

Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Monday, January 21, 2019 at 12:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Henderson, Jason Henderson, Mark Manier, Jim Mullins

OTHERS PRESENT: Julian Purvis, Emma Kelly, Makenzie Gillam, Bruce Schulenburg, Vicky Boyd, Jim Stevens, Frank Letsinger, Janet Stacy, Bob Edinger, Matt Letsinger, George Tebbe, Scot Gasho, Michael Terry, Jeff Redman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Secretary Heather Terry called the meeting to order. The first order of business was Board Organization. Jim Mullins nominated Dennis Henderson as President. Mark Manier 2nd the nomination. With no further discussion, the motion passed. Mark Manier nominated Jim Mullins as Vice-President. Dennis Henderson 2nd the nomination. With no further discussion, the motion passed. Jim Mullins nominated Heather Terry as Secretary. Mark Manier 2nd the nomination. With no further discussion, the motion passed. Mark Manier nominated Jim Mullin as the Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board representative. Dennis Henderson 2nd the nomination. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

MODIFICATIONS TO AGNEDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the December 10, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: West Elwood: Secretary Terry has started the process to set up the next meeting she is just waiting on Mayor Jones to reply with some dates. She will notify the necessary parties when that is scheduled.

Henry Stillwagner: Jason stated that his office sent out letters to the watershed landowners about his presence in the area. Jason has shot elevations and taken topography. He has been North of 300 South, and the eastern part over to SR19. Next Jason will have a contractor on site to dig some holes in different locations to verify the location of the tile. He will also bring in the historical data and cross-reference it with this new data. Jason should have the surface component of the watershed completed by the February meeting.

Campbell Dobson: Jason hopes to have a preliminary meeting soon. This will be a summer project. However, Jason will layout the proposed project early spring so the farmers do not work in the project area. He will be working on his documents to have this ready for the bid process soon.

Parker Tobin: Secretary Terry has three sealed quotes for work on this drain. This regulated drain intersects Cicero Creek at the trailer park east of town. Some landowners who see the need for work on the ditch initiated this. Jason thanked the three contractors that submitted quotes. Jason explained the details and scope of the dipping project. Dennis Henderson opened a quote from Redman Excavating for \$63,000.00. Jim Mullins opened a quote from Van Excavating for \$64,890.00. Mark Manier opened a quote from Xtreme Excavating for \$73,500.00. Jason suggested the board take these under advisement so he can review the drain balance and the quote details. Jim Mullins made a motion to take the three Parker Tobin quotes under advisement and allow Surveyor Henderson to make his recommendation in February. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. Dennis Henderson mentioned he had been told about the gas pipeline that is there. Jason is aware of it. There was some discussion about the pipeline. Jason's suggestion is to get as close as possible to the tile and as close as possible to the line, and then let Mother Nature take her course. The gas company cannot argue with her measures.

SURVEYOR REPORT: Rogers & Leavitt: Jason presented to the board some preliminary information that his office has received about these private drains being turned over to the county. These were constructed privately, with permission. In his research and conversation with George Tebbe, that was the intent for each of them years ago. George Tebbe spoke about each of the drains and gave some history. The Rogers is an open and the Leavitt is a tile, and the projects were done in the 1980's.

Jason also explained to the board about a claim they would see today for Mitch Sloan. Jason mentioned there had been some property separated, sold and transferred. This process includes the auditor's office. Mitch had been paying the ditch assessment for all of the parcels. By law, they can be reimbursed up to three years compensation. Jim Mullins asked if the assessment would be reclaimed from the rightful owner. Jason stated no, and that has not been past practice. The Sloan's did come to Jason's office, as they should have, once they noticed the issue. They were very proper about the process.

CLAIMS: Heather presented claims to the board for \$16,930.85. Jim Mullins made a motion to approve the claims as presented for \$16,930.85. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Scot Gasho approached the board concerning assessments on properties, and water. He asked if there are plans for the future on retention and detention, specifically Cicero Creek. Big Cicero Creek has standards in place for 3 types of assessment. They also have standards in place to meet the assessments and the detention / retention regulations as necessary.

Jason brought a previous Prairie Creek project to the board's attention. The project was awarded to Xtreme Excavating in early 2018. \$18,425.00 of the \$20,435.0 has been paid. There is approximately 1800 – 2000 feet left to get to the Cicero Creek outlet. There is buy-in from the landowners in the area and money in the fund, so the project is being extended to complete that stretch of Prairie Creek. Mark Manier verified the location of which Jason Henderson was speaking. Mark stated he had been in the area and it does need done.

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, February 19, 2019 @ 12:30pm in the Tipton County Courthouse.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

JIM MULLINS

DENNIS HENDERSON

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.

