

Synopsis of:  
Tipton County Drainage Board:  
Monday, March 19, 2018 at 12:30 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Scot Gasho, Brock Smith, Jim Leffler, Vicky Boyd, Jim Stevens, Tami Brown, Rhonda Redman, George Tebbe, Bruce Schulenburg, Jason Noble

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 February 20, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mark Manier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Quote for Tree Removal: Prairie Creek

Surveyor Henderson noted this creek is located at approximately 500 W and 500 S. Significant work has been done up stream in past. Jason also explained the scope of the project. Burn and bury is allowed on site. The office sent requests to 5 contractors, we received 4. Jim Mullins opened Alliance's quote for \$38,970.00. Mark Manier opened Redman's quote for \$55,940.00. Gerald Shuck opened Xtreme's quote for \$20,435.00. Gerald Shuck opened VanHorn's quote for \$56,280.00. Jason stated all of these contractors capable and reputable to do the work, he thanked them all for submitting their quotes. Jason would recommend the lowest quote, which is Xtreme for \$20,435.00. Jim Mullins made a motion to award this project to Xtreme for \$20,435.00. Mark Manier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Hutcherson: Jason presented the board with the Indiana Code pertaining to this situation. Jason will appear in these counties as soon as they slate him on their agenda's. Tipton County does have 80% of the watershed, which allows us to maintain this tile, with the other counties approval.

George Julius: The camera is scheduled to verify the condition of the tile and hopefully locate any laterals. Jason, Bret Morris, Phil Beer, and some property owners have all discussed this tile.

#### SURVEYOR REPORT

Jason reported to the board that his office issued about 132 tickets in 2017 and the contractors used. Most are tile repair. Some are trapping or dam removal. A few are Fluid Waste which would be jet-rodding or camera use.

Jason also reported that there will be an informal meeting with West Elwood landowners on March 20, 2018. Gerald Shuck, the Elwood Mayor, Tipton County Health Department, and some legal representation, Surveyor Henderson, and others have been invited. Jason presented a history to Tipton County Drainage Board of this area. Every spring the health department and the surveyor's office have an influx of West Elwood concerns and complaints. There have been 2 public hearings in the past in an effort to aid in the water problems and both were denied due to landowner objection.

## CLAIMS

Secretary Heather Terry presented the claims to the board in the amount of \$23,098.28. Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Mark Manier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Vicky Boyd, Tipton Tribune, asked if the West Elwood meeting is a public meeting. Jason stated yes. There is no board; this is just an informational meeting.

Bruce Schulenburg, Tipton County Land Owner. Also with him was Jim Stevens. Bruce stated they both have land that drains into the Henry Stillwagner drain. Bruce noted this tile is south of town, starting behind the Windmill Apartments (SR 19) and flows NW through McQuinn's, through his property, crosses Golf Course road, under 300 S through Geneva Grishaw, and then flows N-NW into Cicero Creek just south of the golf course (about 1 mile long). In 2013, there was a hearing for this drain, recommending an increase from \$1 to \$3 per acre. Several landowners were in opposition due to the tile being in pretty darn good shape. He stated it had very little maintenance and it flows well. The drainage board went ahead and approved the increase in 2013. Bruce states he can see nearly all of the land that covers this whole tile on a daily basis, due to his residence and farm location, so he would see all work done. To his knowledge, the last work was in 2009. He does not recall any work since the increase in 2013. He requested a funds list for this tile expecting to see a good hefty number in the black. But instead he sees a negative dollar amount. Bruce referenced a claim in December for \$3,800.00 that he has no idea what the work was. Also, there is an \$11,000.00 claim from July 2017. Bruce does not recall any work to this tile. Jason stated he will pull all of the tickets for this drain and work with the auditor's office for verification. Jason also stated there has been audit work done by DataPitStop which could have resulted in corrections to the drain fund. Bruce suggested asking Scot Gasho since he is in attendance and both claims were issued to him. Scot stated in 2015 he was called to remove trees at the Grishaw property and fix some repairs. Then last year he was called to do tile repair at Bill Paul's property. Scot thinks this work was not really the Henry Stillwagner tile. Jason thinks it is all the Stillwagner, on both sides of 300 S. Jason believes Mr. Paul also contributed to this work, as well. Jason does recall both of these work orders. Bruce states the south side tile has nothing to do with the Stillwagner and the south side tile flows differently than the north side tile. Jason will present findings at the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next meeting will be Monday, April 30, 2018 @ 12:30pm in the Tipton County Courthouse, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

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JIM MULLINS

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GERALD SHUCK

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MARK MANIER

ATTEST:

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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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Tipton County Courthouse.*

