

Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board
February 27, 2019
Tipton County Courthouse

Members Present: Mark Heirbrandt, Donnie Lawson, Scott Shoemaker, Heather Terry

Surveyors Present: Jason Henderson, Daniel Sheets, Kenton Ward

Others Present: Brent Snow, Scot VanHorn, Vicky Boyd, Michael Terry, Carol Cunningham, Rhonda Redman, Blake Hicks, Roman Baird, Siavash Beik, Nick Everhart, Spencer Cox, Jane Harper, Don Havens, Scot Gasho

Secretary Heather Terry called the meeting to order, due to neither the chair nor the vice-chair not being present. Scott Shoemaker made a motion for Mark Heirbrandt to be interim chair for the meeting. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, Mark took over the meeting.

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Donnie Lawson made a motion to approve meeting minutes for January 23, 2019. Mark Heirbrandt 2nd the motion. Then Mark asked attorney Holt if the board could indeed go ahead with the approval of the minutes due to lack of quorum. Mr. Holt stated he suggested putting that vote on hold and make note. Mr. Heirbrandt announced publicly that the minutes for January 23, 2019 were not approved due to lack of quorum. They will be presented again at the March meeting.

Secretary Heather Terry presented claims in the amount of \$1,493.25. Scott Shoemaker made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Surveyors Report: Jason: Tipton Surveyor Jason Henderson presented his findings and gave a report about exempt properties and assessment equalities. There were examples on the screen for the public to see. He believes the use of a property should reflect the assessments. The change would create benefit to the landowners. Jason was seeking permission to move forward and change the assessment to use of the property. Kenton responded to the properties in question for Hamilton County. He also had an example on the screens. Mr. Ward stated after review by his office that they are assessed correctly. Jason asked the board to acknowledge or allow action to for the surveyors to do the reviews and make the adjustments as necessary, only on exempt properties, and report that information back to the board. Jason noted that there had been reviews of the “boots on the ground” work over the past six years. Tipton County has received 2.4 times the amount of dollars in work as opposed to Hamilton County. Clinton and Boone Counties do not have exempt properties. Scott Shoemaker made a motion for the Tipton County Surveyor to proceed with reviews and changes. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

Next Scot VanHorn, VanHorn Excavating, spoke to the board about the tree work along the golf course. The weather has been a real problem but they are working when able.

Jason reported on a conference call between Siavash (CBE) and the board surveyors. The call was to confirm the processes and definitions pertaining to projects and standards reviews. Project reviews are handled differently amongst the offices, which will be fine-tuned for consistency. Notes from the call were sent to Siavash and CBE for review and to confirm understanding. Jason hopes to have a full presentation at the March meeting.

Kenton Ward: No further report

Kenneth Hedge: Not present

Daniel Sheets: No report

Board Engineer Report: Siavash Beik, CBBE. He expanded on Jason's report of the conference call. CBE will make sure the requirements are understood and followed for the best practice of the Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board.

Kenton Ward asked Secretary Terry about Hamilton County's fall assessment. It was received in January.

Attorney Holt: The petitioners have filed their findings of fact. We now have 21 days to respond. He expects a decision in March.

Hamilton Heights High School Drainage approval: Nick Everhart, Structure Point. Nick presented a drainage plan to the board for improvements at the Hamilton Heights High School. The plans have been submitted to the Hamilton County Surveyors office and CBE for review. Structure Point is working through a few comments from those reviews. The project is driveway and parking lot work. The drainage will go to an existing dry detention basin, which will be expanded, therefore decreasing the release rate. CBE has provided a letter of compliance to the board. Kenton Ward stated his office is working closely with this project and it is going well. Scott Shoemaker made a motion to approve the drainage plans as presented. Donnie Lawson 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Public Comment: Jane Harper, Tipton. Jane thanked the board for helping with and for acknowledging the assessments issue. She mentioned the fee changes could go back three years so hopefully this is rectified prior to spring statements going out. Jane next mentioned the project review fees and the billing processes. Heather stated each of the entities had been billed. Jason reminded her that this topic is in discussion for clarification and that reminder statements have been sent. Jane stated it is not equitable for the board to pay for private reviews. If the petitioner does not pay these, then a stop work order will be filed.

The next meeting will be March 27, 2019 at 9:30, possible 9:15 executive session.

Donnie Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Shoemaker 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

BIG CICERO CREEK BOARD:

Brad Bagwell, President

Mark Heirbrandt

Donnie Lawson

Jim Mullins

Scott Shoemaker

ATTEST: _____
Heather Terry, Secretary

