

Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Monday, October 29, 2018 at 12:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Mullins, Mark Manier, Gerald Shuck, Jason Henderson, Heather Terry

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Redman, Rhonda Redman, Peggy Hoback, Terrell Hoback, Sam Hoback, Jackie Lorensberg, Dan DeLong, Don DeLong, Tami Brown, Tom Smith, Diane Smith, Mark Smith, Kathy Wolfe, Steve Tolle, Pam Tolle, Jason Noble, Virginia Orr, Jim Steven, Kip Bergman, Yearly, Gary Wilson, Jeff McCorkle, Ryan Campbell, Brian Lentz, Steve Yearly, Wyatt Johnson, Lisa Ross Todd, Bob Edinger, Vicky Boyd, Matt Cline, Carl Colbert, Sue Clouser, Darwin Antrim, Steve Hartley, Steve Recobs,

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 September 17, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: President Shuck opened the public hearings.

HUTCHERSON MAINTENANCE: Secretary Heather Terry stated that mailings and notices were mailed in the appropriate time. Surveyor Jason Henderson read the surveyors report for the proposal of a routine maintenance fund for the Hutcherson Open Drainage System. The Hutcherson drain does not currently collect any funding. Jason also presented the history of this drain. Earlier in 2018, some landowners did enhancements on this drain on their own. There were two written objections to this project; 147 acres, 4.8% of the parcels, and 11% of the total acreage. These objections were not against the project; simply the cost should be lower than proposed. If this maintenance is approved the funding will be used to spray and to continue to maintain the ditch.

President Shuck opened up for public comment.

Don DeLong, 7308 E 400 N, Windfall. Don does not agree with the 6 miles of drain. He thinks the entire watershed should be charged with assessments in all counties. He also does not agree with the map provided.

Carl Colbert, Windfall. Carl was on the Tipton County Drainage Board Drainage board 20 years ago. The Tipton County landowners have wanted this drain reconstructed for some time, but the other counties did not want to participate in a joint board. Carl is pleased with the work that Jeff Redman did and he is doing his part to keep his properties cleaned. Carl agrees with Don DeLong that the entire benefited drain should be paying for this drain. Jason stated that the other counties still do not want to participate in a joint drainage board. Jason and the Tipton landowners are trying to do their part to maintain our counties portion with our own funding.

GEORGE JULIUS VACATION: Secretary Heather Terry stated that mailings and notices were mailed in the appropriate time. Surveyor Jason Henderson read the surveyors report for the proposal of vacation of the maintenance fund for the George Julius Drainage System. President Shuck opened up for public comment.

Steve Recobs, 3204 E 300 S, Tipton. Steve stated that 3 people paid into the recent tile work, and that the board should vacate this drain and be done.

Jason Noble, 7558 E 350 S, Elwood, Ray Bros & Noble Farms. Jason spoke on behalf of the driving force behind the recent tile work, as they are the largest percentage landowner in the watershed. The landowners, in conjunction with the county highway and the surveyor, started this process in March. The old tile had repeat issues and the original tile was under the center of the county road, causing safety issues. Jason added the project went well due to the support of Hartley's and Recobs's. Jason stated they dissected most of what was known as the George Julius Tile; it is no longer in the same location. All private tiles or drains that were located were reconnected. Jason added it was his understanding that the project would be done privately with no continued assessment collected after 2018.

Steve Hartley, 3242 S 500 E, Elwood. Steve stated there should be no payback.

Jim Mullins made a motion to close the public hearing. Mark Manier 2nd that motion. After some board discussion, Jim Mullins made a motion to vacate the George Julius Regulated Tile and cease assessment at the end of 2018. Mark Manier 2nd that motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Surveyor Jason Henderson presented the Written Findings on behalf of this vacation. Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the written findings as presented by Surveyor Henderson. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

CAMPBELL / DOBSON RECONSTRUCTION: Secretary Heather Terry stated that mailings and notices were mailed in the appropriate time. Surveyor Jason Henderson read the surveyors report and details for the proposal of a reconstruction project for the Campbell and Dobson Watersheds. Both tiles currently empty into Turkey Creek. The surveyor's office received one objection on 4.87 acres, 0.28% of the watershed, and 1.2% of parcels. Some parcels will receive a reduced rate per acre and some may receive a multiplier, based on the property type or direct benefit. Jason explained the payment process for this assessment should the project be approved. There is already some landowner buy-in with verbal commitments of front-loading their cost.

President Shuck opened up for public comment. There was none.

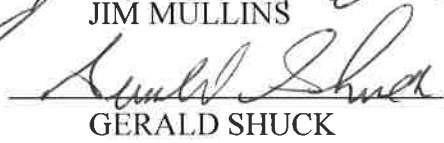
Jim Mullins made a motion to close the public comment. Mark Manier 2nd that motion. President Shuck asked for more information about the objection. Jason explained Mr. Grinstead's property and his argument. He provided a map showing that his drainage does so south. After some board discussion, Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the surveyor's recommendation of the reconstruction of the Campbell & Dobson regulated tiles and note the exception filed by Mr. Grinstead. Mark Manier 2nd that motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

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 Monday, November 26, 2018 @ 12:30pm in the Tipton County Courthouse.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:


JIM MULLINS


GERALD SHUCK


MARK MANIER

ATTEST: 
HEATHER TERRY