

# REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

June 17, 2019

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

William Whitehead, President  
Shannon Henry, Member  
Dick McIntire, Member  
John Landers, Member  
Tom Borchers, Surveyor  
Stan Willis, Inspector/Chief Deputy  
Brandon Murphy, Board Attorney  
Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary

**President William 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 May 20, 2019 Drainage Board Minutes.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Mr. Borchers** stated that if the Board recalls from last month's meeting, a motion was approved giving him permission to cut the tile that was hooked into the county tile without permission. Mr. Borchers stated the property is south of Rudy Ballard's property. Mr. Borchers stated that after speaking with the landowners and farmers involved in the situation, he felt with the laterals that were running into that ditch, which have been there for years and did not know if permission was granted 40 or 50 years ago when some of those laterals were put in, but that is what the parties hooked into. Mr. Borchers stated, "So indirectly hooking into the county's drain far enough in the past this year, you could not exactly tell where that it was hooked in. He felt like it

was a waste of the county's money to go out there and pay someone to unhook those drains if there is another solution." Mr. Borchers stated the solution that he came up with is, as follows:

That it is a small 10-inch tile that runs from the open ditch through Mr. Ballard's property, but he was not sure of how many feet, and it is iffy on the legal description cards on the property. He spoke with all the parties involved, and he proposed that instead of paying money to unhook those drains in many different spots, at some point having to hook them back up or having to reconstruct that ditch, what he would like to do is start from the open ditch and work south approximately 1,800-feet, upsizing to either 15-inch or 18-inch tile. He stated that he has not done the math on which tile would be better. Mr. Borchers proposed to install approximately 1,800-feet of pipe this year after the crops come off, if we have time, depending on when the crops come off, it might be 2020. Then next year finish that out to the end of the tile. Mr. Borchers stated everyone on that tile seem to be on board with that plan. Furthermore, he stated it would save the county wasting money on unhooking tile that should be hooked-up and draining, and at that point, everyone around there would have better drainage. Mr. Borchers stated that is where we stand on this issue, and he would like to seek the Board's permission to go ahead and put Phase I of that plan in this fall, and not unhook any tile that was put in.

**Mr. Whitehead** asked if there are any comments or questions from the Board, or if anyone wished to speak on behalf of this plan.

(Microphone was not turned on, so most discussion and views are not picked up by the recorder.)

**Duane Jackson, 9950 S. 800 West**, approached and stated that his father owns a part of that property, and the biggest issue is it was already an existing tile. He stated there was an existing tile already in both of those farms and that is what they actually hooked into. There was one that went completely to the south end of both of those properties. . . . (Inaudible) with a tile coming across the road that actually hooked into the tile that was on our farms. Mr. Jackson did approve of what Mr. Borchers is proposing.

**Dan Bronnenberg, 8290 W. 500 South, Daleville**, approached and stated that he would just like to ask a question, "Where is the regulated part of the ditch." Mr. Borchers asked if he was speaking about the south side. Mr. Bronnenberg stated, "Yes." Mr. Borchers stated it is in the cards (legal description) and it is listed in rods, and he was not familiar with how many rods from the open ditch, so he could not really measure it. Mr. Borchers stated it is one of those things where I will have to break it down when we do the second half and find out exactly where the drain stops. Mr. Borchers stated, "The description was written in 1889 when they put the tile in, and it has probably moved a little bit since then, so it probably is not exactly right, but I will have to go out there and wheel it off." Mr. Bronnenberg stated that when he and his brother bought the farm, they did not figure there was any ditch on their property. Mr. Borchers stated that it goes on to their property a little ways according to our map. Mr. Bronnenberg stated that he assumed the regulated part of the ditch ends (inaudible). Mr. Borchers stated, "I do not know if it is 20-feet or if it is a 150-feet." Mr. Bronnenberg stated, "That Bob Clark found it, there is a

main that is already hooked into that ditch, and it comes almost two-thirds of the way south through their property, and it was already ditched, so all we did was do some laterals into the main that was already on their property.” Mr. Bronnenberg stated that he agreed with Mr. Borchers’ suggestion, and stated that Rudy and Duane do also, but he just wanted them to be aware there was already a main on their property.

**Mr. Whitehead** stated that as far as he is concerned he does not know where the mains are anymore, and thanked Mr. Bronnenberg.

**Mr. Murphy** stated at the last meeting the motion was made and passed giving Mr. Borchers the authority to disconnect the tile, and given the consent of the Board that the authority though granted, is not going to be exercised, but instead we are going to pursue this plan for later this year in two phases to hopefully alleviate the problem.

**Mr. Whitehead** asked if this was good with the Board.

**Rudy Ballard, 7070 South CR 700 West, Daleville,** approached and stated that he has no issues with (inaudible) . . . there was a main on his property, I can tell you it was the Leslie Shoemaker property at one time, that main that Dan is talking about runs through, it runs north to the open ditch, which is a 10-inch tile. He stated he would have done the same thing that they have done, but we just need a larger tile outlet. Mr. Ballard stated that he agreed with everyone on the plan Mr. Borchers introduced.

**Mr. Whitehead** stated that is what they want to hear, that everyone is in agreement, it makes their job much more pleasant. Mr. Whitehead stated that he was glad they worked it out and, hopefully, the weather will allow them to accomplish that job. Mr. Henry asked Mr. Murphy if they needed to act on this matter. Mr. Murphy stated that given the motion, which was approved last month, which was just for authority for Mr. Borchers to act, and the Board deciding not to exercise that authority at this time; he does not feel like another motion is necessary. Mr. Borchers stated that they do want a motion so it is in the minutes and on the record. Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Borchers if he was bidding the work out. Mr. Borchers stated that he thought so. Mr. Henry asked if the county would purchase the pipe or will the contractor get the pipe. Mr. Borchers stated that the county would purchase the pipe. Mr. Borchers stated that they would buy the pipe and then take bids from the contractor to put it in. Mr. Murphy stated that he thought they would need a motion.

**Mr. Henry** moved to allow the Surveyor to go ahead and purchase the pipe for this project. Mr. Landers seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Whitehead** introduced the Board’s Budget for 2020. Mr. Whitehead asked Mr. Borchers if there were any comments. Mr. Borchers stated that he did not have any comments on the matter. Mr. Whitehead asked if any of the Board members had any questions, and if not, entertained a

motion.

**Mr. Henry** moved to approve the 2020 Budget as presented. Mr. McIntire seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**City of Muncie/Jakes Creek-Rea Riggin Ditch**

**Mr. Borchers** stated that John Anderson with the Muncie Sanitary District contacted him and he would like to put an outfall into the Rea Riggin Ditch, and he is here to speak on the matter. Mr. Borchers stated that the ditch is an open ditch and Mr. Anderson is requesting a small addition on there. Mr. Borchers stated the ditch flows nicely, we have put a lot of money in it debrushing and spraying, and it is flowing well.

**John Anderson, Muncie Sanitary District**, approached and requested that they be allowed to install an outlet on the Rea Riggin Ditch at the intersection of Hollywood Avenue and Just-A-Mere Lane. Mr. Whitehead asked the Board if there were any questions.

**Mr. Henry** moved to approve the project on the Rea Riggin Ditch. Mr. McIntire seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:**

**Mr. Whitehead** entertained a motion for the approval of the maintenance claims.

**Mr. Henry** moved to approve the claims as submitted. Mr. Landers seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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William Whitehead, President

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John Landers, Member

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Shannon Henry, Member

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Dick McIntire, Member

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Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary