

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

March 16, 2015

President Clarence Hensley called the meeting to order. Roll call held. Present at the meeting were the following:

Clarence Hensley, President
John Landers, Vice President
Shannon Henry, Member
William Whitehead, Member
Charles Whitehair, Member
Brandon Murphy, Board Attorney
Stan Willis for Phil Taylor, Surveyor
Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary

Mr. Hensley opened the meeting by inviting all to participate in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Hensley entertains a motion for the approval of the February 16, 2015 Drainage Board minutes. Mr. Whitehead moved for approval. Mr. Whitehair seconded the motion. **Motion passes 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

The J.D. Truitt Ditch

Bob Shroyer, 7110 E. Centennial Avenue, Muncie, approached and stated that on October 21, 2013, the Drainage Board and he entered into a contract for him to work on the Truitt Ditch to repair it. He stated that the agreement was that he would furnish all the monies for the installation of the tile, and the county would pay for the drainage tile itself. Mr. Shroyer stated the contract stated the maximum amount in which he could spend was \$140,387.14, and to date, he has only spent \$124,752.09, which leaves a balance of \$15,635.05 to work with. Mr. Shroyer stated that he would like to continue to work on a tributary of the Truitt Ditch by replacing the

15-inch tile and continue work until the \$15,635.05 is used. Mr. Shroyer stated he thought he needed the Board's approval to continue the work, and wondered if it was feasible.

Mr. Landers asked Mr. Shroyer if all the work they had originally assigned to him by the contract, had been completed and signed off on. Mr. Shroyer stated that the work assigned in the contract has been completed.

Mr. Whitehead asked Mr. Shroyer if the ditch he is replacing is a county ditch. Mr. Shroyer explained that it is and he would be replacing the tile with 15-inch tile.

Mr. Murphy stated that he had not reviewed this matter prior to today. Mr. Murphy stated he had no problem with the Board approving this and using the remainder of the contracted money, as long as the work is on a county ditch. Mr. Murphy stated that he assumed the county is making the payments that they are suppose to be making, and asked Mr. Shroyer if he had received any of those \$14,000.00 payments outlined in the contract. Mr. Shroyer stated that he is very hard of hearing and did not understand anything Mr. Murphy said. Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Shroyer if he had received any of the \$14,000.00 payments up to this point. Mr. Shroyer stated he had not received any payments as of yet. Mr. Murphy stated that he understands that those will be \$14,000.00 per year, and Mr. Shroyer agreed that it would be \$14,000.00 per year. Mr. Murphy stated what Mr. Shroyer is asking to do is use the additional \$15,635.00 on the county drain for additional work that was not originally part of the project. Mr. Shroyer agreed that it was just to continue that project until the monies run out. Mr. Murphy asked if it was an expansion of the original work. Mr. Shroyer stated it would be an expansion of the original project, but on the same watershed and same ditch.

Mr. Henry asked Mr. Shroyer what type of tile was currently at that location. Mr. Shroyer stated there is old clay tile and it is collapsing one at a time. Mr. Shroyer stated that every year he has to replace three or four of the tiles and it is going to be a continuous maintenance project. Mr. Henry asked Mr. Shroyer what size the tile was. Mr. Shroyer stated 15-inch tile. Mr. Murphy stated that it seems to him that the Board will be obligated to pay \$140,000.00 either way for the contract, so it is better that it be spent on the drain.

Mr. Hensley entertains a motion. Mr. Henry asked Mr. Murphy if he had read the contract and that is what it stated, \$140,000.00. Mr. Murphy stated that the contract stated One Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) over a ten (10) year period, at Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) per year. Mr. Henry stated that if the county is spending that money, it is a no brainer, and he moved for approval. Mr. Whitehair abstained from voting. **Motion passed 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Henry stated there is an issue at 800 East around 1000 North. Mr. Henry stated he believes Mr. Taylor is aware of the problem, but is not sure if Mr. Taylor has looked at it yet. Mr. Henry stated the road has collapsed, the county highway has gone out and put some gravel in it, but it is going to need attention quickly.

Mr. Willis stated that they were out there last year and it was doing the same thing. Mr. Willis stated the road flooded over, and there was so much water in that location, they could not do anything. Mr. Henry stated that it is that way right now. Furthermore, Mr. Henry stated he received a call on Friday, and then went out on Saturday to inspect it, and it was starting to flood at that time. Mr. Henry stated that some of it was under water, and does not know what is under there, but guessing it is an old clay tile. Mr. Willis stated there is clay tile and the worst part of it is on the eastside. Mr. Henry agreed and stated that it is flooded across the road now. Mr. Henry stated the county filled it full of gravel, but the county may have to put a steel corrugated pipe across the road, but is not sure how to correct it at this time. Mr. Willis stated that they have not been able to look at the problem because of flooding, but stated they will have to go east in the wooded area where he believes it is plugged, go a little further east, and dig down to figure out what the problem is. Mr. Willis stated this could be done whenever it dries up. Mr. Willis stated it never dried up last year, and believes that the county had to shut the road down twice last year. Mr. Henry stated but it does need attention.

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:

Mr. Hensley entertains a motion to approve the maintenance claims as submitted. Mr. Whitehead so moved. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. **Motion passes 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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John Landers, Vice President

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