

Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board
January 22, 2019
Tipton County Courthouse

Members Present: President Brad Bagwell, Mark Heirbrandt, Jim Mullins, Donnie Lawson

Surveyors Present: Jason Henderson, Kenton Ward, Daniel Sheets, Ken Hedge

Secretary: Kristi Hinkle Attorney: Steve Holt

Others Present: Ralph Kauffman, Keith Hoover, McKenzie Enright, Vicky Boyd, Rilyn Gipson, Emma Denn, Lauren Shively, Ellie Browning, Paige Golden, Scot Vanhorn, Mallory Retherford, Emma Long, Bob Edinger, Julia Eubank, **Mayor** Thomas Dolezal

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Brad Bagwell called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Quorum established.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

ORGANIZATION:

- A. President: Mark Heirbrandt motioned for Brad Bagwell as President. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. Motion approved.
- B. Vice-President: Mark Heirbrandt motioned for Jim Mullins as Vice-President. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. Motion approved.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer: Mark Heirbrandt motioned for Kristi Hinkle as Secretary/Treasurer. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Brad stated that they have to wait on Jim Mullins to appear for approval of the minutes.

BOARD TO CONSIDER CLAIMS: Kristi Hinkle presented claims in the amount of \$2,861.75. Mark Heirbrandt motioned to approve the claims as presented. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT:

Jason stated that he has nothing to report at this time and asked if the other surveyors had anything to comment. Kenton replied with asking if Scot wanted him to schedule a float trip next month. Brad stated that maybe they could try a float trip in March.

Brad asked a group of students of what school they attend. The group replied that they are from Tipton high school. Brad welcomed the students to the meeting.

BOARD ENGINEERS:

Jason stated that Siavash is not here and did want to communicate with a letter that is in the board's packets. Jason read the report as follows:

1. Spoil Pile Removal Feasibility- No progress since last meeting. We are waiting for suitable weather to coordinate with Jason and schedule a field day to visit couple of sites for confirmation of our desktop analysis findings.
2. Detention Pond Sites Feasibility: This task consists of three major steps: Step 1 includes desktop analysis of available data. Step 2 includes field visits and in-person contacts with the County Surveyor, Property owner/Operator, Health Department staff, and others that might have pertinent info on the sites suitability. Step 3 includes summarizing the findings in a brief report and presentation to the Board. To date, we have completed Step 1 and planning to complete the remaining two steps hopefully by next month's meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS/COMMENTS (OLD OR NEW):

Attorney Report (Holt): Steve Holt has nothing to report. Steve stated that there is a proposed contract in the folders in which for the board to consider on giving him a raise. Mark asked attorney Holt about when the last time that he (Holt) had a raise. Steve replied 2016. Mark replied that he would really like to have a full board here to vote. Mark Heirbrandt made a motion to table it until we have a full board present. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. The motion was approved. Mark requested that Jason send that (proposed contract) to all the board members. Jason replied yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vicky Boyd, Tipton Tribune, asked about the businesses that were required to maintain their own area along the Cicero creek. Vicky is asking about the letters that were supposed to be sent out and if they got sent out. She also asked if they received anything back from them. Jason replied that they are on the ongoing work list. He also replied yes that he did send the letters out. He also sent a copy of the agreement letter as well. Jason also said that they have not spent any money nor done any work on their property areas. Vicky had asked what businesses received letters. Jason replied that CVS and McDonalds received letters. Brad stated that if anything were to happen or something needed to be done that those businesses would be notified that they need to repair the issue. Vicky asked about the other businesses along there. Jason replied that the other businesses were talked about in the meeting minutes. Vicky asked if the board could contact those other businesses if something needs to be done. Vicky requested a copy of the letter that was sent out.

Holt had a question about the fall and spring settlements having a big difference. Kristi replied that not all of the fall settlements have been entered. Holt asked which ones have not been entered. Kristi replied that Boone county and Tipton county have not been entered. Holt asked about the interest on them. Ken Hedge said that we would not have Boone County's interest because they have not received theirs yet. Jason stated the Big Cicero account is at a separate bank from the general drain account. Big Cicero account is at First Farmer's Bank. He stated that Tipton County Treasurer and Auditor deposits the settlements into the Big Cicero's account quickly.

Vicky had asked about the trails and the shelving project. She asked about where the shelving project stands. Jason replied that the shelving project itself needs to be looked at by himself and the surveyors. Jason stated that they now have the ability to move forward with the two stage ditch, since the appeals for the judicial review are done. Brad asked Holt about any other appeals. Holt replied legally it is clear sailing and they can move forward. Mark stated that they should explore the financing of it because interest rates have went down again. Mark also stated that there is some maintenance and tree removal that we need to do. Vicky asked about the shelving project in which the financial part of it was supposed to be in conjunction with the city. Mark replied yes. Vicky asked if that should be looked at with the new administration. Mark replied that it could be. Mark asked about the rain that we recently received and its impact here. Jason replied that he received a call from their emergency management director and wanted to express a thank you to this board. Jason said that the little bit of clearing that was done made a tremendous improvement of the performance of the ditch. Jason also stated that the stream gauge was at a 9 and that 10 is an active stage. Jason said that the gauge helps for people to be aware and plan. Jason advised that another gauge would be helpful. Brad stated that if there would be a detention pond on the west side that that would be good place to put one of those (gauge). Brad noted that Jim Mullins made it to the meeting. Brad stated since he is here that they can act on the minutes. Brad asked if there are any additions or corrections to the minutes. Jason replied that the part that noted a moment of silence for the late Mayor Havens was added to the minutes. Jim Mullins made a motion to approve the December minutes. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. Mark abstained. Brad stated that there are three positive votes. Motion approved.

NEXT MEETING: Brad stated that the next meeting is February 26, 2020 at 9:30 am.

Newly elected Mayor Tom Dolezal thanked the board for their efforts and is in support of anything that helps with flood litigation as it affects the city of Tipton. Tom also stated that he looks forward to working with all of them and thanked them again for their time and efforts.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Mullins motioned to adjourn. Mark Hierbrandt 2nd the motion.
Meeting adjourned.

BIG CICERO CREEK BOARD:

Brad Bagwell, President

Mark Heirbrandt

Donnie Lawson

Jim Mullins

Scott Shoemaker

ATTEST: _____
Kristi Hinkle, Secretary