

BIG CICERO JOINT
DRAINAGE BOARD
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 @ 9:30
First Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Mark Heirbrandt, Brad Bagwell, Scott Shoemaker, Donnie Lawson, Jim Mullins, Heather Terry

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

Attorney: Steven Holt

Others Present: Vicky Boyd, Brent Snow, Bob Barr, Matt Cline, Ryan Campbell, Scot Gasho, Scot VanHorn, Mike Terry, Siavash Biek

President Brad Bagwell called the meeting to order.

Agenda Modifications: Attorney Report

The minutes from the February 14, 2018 meeting were presented to the board. Jim Mullins made a motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2018. Mark Heirbrandt 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Claims:

Heather presented the claims to the board totaling \$17,023.64. Donnie Lawson made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Heirbrandt 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Surveyors Reports: 256th St. Erosion assessment:

Kenton Ward stated there has been an engineer review done near the Young property at 256th Street, due to erosion at the west bank. Siavash with CBE spoke to the board stating the sides are severe with sharp and meandering cuts. It was indicated in the 2014 report that Big Cicero Creek was going through systematic adjustments. The meandering is worse closer to Arcadia. Siavash added this adjustment is not unusual. This feasibility study done by CBE states there is no real start or finish to a project. Their recommendation is to not interfere with this natural process. Siavash stated doing work on one bank might exacerbate the erosion on the opposite bank. Bob Barr noted that Mr. Young has lost and gained ground, although the gained ground is not usable. Mr. Barr reiterated that any work would cause more harm than help. Brad Bagwell asked about any stabilization help. Bob stated Mr. Young has trees in place and they are helping. Mr. Young is in contact with Hamilton County prior to any work that he may do on his property. There was discussion about property owners any place within the Big Cicero Creek watershed need to come before the board for approval prior to any work or changes to property or banks. Scot Gasho: 4091 W 500 S, Tipton. Scot asked about a location north of the 256th location that has been filled in. Bob Barr responded that yes, that work would have an effect on this location.

Scot also asked if compensatory storage was in place for the Conservation Club. Kenton answered yes.

Vicky Boyd: Tipton Tribune. Vicky asked if the property owner in which Mr. Gasho is speaking needs to undo the fill that he did. President Bagwell suggested the surveyors go to the site, along with CBE, for a report next meeting.

Matt Cline: 1408 S 900 W, Kempton. Matt questioned location specific sites and tile specific details pertaining to the Big Cicero Creek watershed. Jason Henderson noted that small residential lots and agriculture are except from the standards. There was discussion about standards and regulations within the board's jurisdiction.

Process of Work Orders: Jason explained that Hamilton County and Tipton County issue most of the work orders for work done on Big Cicero Creek. The surveyors or the contractor typically do investigative work and then issue the tickets appropriately. Hamilton County often will float the creek as part of their spring review.

Financing Update for Shelf Project: Michael Cunningham with USDA called Jason for an update. He requested that the mayor go ahead and sign the agreement for funding. Doing so will not complete the process and does not commit the Mayor, but it will set the funds aside for our application.

Vicky Boyd: Tipton Tribune. Vicky stated she had been doing research and found that there were chemicals found in the soil at Integrity. She was informed that some barrels from the former company at Integrity were transported to a former dump in the county. She stated the old dump site is in line with the proposed shelving project. Mark Heirbrandt stated the board is aware of this old dump. Vicky asked if there had been any probing done at this site. Mark and Brad both agreed that no probing had been done and would not be good practice. Brad stated if the project progresses then multiple people would make the decisions as to what is safe practice and safe digging area.

Wyatt Johnson, 555 Market Road, Tipton. Wyatt addressed that he is aware of a building that was built in the 70's. The developer had exploration done. There were no trenches found, until the footers for the building were dug. His point being that preventative measures will not find everything.

Scot Gasho asked if the board was going to address Park 100's issue of dumping, or fill, from the past. Jason stated it was decided by IDEM or DNR that nothing was necessary.

Board Engineer's Report: Siavash reiterated that all agencies involved with the proposed shelving project will be as prepared and cautious as possible; however, you cannot avoid every issue. All procedures will be followed professionally.

Board Business: Attorney Steve Holt reported that there is slow progress in the judicial review lawsuit. Due to two recusals, the case has been referred to the Supreme Court administrator. The Supreme Court has referred the case to Bradley Moeller in Clinton County. The DNR case has a schedule in place for a likely resolution in late summer. John Jansen filed a new suit recently. This will be referred to the board's insurance carrier.

Jason stated that his office received three responses for RFQ. Jason's suggestion was for the board to take all three under review and bring any suggestions to the next meeting. Out of 8 firms, Banning Engineering, Butler Farring and Christopher Burke responded.

Public Comment: Scot VanHorn updated the board with his most recent review from US 31 to 500 W. He stated he is amazed at how much the creek has changed in the past five years. Scot added he is often contacted by landowners about slopes, bank slides, outlets, and other issues. Jason is aware.

Bob Barr explained to the board that there was a recent over-flight of most of the Tipton area as part of a Wildcat Creek project. Bob stated the board should be aware that most everywhere is seeing an increase in stream activity. Heavy rains and changing, or unusual rains, are becoming the new norm.

Next meeting:

The next BCCJDB meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 9:30. The board will meet in executive session at 9:15.

Mark Heirbrandt made a motion to adjourn. Scott Shoemaker 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned.

BIG CICERO CREEK BOARD:

Brad Bagwell, President

Mark Heirbrandt

Donnie Lawson

Jim Mullins

Scott Shoemaker

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.