

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

December 16, 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
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 November 18, 2019 Drainage Board Minutes. **Mr. Landers** moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. McIntire. Mr. Henry abstained from voting due to his absence at said meeting. **Motion passed 3-0.**

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 he would like to update the Board on the work he has been doing with G.I.S. on the section corners. Mr. Borchers stated, "We do have all the section corners that have been located on Beacon on the homepage. If they go to Beacon, there is a layer they can click on and its been an undertaking to get those all digitized and on Beacon. As we continue to add more section corners, G.I.S. will update those for public use." Mr. Borchers stated that is all that he has for today.

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Jim Carmichael, 10801 S County Road 540 East, Selma, approached the Board and stated that he has a farm field that joins up to Cardinal Greenway. He stated, "There is a large culvert pipe that goes underneath the greenway. At one end of it, it has rusted out and the dirt has dropped in, and the water will not flow through it anymore." Furthermore, Mr. Carmichael stated, "It has been at least two and half years since I met Mr. Borchers out there to look at the situation and he stated that they would put him on the list. Like I said this has been two and half years ago and I don't know why I cannot get anything done."

Mr. Borchers stated that they went out there and opened it up, asked Mr. Carmichael, "We got it opened right?" Mr. Carmichael stated, "No."

Discussion was held as follows on the issue:

Mr. Borchers stated that he was out there when they opened it. Mr. Carmichael stated that they worked on the one side of it. Mr. Borchers stated that they got all the way through. Mr. Carmichael stated, "When they were there working on it, there was a lot of water standing on his side, of course, we had to let the water get away." Mr. Borchers stated, "The water got away because they opened it up because the water was standing there, and then what happened, the contractor was suppose to come back and he never did. What I am going to do, is call the contractor back and if he is not able to get out there in the next few weeks, I will take it away from him and give it to someone else, that is all I can do. It is nothing personal, it is written up and he has done a lot of work for the county, I just do not understand why he keeps on shuffling past yours. I do not know if it is because it is really wet out there, but we did have that opened up at one time." Mr. Carmichael stated the water that has been standing on his side was gone all summer, because we had such a dry summer, and there is no water standing there now.

Mr. Henry asked if it was actually under the Cardinal Greenway. Mr. Borchers stated, "The pipe is." Mr. Carmichael stated, "Yes". Mr. Henry stated this is another issue with the Greenway, and I am sure Brandon knows this, but the Greenway accepted all of it and the path, but they do not have any money for maintenance. Mr. Henry asked, "So it is

Greenway pipe not the county's pipe?" Mr. Carmichael stated, "Like I said, two and half years ago when I met with Mr. Borchers, we went back and looked at it, and I asked him who was responsible for this the Greenway or the county, and Mr. Borchers stated that it was the counties." Mr. Henry stated, "It should be the Greenway's, but they have no money, that is the whole problem. With all of these situations with the Greenway, and they are all getting so old and we are having a lot of issues, which in turn, is costing the county money, and that is not the way it should be, but I agree with Tommy." Mr. Borchers stated that is all he can do is just call the contractor and say, "Listen, if you do not get out there in a couple of weeks, I will just have to work with someone else." Mr. Borchers stated as far as the pipe goes, if I remember right, there is a metal culvert pipe but there is also our tile that runs underneath that, and a lot of it is breaking down all the way through. Mr. Borchers stated, "There were two or three problems that we had over at my house, because I live on the trail too, and it is the exact same thing, where those metal pipes have run their course." Mr. Henry stated, "Yes, they are falling apart."

Mr. Borchers stated that is the best he can do at this point, is just give the contractor an ultimatum to be out there, and if he is not I will pull it away and give it to someone else. Mr. Carmichael stated if your guys are going to back out on you and not do it, if you get someone else, how much longer am I going to have to wait for them to do this then. Mr. Borchers stated that it depends on the weather, and I will tell them to bump it up, you know there is a situation out there where I don't know off the top of my head, what all needs to be done. Mr. Borchers stated, "I know that we opened it up and I knew that was a big problem with it because it was completely closed off. I am not exactly sure I will have to go back over my notes and make sure I give it to someone that has the equipment to handle it." Mr. Henry asked how large is the tile. Mr. Borchers stated he believes it is 15-inch. Mr. Carmichael stated, "At least." Mr. Borchers stated that it should not be a big issue.

Mr. Whitehead stated if it isn't functional at all, is there a chance of getting it replaced then? Mr. Borchers stated, "Yes, like I said there is our tile and then there is an actual metal pipe that is not ours, and we cleaned out both of them while we were there, and we jet rodded them, and it was a big thing to get a truck back there next to that Greenway. So as far as the tile that is ours, if it is not working we will get it fixed, as far as the metal pipe, that is something we'll have to talk about." Mr. Henry asked is our tile fairly decent? Mr. Borchers stated, "He believed so, it is plastic underneath on both sides, if I remember right, there is a breather right there at the Greenway, and I believe it is plastic so I think it is good tile. Just on the other side it is all collapsed." Mr. Henry asked if we could put a breather on the other side to help get rid of the water. Mr. Borchers stated, "Yes, absolutely, we could do that." Mr. Henry stated that if the tile that is running underneath the Greenway is not any good, let's put a breather in. Mr. Borchers stated, "Okay, we can do that." Mr. Carmichael stated that actually it has a breather on both sides. Mr. Whitehead asked if they are both functional? Mr. Carmichael stated that he is assuming

they are. Mr. Whitehead asked Mr. Borchers if he would let Mr. Carmichael know what they are getting done. Mr. Borchers stated that he has Mr. Carmichael's number in the office, but if he could furnish it to him again. Mr. Carmichael stated, "(765) 730-2436." Mr. Borchers informed Mr. Carmichael that he would give him a call back before the end of the week with an estimate of time. Mr. Carmichael stated, "Of course. When they put some new county tile in, we are paying a ditch assessment now and some of that money could go into helping to fix that, but I do not know where the ditch assessment money goes, do you Bill?" Mr. Whitehead stated that it is very complicated and it depends on which ditch, and whose, but Surveyor Borchers will try to get with you and if he doesn't, keep on us here please. Mr. Carmichael stated another issue is he wondered if the contractors are afraid of that A.T. & T. phone cable that runs along there, and wasn't sure if they were afraid to get into that. Mr. Borchers stated that they will call and locate, so they will be fine with that. Mr. Whitehead stated, "They will have to work with that, and that is all part of the workings, but hopefully, Mr. Borchers will get you a contractor out there and see if they cannot come to a satisfactory solution. If it doesn't work, we do hold monthly meetings." Mr. Carmichael stated there is a lot of surface water coming off of his field and (inaudible) big field and it gets so deep and then starts running back to the north, has made a big gully and it is running the wrong way. Mr. Whitehead stated that he is glad it isn't running west, because that is their field. Mr. Whitehead stated, "Alright Jim, hopefully we can take care of it, and asked if anyone else would like to address the Drainage Board." No one responded.

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 2:40 p.m.

William Whitehead, President

Shannon Henry, Member

John Landers, Member

Dick McIntire, Member

Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary