

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

April 15, 2019

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

William Whitehead, President
Clarence Hensley, Vice 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 March 18, 2019 Drainage Board Minutes.

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

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 discuss this date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Whitehead asked if anyone in the audience had business to present to the Board this date, and if so, asked that they approach and state their name, address, and concern.

George Catt, 10301 W. County Road 500 South, Daleville, approached and stated that they have a lot of standing water on their property. Mr. Catt stated, "We own approximately 12-acres, and about 7-acres are under water. They moved there in August/September, and it has been under water since they moved there. Obviously, we have had a bad winter, but the water has always been standing at the front by County Road 500 South." Furthermore, Mr. Catt stated that they are digging some drains across the street from his property, and his biggest concern is that it is not going to alleviate the water. He stated, "I was wondering if maybe we could get some relief." Mr. Catt further stated there is a ditch in front of his house, which has probably not been hit before he was born, and asked if he could get it dug out or if he could get permission to put a pond in front to drain some of the water, or maybe some other relief. He stated they do not have a big farm, just 12-acres, and sixty-seven percent of it is not usable. Mr. Catt stated that they have many plans, but he cannot get the fences fixed to get the horses in until they get the water gone, and that it is depressing. He stated that they bought that piece of property to plant and to have a homestead, but we just cannot use it.

Mr. Whitehead asked Mr. Catt if he has been in contact with the Surveyor's Office.

Mr. Catt stated yes the Surveyor is a nice guy and he was told that across from Guenthespburger's they are going to put a drain there, but the Surveyor told him there is always going to be some water in the front field because it has always been that way. Mr. Catt stated, "I am a man that because something has always been that way, it doesn't mean it has to be that way," Furthermore, he stated that he did not know if there was some other relief or something that will get that water gone, even if he has to live with some out front, with that being so bad all of his back fields are completely under water, and if he could just get his back fields dry, he could do something with the property, but he just needs some relief. Mr. Catt stated that he knew they are going to be digging across the street, but his concern is it is not going to fix the problem in his front fields.

Mr. Borchers stated he would give a little history on that ditch.

Basically, if you have been to Guenthespburger's property, it would be to the west of Mr. Catt's homestead, it is very wet and it has been very wet for a long time. It is on top of a county main. Mr. Guenthespburger told me when I first got in office that it has been a problem for a long time. As of right now we have gravel, pipe and everything out there ready to do the work as soon as the conditions are right. I send Mr. Catt a map of the overlying drainage of the area, and wished he had known they would be here today he would have brought that to the meeting. Most of his property will drain the way that tile flows, but that tile is broken down to the north of Mr. Catt on Guenthespburger's property. We are going to fix that and get it flowing again, which will give him some

relief. We plan to come across the road and possibly put a breather in, which should help Mr. Catt. I am not sure of the outcome from there, but we do have a county tile at that location, and we are in the process of fixing it. Mr. Borchers stated that Mr. Catt asked about a pond, but right now the county does not have any regulations on a pond, so if Mr. Catt wants to put a pond right there, that is completely fine with me. Mr. Borchers stated that if Mr. Catt requests to outflow into that county drain, he would have to get permission, which usually is not that hard.

Mr. Henry asked if he was putting a breather in Mr. Catt's front yard.

Mr. Borchers stated that it is not in his front yard, but will be in his front field. Mr. Henry asked if it was the pasture.

Mr. Catt stated that he did not know what a breather was.

Further discussion on the matter is as follows:

Mr. Borchers stated that it is a large orange object that sticks up with holes in it so the water can get down into it. Mr. Henry stated, "Like a drain." Mr. Catt asked if it would be cement. Mr. Borchers stated that most of them are plastic, either black or orange, and once we get that opened up and get it fixed will put one in. Mr. Borchers informed Mr. Catt that there is no sense in fixing his right now if it is not going to be flowing to the north. Mr. Borchers stated, "Like I said we are all set up to fix it when the contractor can get out there. Mr. Borchers asked Inspector Willis "Is it next on the list, or possibly one more job in front of him." Mr. Willis stated, "Yes." Mr. Borchers stated that as he previously said, everything has been delivered and is ready to go, and once the contractor gets out there it should be a pretty quick fix." Mr. Borchers stated he thought the contractor had approximately 800-feet of pipe to install on Guenthespburger's property. Mr. Henry asked if they have jetted out there. Mr. Borchers stated no because there was no access point to it. Mr. Willis stated as soon as they get that fixed across from Mr. Catt, then they will be able to find out what is going on Mr. Catt's property. Mr. Henry stated, "Okay." Mr. Henry asked if they would keep the Board posted on this. Mr. Borchers stated absolutely and addressed Mr. Catt stating, "George as far as the problem along the road, are you talking about a side ditch." Mr. Catt stated yes and it is pretty overgrown. Mr. Borchers stated that is on the county highway and stated he would talk to Angie at the county highway department and try to get that fixed. Mr. Borchers stated, "He did not know where that ditch goes, but if it flows into the county tile, that would be a good place to put that breather. As far as the pond, the Catt's might want to wait, unless they want it for recreation purposes, they might wait to see what this repair fixes, and then we will take it from there." Furthermore, Mr. Borchers stated that it is possibly broken down somewhere on Mr. Catt's property, because you can tell that area has been under water for a while. He stated it will take a little bit of time, and he realizes that the Catt's have many plans with the horses and such, because he knows about livestock and such, but it is just going to be a process we have to go through at this time.

Mr. Murphy stated there was a pond ordinance passed several years ago and that Mr. Catt would have to go through the approval process. Mr. Henry stated he would have to go the Plan Commission and Steve Minnick, and knows there are a few pond regulations, but not much. Mr.

Henry stated, "I agree with Tommy that Mr. Catt should wait and see what this fix does, and possibly alleviate your problem or it may not, but you don't want to start digging a pond in the middle of one of our county tiles, because it would cause more problems than what we already have." Mr. McIntire asked if it was possible, he could run a tile up through his property and hook into the county tile where they are installing the breather. Mr. Borchers stated that is on his property and it is a county tile, and it is probably broken down. Mr. McIntire stated that if it is a county tile, when they get it opened up . . . Mr. Borchers stated it is a county main, and that tile has not been working for twenty or thirty years because of the way it looks on the overheads, because the soil has darkened. Mr. Catt stated, "If Dave across the street is taken care of, am I on the list for my tile to be replaced or are you just putting in the breather." Mr. Borchers stated, "Basically you are on the list, and I told the contractor; a) Let's get the tile flowing northeast so we can get that going, and then, b) we are coming across the road to dig down and make sure it is flowing underneath the road and put in the breather there." Mr. Borchers stated that it is right in the side ditch or right inside the Catt's fence, but he has not decided where they are going to put it yet. Mr. Borchers stated that it depends on the contours of land, which he has not looked at yet; and then once they get that in, if it is flowing that should alleviate the majority of the problem, but if not then they will have an access point to that tile and they can jet rod it, back 1,000-feet. He stated, If they cannot determine any problems there, they will have to go back and pop some holes in the ground to see why it is not flowing, and hopefully, once they get that flowing to the north of the Catt's, that is going to open all that up, they can put that breather in, and it will be good to go. If not, we will have to continue to work on it and find the real issue if there is another issue at that location."

Mr. Willis stated that the purpose of a breather over on the Catt's side is to let that water get down to the county's tile quicker, instead of it running down into the ground and then dissipating.

Mr. Catt thanked the Board and stated that he appreciated their help.

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:

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

Mr. Henry moved to approve the claims as submitted. Mr. McIntire seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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