

**Synopsis of:  
Tipton County Drainage Board:  
Monday November 20, 2023, at 12:30 pm**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Morris Stillabower, Teresa Stillabower, George Tebbe, Steve Recobs, Brenda Recobs, Jay A. Jarrett, Danny Dean, Debbie Tragesser

**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 October 23, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

**SURVEYOR'S OPEN REPORT:**

- A. Surveyor Henderson stated that Kristi Hinkle has her affidavit that she sent out by mail and has proof of the publication in which all copies of those will be placed in the file. Surveyor Henderson also stated that Salsbery's complimented Redman's work on Mud Creek in which Randy Salsbery wanted that to be noted to the board.
- B. BCC SBOA: Surveyor Henderson informed the board about SBOA had mandated Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board to become its own entity.

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

- A. **EARL SHOCKNEY REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented historical data and stated that there were no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the maintenance be raised to \$5.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with a \$25.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, and \$8 an acre for exempt tracts with \$50.00 minimum. No public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to adopt the Earl Shockney maintenance increase as presented. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.
- B. **FRED TOLLE REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented the historical data and stated that there were no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the maintenance be raised to \$5.00 per acre for agriculture/residential with a \$25.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, \$8.00 per acre for exempt tracts with a \$50.00 minimum. No public comment. Commissioner

Nancy Cline motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to adopt the Fred Tolle maintenance increase as presented. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

- C. **GLASS METLIN REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented the historical data and stated that there were no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the maintenance be raised to \$6.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with a \$40.00 minimum, \$25.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$100 minimum, and \$10.00 per acre for exempt tracts with a \$50.00 minimum. Morris Stillabower (4838 W St Rd 28) had asked if the stated highway easement was transferred back to county. Surveyor Henderson replied that the stated purchased the trapezoid shape property and have not turned that space over. Surveyor Henderson stated that the state will turn it over but not yet. Mr. Stillabower informed the board that there is erosion in that area and asked if the State Highway, County Highway or the Drainage Board is responsible. Surveyor Henderson replied that it could be all three. Mr. Stillabower also stated that there is severe erosion about 40 or 30 feet on top of the 24inch tile on his property. Mr. Stillabower expressed hopes that the drainage board would extend the tile. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to adopt the increase assessment on the Glass Metlin regulated drain. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved. Surveyor Henderson stated that he would get with Mr. Stillabower this week.
- D. **JESSE ALEXANDER OPEN REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented the historical data and stated that there were no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the maintenance be raised to \$5.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with a \$25.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, and \$8.00 per acre for exempt tracts with a \$50.00 minimum. No public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to adopt the Jesse Alexander open regulated drain maintenance increase as presented. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved.
- E. **LYDY KEMP ORR REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented the historical data and stated that there were no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the maintenance be raised to \$5.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with \$25.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, and \$8 per acre for exempt tracts with a \$50.00 minimum. No public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the Lydy Kemp Orr regulated drain maintenance increase as presented. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

- F. MAINES LEGG PECK AULT REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented the historical data and stated that there are no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the drain maintenance be raised to \$7.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with a \$40.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, and \$8.00 per acre for exempt tract with a \$50.00 minimum. Danny Dean had asked if they are planning to replace the tile on 600 East. Surveyor Henderson replied yes with the county highway's help. There was discussion of a possible partial reconstruction of the Maines Legg Peck Ault drain. Jay Jarrett stated that water stands in his yard and urged the board to get Hamilton County to take care of their side of the drain. Brenda Recobs showed concern that the proposed drain maintenance increase is too much of a "jump" and had asked if the proposed maintenance is higher or around the amount of the other Tipton County drains. Surveyor Henderson responded that some Tipton County drains are higher. Brenda Recobs also asked if this increase was permanent or short term. Surveyor Henderson responded that it is a permanent increase, but the board could lower it at a regular board meeting if needed. Commissioner Denny Henderson stated that the drain gets shut off when it reaches a certain amount. Brenda Recobs asked what amount it would have to reach. Surveyor Henderson responded that it is between four to eight times the amount that is in the drain. Brenda Recobs reminded the board that she thinks that it is too high of a jump in the amount. Steve Recobs had asked when the work with the county highway would take place. Surveyor Henderson replied that that work would take place before next spring. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Denny Henderson abstained from voting on the Maines Legg Peck Ault. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to adopt the Maines Legg Peck Ault maintenance increase as presented. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Tracey Powell=yes, Nancy Cline=yes, and Denny Henderson abstained. Motion was approved.
- G. NORTH OFF CARR REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented the historical data and stated that there were no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the drain maintenance be raised to \$4.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with a \$25.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, and \$8.00 an acre for exempt tracts with a \$50.00 minimum. George Tebbe showed concern on the shut off amount for the North Off Carr drain. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to adopt the North Off Carr regulated drain maintenance increase with the shut off being four times the amount. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.
- H. RUSHTON LOSEY KRING REGUALTED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented the historical data and stated that there were no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the drain maintenance be raised to \$5.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with a \$40.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for

nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, \$8.00 per acre for exempt tracts with a \$50.00 minimum. No public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the Rushton Losey Kring maintenance increase as presented. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

- I. SOWERS BROWN REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented some historical data and stated that there were no remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the drain maintenance be raised to \$6.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with a \$50.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, \$8.00 per acre for exempt tracts with a \$50.00 minimum. No public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Nancy Cline stated that she is going to abstain from the Sower Brown Regulated Drain. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the Sowers Brown regulated drain maintenance increase with the shut off being four times the amount. Commissioner Denny Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Tracey Powell=yes, Denny Henderson=yes, and Nancy Cline=abstained. Motion was approved.
- J. TOBIN PARKER REGULATED DRAIN:** Surveyor Henderson presented some historical data and stated there were two remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson proposed that the drain maintenance be raised to \$4.00 per acre for agricultural/residential with a \$25.00 minimum, \$15.00 per acre for nonagricultural/nonresidential with a \$50.00 minimum, and \$8.00 per acre for exempt tracts with a \$50.00 minimum. Goerge Tebbe stated that he filed a remonstrance because of the eight times amount for shut off. Mr. Tebbe also stated that there needs to be better oversight. Debbie Tragesser showed concern with the amount of increase being excessive. Debbie mentioned that the drain is in pretty good shape. Debbie Tragesser presented some pictures of the ditch to the board. Debbie Tragesser stated that she has a problem with mowing drains. Debbie Tragesser presented a claim from Tobin Parker drain and pictures of debris in the ditch. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment closed. Discussion ensued with the commissioners and the surveyor. Surveyor Henderson stated that the office will work better for oversight in which requesting for invoices to be more detailed and pictures too. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to adopt the Tobin Parker regulated drain maintenance increase with the shut off being four times the amount. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.
- K. Meeting Dates:** Surveyor Henderson presented the TCDB 2024 meeting dates. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the TCDB 2024 meeting dates as presented. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

**CLAIMS:** Secretary Hinkle presented the claims in the amount of \$28,926.61. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment closed.

**REMINDER:** Next Meeting is Monday, December 18, at 12:30 pm.

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