

BIG CICERO JOINT
DRAINAGE BOARD
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
First Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Mark Heirbrandt, Byron Loveless, Scott Shoemaker, Jim Mullins, Brad Bagwell, and Secretary Heather Terry

Surveyors Present: Dan Sheets, Jason Henderson, Kenton Ward

Others present at meeting: Vicky Boyd, Rhonda Redman, Scot VanHorn, Mayor Don Havens, Wyatt Johnson, Reedy Financial (Adam & James), Siavash Beik, Carol Cunningham, Jim Leffler, Bill Shepler, Michael Terry, Brent Snow, Steve Niblick

Minutes:

President Heirbrandt presented the minutes from April 26, 2017 meeting and asked for any discussion. Brad Bagwell motioned to approve the January minutes as presented. Byron Loveless 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Finances & Claims:

Brad Bagwell presented the claims totaling \$18,476.61. Byron Loveless made a motion to approve the claims as corrected without Ken Hedge's claim. Jim Mullins 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Surveyor's Reports:

Jason reported that the USDA application process is going well; 95% complete. Michael Cunningham from the USDA and Tipton Mayor Don Havens, were both very helpful. President Hierbrandt asked the status of the Inner-Local Agreement. Jason stated that Attorney Holt has the agreement done but that he has not heard any comments. Mayor Havens stated that the City Council would entertain the Big Cicero Creek Board's presentation at any time. Jason stated that a Notice of Intent to Apply for funds needs to be publicly posted. Brad Bagwell asked about the USDA deadline. Jason Henderson reminded everyone that it is this month. Jason added that Christopher Burke's work is complete and Reedy Financial is complete. The USDA general council needs to review the agreement. Kenton Ward stated this is a similar process to happenings in Hamilton County.

Tipton County Zoning and Subdivision Update: Jason reported that the Tipton County Plan Commission had two hearings in order to update and revise these ordinances and standards. These revisions were sent to the commissioners for their approval.

Kenton Ward presented the board with pictures and a report from floating the Hamilton County portion of Cicero Creek. There were some log jams found and a work order was submitted to VanHorn Excavating to clean those up.

Jason spoke on the shelving project. He went through the steps up to this point. There was hearing years ago to raise assessments. There was a lot of testimony in support of this raise if there was going to be good work done, specifically through the city. Jason mentioned a very thorough study done by Bob Barr. This study brought to light all of the issues for the Big Cicero Watershed: flooding, erosion, rains, flow. One of the outcomes was what could be done, specifically through the city of Tipton. One of the options was a bypass channel, which Jason believes would still be beneficial. A bypass channel would eliminate the floodplain restrictions for the watershed, in conjunction with the shelving project, for the entire watershed. Jason reiterated that the shelving project is still at the top of the list and should move forward. Ken Hedge noted that he agreed with Jason but his recollection was that it would not eliminate flooding, but would help.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Jason presented some engineering reports and a contract to the board for the shelving project. There will be permitting and inspections required. Siavash stated that nearly all of CBE's work is complete. The paperwork presented includes bidding and construction requirements. CBE needs to know if construction will be able to start this year as anticipated. If so, CBE will do their best to assure that happens. Typically September / October is the latest to start a large project before winter. He added that the USDA has been very helpful. Mark Heirbrandt said it is his opinion is that the funding process needs to be complete and in place before bidding and construction start, and he would like to see a timeline. Brad Bagwell suggested to go ahead with the bidding process and simply include verbiage in the document stating that the project is contingent upon USDA funding, and project could start as soon as possible. Siavash would agree. Kenton Ward suggested moving forward with the contingencies. Brad Bagwell made a motion go with the bidding process now, contingent upon funding. Scott Shoemaker 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 19 2017, at 9:30am at the Tipton County Courthouse.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brent Snow, 6159 W S, Tipton. He submitted an option to the board in opposition to the shelving project. He noted an article from 2013 about the bypass project. He found discrepancies in the report for costs. He also had a report from the TERA Site Development Commission. Their project cost estimate is about \$10 million. Their report also stated the bypass option would eliminate flooding. The current shelving project would only reduce the flooding by 6 inches. He wanted the board to review his proposal and given information.

County Councilman Jim Leffler, 3464 S 725 W, Tipton. Jim added that Mr. Snow's option should be a definite consideration.

ADJOURNMENT: Scott Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn. Byron Loveless 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

BIG CICERO CREEK BOARD:

Mark Heirbrandt

Byron Loveless

Jim Mullins

Scott Shoemaker

Brad Bagwell

ATTEST: _____
Heather Terry

The above minutes were approved at a regular meeting of the Big Cicero Creek Joint 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.

