

Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Monday June 21, 2021 at 12:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, Jason Henderson, Kristi Hinkle

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerald Cline, Ryan Bergman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Dennis Henderson called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: QUORUM ESTABLISHED

MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tracey made a motion to approve the May 24th, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Denny 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

SURVEYORS REPORT:

- A. Barr Ellis Watson: Jason stated that earlier in the season there was a breakdown and had Fluid Waste jet rod. Jason also stated that one area was working well, and the other end was impacted. Jason said that there are two ways to correct it. Jason stated that the board could authorize and partner with the landowner. Jason also stated that the other would be a reconstruction which would take longer. Jason stated that everything east in the system is working well, but the top end is not. Jason said that if there is enough in the maintenance fund to do it and if not, the county would contribute 50/50 on the work. Denny had asked who 'would have large enough equipment' to do the work. Jason replied that Bergman can do 10 or 12 in size. Denny stated that it would be best with a machine which would be less mess. Mr. Cline stated that it would be best with a machine. He also stated that whatever the board comes up with he is ok with it. Jason stated that the drainage board can contribute \$10,000 and the other landowners are responsible for the rest. Denny stated that the only issue will be the laterals on the other side of the tile. Jason replied that with a machine the laterals can be located. Jason stated that the whole watershed would benefit, by eliminating soil that was clogging the tile. Jason also stated that a decision of doing this before crops are harvested or after is needed by the landowner and tenant farmer. Jason asked the board if they wanted some numbers first. Tracey responded that they need to find out about the crops first. Jason agreed with Tracey. Jason stated that the drainage board would contribute a Maximum of \$10,000 towards the work.
- B. Etchinson Drain: Jason stated that this drain is in the southeast of the county. Jason said that the tile goes through a pond and that pond seems to be an issue. Jason also said that the person that recently purchased the property did not put the pond in (pond was already there). Jason stated that the first thing that could be done is to reroute the tile. Jason also stated that they could have a meeting with the property owner and see if the obstruction could be moved. Jason stated that the property owner wants to keep the pond and does not want to fill it in. Jason said that this could be considered as an obstruction. Jason also stated that the property could be notified to rectify it. Jason said that the drain's

account brings in \$235 a year and the balance is \$533.62. Jason also said that the Neese's and the Drake's were supposed to be at the meeting and are not. Jason stated that they met with the new landowner last year. Denny asked about who the new landowner is. Jason replied that it is the Carley guy. Jason stated that Neese was supposed to be here to decide which way they wanted to go. Jason also stated that to move forward he will have another discussion with Carley. Jason said that he will get a hold of Carley.

- C. Private drain obstruction: Jason stated that the first obstruction is located at Tumbleweed. Jason also stated that the property north of Tumbleweed is owned by Gregory Schmidt. Jason said that there is a tile that crosses the road and that Gregory "alleged" that there is a tree on Burnette's that causes the obstruction. Jason stated that this is not a county drain that it is a private drain, but the board can get involved in private drainage obstructions. Jason also stated that he went out and met with the Burnette's. Jason said that his job is to oversee the issue. Jason also said that the Burnette's already had three estimates in which they presented to Mr. Schmidt. Jason stated that when Greg chooses a company and pays for the work to be done, Jason will make sure that the ground is put back correctly. Jason made it aware that this information was just an FYI. Jason stated that there was another possible obstruction regarding a private tile located out southeast of town. Jason said that Mr. Powell had installed a tile. Jason also said that there was a hearing in Boone County where the judge ruled that the tile is private and that is it. Jason stated that the adjoining property wants to know if that private tile is obstructing access to the public tile. Jason said that this is another process and that they are going to get started under the supervision of the board attorney. Jason stated that process would require running a camera and getting some elevations. Jason stated that since it was ruled that the tile is a private tile, the county would not do work on it. Denny stated that if this private tile is in the county easement, then that would be a problem. Denny had asked about the option of a structure. Jason replied that there was one that our engineer had come up with. Ryan Bergman stated that this has been going on awhile and that something needs to be done about it. Ryan also stated that Bob (at one time) and he were okay with the county purchasing the private tile from Bob. Jason replied that a reconstruction hearing would take place in order for the county to purchase it and maintain it from then on. Denny had asked about how long that tile is. Jason replied that it is about seven to eight thousand feet. Ryan stated that the box structure is not going to work one hundred percent. Jason stated that he will reach out to Bob and let him know of the discussion. Ryan had asked if that they will know something by the next meeting. Jason replied he hoped so.

CLAIMS: Kristi presented the claims in the amount of \$103,503.90. Tracey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Denny 2nd the motion. The motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Surveyor Henderson stated that the Big Cicero does meet this Wednesday at 9:30. Jason also stated that there was nothing new to report regarding the shelving project. Tracey asked about the bidding on the shelving. Jason replied that it will be talked about at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Tracey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denny 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

DENNIS HENDERSON

ATTEST:

KRISTI HINKLE

TRACEY POWELL

NANCY CLINE

***The above minutes were approved at a regular meeting of the Tipton County Drainage Board.
The signatures were intentionally omitted to preserve privacy. Signed copies are available in
the Tipton County Surveyor's Office, 1st floor of the Tipton County Courthouse.***