouldn't they notice on their bill?

Mr. Henry stated my point being is if someone is not getting a water bill and it is city water the city will want to dig it up.

Mr. Borchers asked do you want me to send letters? I would send them to the home owner, Jan Mohler, Construction Company, and Storage Express.

Mr. Henry stated let's have the Attorneys send letters to the property owners.

Mr. Borchers stated I will contact Mr. Anderson at Muncie Sanitary District and see if they have city water out there.

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:

Mr. McIntire entertained a motion for the approval of the maintenance claims as presented.

Mr. Henry moved to approve the claims as submitted. Mr. Landers seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Dick McIntire, President

Jamie Swoboda, Vice President

William Whitehead, Member

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