

# REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

July 15, 2024

**President, Jamie Swoboda, called the meeting to order. Members present at the meeting were the following:**

Jamie Swoboda, President  
Dick McIntire, Vice President  
Shannon Henry, Member  
William Whitehead, Member  
John Landers, Member  
Tom Borchers, Surveyor  
Brandon Murphy, Attorney  
Jennifer Licht, Recording Secretary

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Swoboda** entertained a motion for the approval of the June 17, 2024 Drainage Board Minutes.

**Mr. Whitehead** moved for approval, with Vice President, Jamie Swoboda amended to read “President” instead of “Vice President”. Motion seconded by Mr. McIntire. Mr. Henry abstained from voting due to being absent at the Board Meeting on that date. **Motion passed 4-0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Driveway Variance**

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

**Mr. Borchers** stated, I was contacted by Bart Lillie, who sold some acreage and we have an old tile, Hoffman Trib #5 on the property. However, several years ago he sold some other acreage to someone who built a house and they wanted to plug their perimeter drain into it, so I sent a contractor out and he couldn't find it, there is no legal description of it in the legal cards, it goes from number four to six, so it's not there. All they are requesting is to build a driveway over the easement. Since the tile is not there, I don't see any reason why we wouldn't let them put a driveway in. I recommend the board to do a variance so they can build the driveway. Mr. Henry asked, “Is a variance what needs to be done?” Mr. Murphy stated, “Yes, it's possible we may later have a request to vacate it.”

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

### **Blackford County Joint Board**

Mr. Borchers stated I talked to the Blackford County Surveyor about the joint board and I'll let Mr. Murphy talk more on it. Mr. Murphy stated I think the Board is aware we got that request in advance of our last meeting. I communicated with the Surveyor and their counsel. We agreed to postpone the initial meeting that was set so we could appoint our two members. I talked to Mr. Swoboda about that and we appointed Mr. Swoboda and Mr. Henry to be the members on the joint board. We are working on a date in August to hold that first meeting. One of the matters, we will have to decide who the fifth member will be, which has to be by agreement of our members and Blackford County members. We are working on that and I will work with Mr. Borchers to make sure that everybody is informed and ready for that meeting. Mr. Borchers asked, "Did he ever mention how often he expects the board to meet?" Mr. Murphy stated "No, that will probably be the discussion of the joint board at the initial meeting." Mr. Henry stated we need to question about payment for the 5<sup>th</sup> member, they may want some paid milage. Mr. Murphy stated I'll take a look into that as well.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Mr. Borchers** stated, not at this time.

### **MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Jennifer Licht, Recording Secretary

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Jamie Swoboda, President

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Dick McIntire, Vice President

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Jon Landers, Member