

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

August 19, 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
Steven Murphy for 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 July 15, 2019 Drainage Board Minutes.

Mr. Henry moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. McIntire. **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 there is no old business to address this date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Borchers stated that he has two requests for a tie-in to the Marine Ditch. Mr. Borchers informed the Board that the first one is for Mr. Larry Stone who requested to tie-in to the Marine Ditch, which is just north of 400 North and Wheeling Avenue. Mr. Borchers stated that he talked with the contractor who would be laying the tile, and informed him that there was probably an issue going underneath the Cardinal Greenway, and he agreed to work to open it up before they tie anything in. Mr. Borchers stated, "With that being said, I give it a favorable recommendation to allow them to tie-in to the Marine Ditch."

Mr. Henry asked if they were going to work on the one under the Cardinal Greenway. Mr. Borchers stated that they are going to get it flowing at that location, that he might supply the pipe that actually goes underneath the greenway if the contractor would install it, and thought that would be a good compromise.

Mr. Whitehead asked if there are any questions for Surveyor Borchers.

Mr. Henry moved to approve Mr. Stone's request. Mr. Landers seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Mr. Borchers stated, “Randomly enough the second tie-in is for Steve O’Dell, and is actually right across the street from the previous tie-in. It is where the Volunteer Fire Department is located, at the corner of 400 North and Wheeling Avenue. They have a small pasture and hayfield that would be farmed by Mr. O’ Dell next year. Because he farms the property to the north, which is owned by the Stebbins’, he is requesting to put tile in and to tie-in to that same tile.” Mr. Borchers stated that it is an offshoot of the Marine Ditch, and it is just a short tile, and Mr. O’Dell will be the only one using it. Mr. Borchers stated, “I do not feel it will hurt anything, so I also give that a favorable recommendation to allow Mr. O’Dell to tie-in to the Marine Ditch.”

Mr. Landers stated that he goes through that area occasionally, and asked, “Does the ditch fill to capacity?” Mr. Borchers stated that it is actually a tile ditch and not an open ditch. Mr. Borchers stated that it is Tributary #1 of the Marine Ditch, and he does not have a lot of information on the tile because Mr. O’Dell is the only one on it. Furthermore, Mr. Borchers stated, “It must be working because I have never had any complaints on it, and it is probably only 300 or 400-foot long, and Mr. O’Dell is just extending it on to that field, which belongs to the fire department.” Mr. Landers asked if they will just go down to the existing tile and put a “Y” in it. Mr. Borchers stated the tile actually ends at the property line, so he is going to extend the tile on that property. Mr. Borchers stated the fire department property is approximately a 10-acre property.

Mr. Henry moved to approve the request of Mr. O’Dell. Mr. McIntire seconded the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Angie Moyer, Engineering Department, approached and stated they have been discussing the logjam near Inlow Springs Road and White River, with Tom Borchers and some of the committee members. Ms. Moyer stated, “It is my understanding that it is out of the County Surveyor’s jurisdiction.” She stated that she wanted to make a telephone call to Army Core of Engineers in Louisville to see if there is anything, they can do to help with the situation.

Mr. Borchers stated that he has also called the DNR to get the ball rolling and see if they could point him in some sort of direction to get the matter taken care of. Mr. Borchers stated, “I know it is kind of a crossover between the two of them, so hopefully, we can get it worked out.”

Mr. Henry stated, “So Angie will talk with the Army Corp of Engineers and you will talk with DNR.” Mr. Borchers stated, “That is correct.”

Ms. Moyer stated that they are concerned on the highway department side with the bridge being impacted by the logjam, and Bob Jessee stated that the water has already rerouted around the logjam, and will be eroding the banks.

Mr. Borchers stated, “It not being a regulated drain, we cannot use maintenance funds to fix that so we will have to find another way to do so, and hopefully the DNR or someone will help us out.”

Ms. Moyer stated that she would keep them updated.

Mr. Henry stated, “Yes keep us updated and if we have to go a different route, please let him know.”

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

William Whitehead, President

John Landers, Member

Shannon Henry, Member

Dick McIntire, Member

Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary