

Synopsis of:  
Tipton County Drainage Board:  
Monday May 22, 2023, at 12:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, Nancy Cline, Jason Henderson, Kristi Hinkle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Roy Burkhardt, Drinda Burkhardt, Coots,

**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:** Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the April 24, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

**SURVEYOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Surveyor Henderson explained the 1158 fund and stated that there was \$287,000 in that fund. With the possible future reconstructions, Surveyor Henderson stated that he was going to explore the option of a line of credit to fund those reconstructions instead of the 1158 fund. Surveyor Henderson also stated that if any drains would need to be raised that those drains would be brought to the board's attention. Surveyor Henderson presented an example of combining smaller watersheds with larger watersheds for the future.
- B. Surveyor Henderson stated that clearing was taking place on the Bayer (formerly Dekalb in Windfall) property and Jeff McCorkle wanted to clear the full 75 feet on the Windfall Cemetery property (1325 feet) in which the cemetery would pay the difference (45 feet).
- C. Surveyor Henderson informed the board that DC Coaters were expanding their building and parking area. Surveyor Henderson also stated that Nutrien Ag Solutions is expanding as well. Surveyor Henderson stated that both the DC Coaters and Nutrien will be presented to the Cicero Board this Wednesday (May 24, 2023). Surveyor Henderson advised the board that Nutrien might have to request approval from Tipton County Drainage Board to reroute a county tile at Nutrien's expense.

**BOARD BUSINESS/COMMENTS (OLD or NEW):**

Obstruction Hearing: Surveyor Henderson notified the board that certified letters were sent out for the hearing of obstruction of drainage in West Elwood. Surveyor Henderson stated that per Indiana code that the board would determine whether the removal of obstruction and or improvement in the drainage would promote better drainage, determine that the obstruction was intentional or unintentional, and determine the cost associated with the obstruction and assign cost to property owners. Surveyor Henderson stated that he walked the property two weeks ago with Mr. Coots and Mr. Jacks. Surveyor Henderson advised the board that Mr. Jacks would be doing private drainage on Craning and Burkhardt property through Coots. Surveyor Henderson presented options for the route of the tile and decided

to go the longer route with Craning and Burkhart splitting the additional cost. Commissioner Nancy Cline had asked if all parties agreed. Mr. Burkhart had agreed but had wanted to confirm that it was their private drain and make sure that they had access to the drain in the future if maintenance was needed. Surveyor Henderson responded that he will go locate the drain once it was put in and have a drawing in the permanent file for West Elwood and make sure the property owners had a copy. Mr. Burkhart stated that Steve Jacks was at the property now unloading equipment. Surveyor Henderson recommended putting a riser at the turn to be able to clean out the tile. Mr. Coots stated that he agreed with Surveyor Henderson to go as close as possible to the north fence line. Mr. Coots requested that the pipe after the turn toward the east be perforated. Surveyor Henderson stated that in the future if someone needs drainage help, they could pay a fee to tap into the drain by asking the owner of the drain. Denny Henderson stated that there would be issues with tree roots with a perforated drain. Surveyor Henderson recommended two risers to get access to the drain if needed. Surveyor Henderson stated that this project would promote better drainage for the property owners. Surveyor Henderson had asked the board to endorse that the route of the tile was reasonable and benefited the drainage, that the Burkhart's and Craning are paying for the project and that they install the solid tile with two risers. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned for Surveyor Henderson to write the findings and present it at the next board meeting. Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved.

CLAIMS: Secretary Hinkle presented the claims in the amount of \$90,985.89. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REMINDER: Next Meeting is Monday, June 19, 2023, at 12:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

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DENNIS HENDERSON

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NANCY CLINE

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TRACEY POWELL

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ATTEST: KRISTI HINKLE

*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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Tipton County Courthouse.*