

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

November 21, 2016

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

Clarence Hensley, President
John Landers, Vice President
Shannon Henry, Member
William Whitehead, Member
Stan Willis, Chief Deputy for Phil Taylor, Surveyor
Steven Murphy, for Brandon Murphy, 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 MINUTES:

Mr. Hensley entertained a motion for the approval of the October 17, 2016 Drainage Board Minutes.

Mr. Whitehead moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Henry. **Motion passed 4-0.**

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business comes before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule for 2017 Drainage Board Meetings

Mr. Hensley entertains a motion for the approval of the schedule for Drainage Board Meetings for 2017.

Mr. Henry moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Landers. **Motion passed 4-0.**

The schedule for said meetings is as follows:

**Meetings are at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom
(Pre-meetings held at 2:15 p.m. for Board Members Only)**

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| Tuesday | January 17, 2017 |
| Tuesday | February 21, 2017 |
| Monday | March 20, 2017 |
| Monday | April 17, 2017 |
| Monday | May 15, 2017 |
| Monday | June 19, 2017 |
| Monday | July 17, 2017 |
| Monday | August 21, 2017 |
| Monday | September 18, 2017 |
| Monday | October 16, 2017 |
| Monday | November 20, 2017 |
| Monday | December 18, 2017 |

Hawkins, Inc.'s Request to Tie-In to Heath Ditch

Hal Ashton, appeared on behalf of Hawkins, Inc., and stated that he is here on their behalf for their project on Delaware Drive. Mr. Ashton stated that Hawkins, Inc. is putting a building at that location. Mr. Ashton stated that in order to do that and for it to conform to the Drainage Ordinance, they need to have some retention on the site. Mr. Ashton explained that there would be a 12-inch drain that will drain the retention area into the Heath Ditch. Furthermore, Mr. Ashton stated that they wanted the Drainage Board to give them the approval to do that. Mr. Ashton stated that he has some drawings with him if the Board would like to see them.

Mr. Henry stated they should see what Mr. Ashton has to make sure they have the same drawings. The Board members confirm that they have the same drawings that Mr. Ashton is presenting.

Mr. Whitehead questioned Mr. Willis if he and Mr. Taylor have been out to look at the project. Mr. Willis stated that he has been out to look at it and confirmed that Mr. Taylor had been out also. Mr. Willis stated that they felt that it would be all right to do the project, but the project just needs the Board's approval. Mr. Willis informed Mr. Ashton that once they are working on the project and the project is completed, he should give the Surveyor an update on it. Mr.

Ashton asked, "To let you all know about that?" Mr. Willis stated that is correct. Mr. Ashton stated that within his power he would do that because he will have to know what is going on also.

Mr. Whitehead asked Mr. Ashton if they would have a 12-inch tile. Mr. Ashton stated that they would use a 12-inch PVC tile to drain the retention area into that drain. Further, Mr. Henry asked how large the drain was. Mr. Ashton stated it is a huge open ditch, and they could possibly see the contours on the west side of the drawing, which drops several feet down to the bottom of the Heath Drain. Mr. Whitehead asked Mr. Willis if the Heath Ditch was in decent shape to take care of this. Mr. Willis stated that yes it was. Mr. Hensley asked if there was any other discussion concerning this matter and no one responds.

Mr. Hensley entertained a motion. Mr. Henry moved for approval. Mr. Whitehead seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Holt Ditch

Robert Shroyer, 7110 E. Centennial, Muncie, IN, approached and stated the reason he is here is the drainage in front of the mini warehouses located at Centennial and the Muncie by-pass, which used to be owned by John Neal, but it has been sold to someone else now. Mr. Shroyer stated that they have done quite a bit of improving there as far as their drainage. Mr. Shroyer stated that he has a couple of pictures on his telephone that he would like to show to the Board. (Mr. Shroyer shows the Board his pictures). Mr. Shroyer stated they have put in a new drain from the mini warehouses across the State Highway property to Centennial's culvert that goes down the west side of Wilson Road. Further, he stated that Wilson Road has a legal drain running up the side of it and along Centennial, and then north just east of this mini warehouse property. Furthermore, Mr. Shroyer stated that when the warehouses did the leveling of the ground after putting in their cement drain, they completely blocked the ditch along Centennial. Mr. Shroyer stated he just visited the highway department, because it is a side ditch and thought they could help him, and he stated that the highway was not aware there was a legal drain in the area. Furthermore, he stated that the highway department thought it might be a farmer's drain and was even going to tear into it to see whether it was draining properly or not. Mr. Shroyer informed the Board that the highway department has notified the owners of the warehouse to get rid of the dirt, but they seemed to think he needed to come to the meeting to make sure there is plenty of pressure put on the warehouse owners to remove the dam that they have in the existing side ditch. Mr. Shroyer stated that he owns 40-acres that drain through that side ditch and the county ditch, so he would like to get his surface water taken care of.

Mr. Henry asked Mr. Willis if they would look at this to make sure it is a county ditch. Mr. Willis stated they will have to check it to make sure, and asked the Board Secretary if she had already checked the county drainage maps. Ms. Harty stated that she did make a copy of the

drainage map, but is not sure which Board member has the copy at this point. She stated that she only had time to make a copy of the drainage map, a map of where Mr. Shroyer's property is located, and the legal description of the drainage due to Angie Moyer calling our office minutes before the meeting. Mr. Whitehead asked if the water flowed under the highway through a culvert. Mr. Shroyer stated that the legal drain stops just before his property, so it is all private drains on his property, and it stops approximately 150-feet north of Centennial heading towards his property.

Cindy Harty asked Mr. Shroyer what his address was at that location for verification. Mr. Shroyer stated that his property would be on Country Club Road somewhere in the neighborhood of the 1700 block, and stated that there is no house or buildings on the property. Mr. Willis stated that we would be able to find it.

Mr. Henry stated they would see if it was a county drain on the record, and if it is, he would be in favor of Cindy (Drainage Secretary) drafting a letter coming from the Drainage Board requesting the blockage be removed. Mr. Henry asked Mr. Murphy if that would be appropriate. Mr. Murphy stated that would be the right approach.

Mr. Shroyer stated that normally in the summertime he mows the side ditch and the area where the warehouses blocked it, just to make sure that there is a good flow to the ditch.

The Board members thanked Mr. Shroyer for his time.

Mr. Henry asked Mr. Murphy if they needed a motion concerning this matter. Mr. Murphy stated, "No, they can just tell Cindy to do that assuming it is a proper county drain".

Mr. Hensley asked if there are any other issues before the Board today. There is no response from the members or the audience.

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:

Mr. Hensley entertained a motion for the approval of the maintenance claims as presented. Mr. Whitehead so moved. Mr. Henry seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Clarence Hensley, President

John Landers, Vice President

Shannon Henry, Member

William Whitehead, Member

Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary