

Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Monday, July 24, 2017 at 12:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Mullins, Mark Manier, Gerald Shuck, Jason Henderson, Heather Terry

OTHERS PRESENT: Janet Stacey, Vicky Boyd, George Tebbe

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

MODIFICATIONS TO AGNEDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gerald Shuck made a motion to accept the June 26, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tipton County Drainage Board Budget: Jason presented the board's budget. He noted the savings of two board members from the previous year. He also reminded the board of the possible need for an inspector. Jason created an Inspector line item. The budget does contain postage, office supplies, conference and travel, as in the past. Gerald Shuck made a motion to approve the proposed 2018 Tipton County Drainage Board budget as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Heights Plumlee Davis: Surveyor Henderson and contractor Jeff Redman walked this site together. At the last meeting there was discussion about replacing tile under the removed trees and adding some surface drains. The estimate from Redman came in over our office approval ability, therefore we will get at least three quotes for the additional work. Redman will go ahead and remove the trees as originally planned.

Shanty: VanHorn Excavating has begun work on this project. There will be a public hearing for this watershed, as we are looking to add additional acreage. Surveyor Dan Sheets in Clinton County is taking steps to get maintenance established in his county.

Advisory Council: Our second meeting was July 18 and was a great success. Only one member was absent.

SURVEYOR REPORT:

Jason presented examples to the board of how building permits and drainage assessments consider the Classification of Use as derived by the Assessor. Jason also explained the appeals process for someone that does not agree with the Classification of Use.

Due Dates: Jason explained that his office, just like the auditor's office, has a due date for claims. He noted that his office will do what they can to pay claims that are delivered in a timely manner and that he will support Secretary Terry in her work and deadlines. Jason wanted the board to understand that if a claim does not show up on a claim roll in a commissioner meeting, it is not necessarily, because Heather did not prepare the claim, but because it may not have met the due date. Next Jason wanted the board to know that his office still has not received the spring drainage assessment amounts. Jason reminded the board that there is an outside company working with the auditor's office to balance and correct books, and to make the drainage fund balances public. Also, the auditors office is fully responsible for the financial books.

CLAIMS: Heather presented claims to the board totaling \$35,431.98. Gerald Shuck made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Tebbe, Tipton. George asked about a set policy for spraying the open county ditches. He knows it has been discussed in advisory council. President Mullins asked if the board should create an ordinance or process for spraying. Jason explained the issues we typically face with spraying, and this year added a lot of rain. Mark Manier asked the optimum time to spray. There was not a definitive answer. There was discussion about spraying options and local persons that are licensed.

George also asked about the possibility of the Wolverton Tile (500 W & Division) being reconstructed. He stated it does have a negative grade and the bond from the company that did the last work has obviously expired and now the tax payers will have to pay to fix it. Jason said that USI or county highway should have plans from the previous Division Road project.

Next George asked about a waterway that has recently been constructed south of 200 N. He states this has created a huge issue and big liability. Jason Henderson communicated with the Soil Water Conservation about this issue. Jason Henderson added the county does need some language or repercussions/penalties about creating waterways and the process and permits that go along with it. Jason mentioned this is why we ask the advisory members to report suspicious tile work or work that is not permitted. There are rules in place about diverting water and neighborly work.

Janet Stacey asked for an update on the Hutcherson project. This requires a joint drainage board. Jason is still waiting for the feedback from Howard, Grant, and Madison counties. He hopes for reportable information by the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Gerald Shuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 21, 2017 at 12:30pm in the Tipton County Courthouse.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

JIM MULLINS

GERALD SHUCK

MARK MANIER

ATTEST:

HEATHER TERRY, SECRETARY

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.

