

# REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

February 21, 2017

**President, William Whitehead, called the meeting to order. Members present at the meeting were the following:**

William Whitehead, President  
Clarence Hensley, Vice President  
John Landers, Member  
Shannon Henry, Member  
Dick McIntire, Member  
Tom Borchers, Surveyor  
Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Whitehead** entertained a motion for the approval of the February 17, 2017 Drainage Board Minutes.

**Mr. Hensley** moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. McIntire. **Motion passed 5-0.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**No old business is presented to the Board this date.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Whitehead** called for Mr. Borchers.

**Mr. Borchers** stated that he did not have anything to present to the Board unless they want to discuss the pond at Cox Farms.

**Mr. Whitehead** stated they touched on the subject in the pre-meeting and thought they had taken care of the issue. Mr. Borchers stated the only other issue was the mowing, but believed they had taken care of that in the pre-meeting also.

**Mr. Whitehead** stated that is the way they like to see it.

**Commissioner Riggin** approached and stated that she just received the agenda and wondered when the public was supposed to appear. She stated, "Maybe you don't want the public talking, I don't know." Mr. Whitehead stated that they do want the public talking. Ms. Riggin stated that she appreciated coming to their meetings to learn what they are doing and also appreciated their new Surveyor. Ms. Riggin stated that she appreciated the Surveyor asking them to make recommendations on any ditches that need mowed or other work. Ms. Riggin stated, "He promised me that he would put the right stuff on the ditch so it would not grow back in five or ten years from now." Ms. Riggin stated that was better than two years, and stated, "She is making her list." Furthermore, Ms. Riggin informed the Board that she was out driving around the county and found a ditch, which she hoped was on her list because it is bad. She stated it was located at 850 North, west of 750 West around the Gaston area, and asked Mr. Borchers to put it on his list. Ms. Riggin stated she had driven down the road they had just talked about which included the pond that has been a swamp for so many years, and asked if someone could tell her if they found underneath the railroad or over on the west side of Cox's, that the repairs did take place. Ms. Riggin asked Mr. Willis, "If in the old days when the railroad was abandoned did they not replace some of those tiles, or do you have another Plan B." Mr. Willis stated that yes they have another plan because the whole tile is broken down. Ms. Riggin asked if it was on the south side down by the Cardinal Greenway. Mr. Willis stated yes, from Cox's all the way to the creek. Ms. Riggin stated that she does get many complaints on that road and just keeps saying, "We are working on it". She asked Mr. Willis if they had a timeline so next time someone asked her, she would be able to answer them. Mr. Willis stated that at next month's meeting they will determine what they are going to do out there and when they will get started.

**Ms. Riggin** stated that she believed Mr. Borchers had already spoken with Mr. Campbell who lives on 500 North, just off Bethel Avenue, about his ditch. Ms. Riggin stated that Mr. Campbell's road is an old gravel road, and the county paved it. She stated that the county made a mistake back in the 50's when they went out and paved a lot of county roads, and felt the county had not been back for some time. Mr. Borchers stated that he is unaware if he had spoken with him or not. Ms. Riggin stated that she believed he had, and stated that Mr. Campbell's mother-in-law owns the property, but they spent approximately \$40,000.00 of their own money to take care of some drainage issues in that location.

Ms. Riggin informed the Board that she is still learning on the job as a county commissioner, in her 5<sup>th</sup> year, but would like to know why we pay for some farmers and some we do not. Ms. Riggin asked if they needed permission before they do the job so the job is done right. Mr. Borchers stated that is correct, and informed Ms. Riggin that most of the tile that is out there that the farmers are working on is not the counties, but personal tiles. Ms. Riggin stated, "They did enlarge them and she understood because she had the same issue north of Riggin Road on Walnut." Ms. Riggin stated that she wondered if they had done it or they would have done it more to specs if the county would have helped them or something.

**Mr. Henry** stated he worked with that issue . . . . Ms. Riggin asked which one, north of the airport? Mr. Henry stated yes the one that she is speaking of on the Riggin property, and that did not go through the Drainage Board because they did not follow the proper process. Ms. Riggin stated that is what she was wondering because it was overnight that the tile had been broken and we had to repair it because it was going to get bad, and asked, "So there is a process in place?" Mr. Borchers informed her yes. Ms. Riggin asked if it was too late for them to be reimbursed or do they have to be approved to be reimbursed? Mr. Borchers stated yes, as far as he knows. Ms. Riggin stated that when things like this happen, she would like us to do more PR, or more press releases stating, "That they are looking for projects that they could do for fifty-fifty" because sometimes the county does pay for the pipe. Mr. Borchers stated honestly, there is only enough for one press release in the account, so "Let's make it count". Ms. Riggin stated that if he would come to their meeting and Mr. Roysdon is sitting there, he could hand Mr. Roysdon something, and I would hope that he would put it in the paper for free. She thanked the Board Members and stated, "She appreciated all of the work and stated that things are looking good, but we just have so many issues."

**Mr. Whitehead** asked if there were any other comments from the audience, and no one replied.

### **MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:**

**Mr. Whitehead** entertained a motion for the approval of the maintenance claims as presented. Mr. Henry so moved. Mr. McIntire seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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