

Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Monday, February 20, 2018 at 12:30 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Leffler, Mike Baden, Cole Henderson, Dalton Henderson, Steve Hartley, Amy Hartley, Noah Hill, Scot Gasho, Ken Noe, Vicky Boyd, Kurt Fettig, Clint Fettig, Jason Noble, Janet Stacy, Nate Mahaney, Caleb Burkett

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

MODIFICATIONS TO AGNEDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the January 22, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Emergency Action / Consideration:

Jason presented information on the George Julius Tile. This tile has about 1800 feet of clay tile in need of emergency repair. The watershed only has 136 benefited acres and limited funds of \$3,300.00. Jason invited the landowners to the meeting. The tile meets the criteria for reconstruction or vacation. Jason stated the current tile needs to be filled and crushed.

County Highway Superintendant Bret Morris agrees with Surveyor Henderson. Bret stated unfortunately the damage is already done before anyone know about it. In this case, the road has been closed due to a large hole in the road. It is dangerous. There are no homes on the stretch of road where the issue is. Bret stated the tile is about 6 foot deep and he would suggest vacating the tile. Mark Manier asked Bret if this size of project is within county highway work possibilities. Bret stated it would be difficult for his people to stay on grade and that an outside contractor would be more efficient. Bret added the county highway can vacate the old tile. Scot Gasho added the tile is just like paper and he suggested running a camera through as much as possible to check for laterals.

Kurt Fettig owns property to the south of 300 South. He is very aware of the issues this tile has had over the years. Mr. Fettig would like to see vacation and replacement of the tile. He stated there could not be work on the south side of the road due to an immediate 4-foot drop. There are laterals on the north side, which if the tile were vacated, would shut his property off to any drainage.

Jason Noble spoke, representing Ray Bros Farms. Jason stated that as a majority landowner, he would like to see the old tile replaced. He also asked the board to please consider reconnecting all property drains. He sees this as a chance to improve the watershed. He will argue to improve and increase this tile, and would like the topography updated as well.

Surveyor Henderson gave his recommendation of taking emergency action to move the tile to the top of the reconstruction list.

Jim Mullins made a motion to move the George Julius Tile to the top of the reconstruction list as an emergency. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

Jason stated his office can get the cameras scheduled. Gerald Shuck asked about a time frame for this process. Jason stated it may be May or June. Jason does not suggest using many current resources. Jason added the tile will be relocated. Kurt Fettig asked about any easement or imminent domain. Jason answered that since it is in the watershed that is correct. He also asked about funding for this project. Jason answered that the GDI fund can be used and that property owners will be notified of their portion and hopefully can be paid upfront. Kurt added that without the possibility of upsizing this watershed that this project will be astronomical. Jason agreed. Jim Mullins asked if there are any grants or alternate forms for funding. That is unknown, but Bret will look into it.

Adoption of Classification of Drains:

Jason presented four documents to the board in need of adoption. There are seven tiles in need of reconstruction, with George Julius being moved to the top. Two drains are in need of having maintenance funds established. There is a list of drains in need of maintenance which includes current balances and timing. There are no drains recommended for vacating. Jim Mullins made a motion to adopt the classification of drains and tile as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. Next, Jason presented the board with information about enhancing penalties and ordinance changes for illegal connecting to or cutting of county regulated tiles and drains. Jason's office has been presented with a case on this issue and gave the board pictures. Jason reminded the board and the audience that there is a required permit for road cuts and tying into county drains. The permit is free and Jason is not asking for permit fees. He is after a means of penalizing those who do not follow procedure. Jason added that he can go before the commissioners to present this topic, and that the hearing process for ordinances can take place at a Tipton County Drainage Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Leever Site: 800 E and Division Road. Surveyor Henderson and the County Highway Superintendant Brett Morris met at the site. After some research it was determined that the property owner had made some changes to the property without proper permitting. It was determined that there is a riser in the county right of way that the property owner could connect to with a private tile at his expense. This action would require a permit and cutting through Division Road. Jason added that drainage funds can not be spent on this issue.

Richmand Doversberger: Jason updated the board that Fluid Waste has jetted the tile and has it flowing as best they could. JA Moore has made repairs and is investigating issues on the east side of SR 19 that were brought up at the last meeting.

Demonstration of Drains Online: Jason gave a short demonstration of the online drains program. DataPitStop has set this up. This gives public access to each county regulated drain / tile including actual balance, bills paid from each drain, the number of years for collecting assessments, and in and out of county collections.

Jason also noted the online video streaming and recording of the county meetings.

CLAIMS:

Secretary Heather Terry presented the claims to the board in the amount of \$16,196.34. Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Gerald Shuck asked again about the George Julius tile. Mr. Noble and Mr. Fettig mentioned another tile in the area and the possibility of combining watersheds. President Shuck asked if that was possible and if Jason would consider it. Jason stated yes, that could be another alternative to lowering costs/increasing funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Mullins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2018 @ 12:30pm in the Tipton County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Commissioners Room.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

JIM MULLINS

GERALD SHUCK

MARK MANIER

ATTEST:

HEATHER TERRY

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.

