

Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Monday, March 18, 2019 at 12:30 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Vicky Boyd, Bruce Schulenburg, John George Tebbe, Matt Letsinger, Frank Letsinger, Bob Edinger, Jim Stevens

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Dennis Henderson called the meeting to order.

MODIFICATIONS TO AGNEDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the February 19, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: West Elwood: Jason reported to the board about a recent town-hall style meeting with residents of West Elwood. Lou Sofka with Triad Engineering presented a plan in which he explained both surface water drainage and sewage issues. The hope is that the residents will only have one bill that will encompass the installation and the monthly bill. The Tipton County health department, the Tipton surveyor's office, the Tipton County highway and Elwood officials are working well together to get these issues corrected for the West Elwood area. This is a two step process: Tipton County has to do the drainage portion before Elwood will take the sanitary portion. Denny Henderson added that the proposed project is neat package deal. If a property chooses not to tie in at the time of this project, the entire cost will be on them in the future, if their septic fails. A property may attempt to file for a waiver, at their cost and proof.

Henry Stillwagner: Jason presented new images of contouring and drawings. There will need to be a public hearing and split the current Henry Stillwagner watershed into two separate drains.

Campbell Dobson: Jason presented the drawings, plans, and specifications for this project. There is an option in the bid packet of leaving the dirt or hauling the dirt away. All contractors have to present a bid bond due to the estimated cost of the project. We will accept bids at the April meeting.

Parker Tobin: Jason reminded the board of the quotes presented at the January meeting. They were higher than anticipated due to all bidders having to rent a costly long arm for the project. At the February meeting it was discussed to have Redman Excavating work on the worst spots of the ditch, using the current available funds, then do additional areas with more funding. This was not a particularly popular option with the landowners. Since then, Letsinger's have been in Jason's office to do more. Jason reached out to other area contractors that might have the equipment needed for the job without having the rental cost. Davidson Excavating does have the

equipment to do this job. Davidson submitted a bid for the same specifications as the original bidders were given for \$30,660.00. Jason stated the current drainage assessment is not sufficient. There will still need to be a public hearing for a maintenance increase. Jim Mullins recalled February concerns with only doing sections of this project. Jason agrees. Jim stated he thinks using Davidson makes sense and then have a hearing to adjust for future assessments. Mark Manier asked about inspection of the job. Jason stated he will officially be the inspector, however, there will be plenty of unofficial eyes on the project. Jason is unsure of an exact start date but he will send out letters to the landowners when the project is about to start. Jason also stated that the work will be done in the easement so any crops or fence or small structure that is in the county's 75-foot easement will need to be removed prior to start date or it is in jeopardy of being removed with no damages paid. George Tebbe asked about pipe costs. Jason stated that outlet pipe costs are not included in the bid. Matt Letsinger stated about half (2 miles, estimate) of the outlet pipes are good. Jason stated the GDI can absorb the pipe costs short term. Jim Mullins made a motion accept the quote from Davidson to begin work on the Parker Tobin Ditch not to exceed \$30,660.00. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

SURVEYOR REPORT: None

CLAIMS: Heather presented claims to the board for \$32,692.75. Jim Mullins made a motion to approve the claims as presented for \$32,692.75. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Jason reported to the board that this will be Secretary Heather Terry's last meeting. She has turned in her 2 week notice to Jason. Jason thanked her for her time and service.

Mark Manier asked for a status update on the Height's Plumlee tile. Jason stated that Fluid Waste did work in Sharpville and at Height's Plumlee and Cicero Heights. There was a large root ball that was cleaned out at the railroad. Once it was cut, the water flow started. Jason stated he will be taking all the trees out along the RR.

PUBLIC COMMENT: George Tebbe spoke to the board about the Rogers ditch. This ditch is not on maintenance. This ditch is a legal drain but had a significant amount of private work done to it. George will carry a petition to get this ditch turned over to the county. George also mentioned the 400 N 125 W area. There is a water problem there. H & M (Steve Miller) is working in the area for George and Schmitt. Steve has been in Jason's office to discuss this area and the possible work to be done. H & M will get some prices to Jason for proposed work.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Manier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denny Henderson 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 29th, 2019 @ 12:30pm in the Tipton County Courthouse.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

JIM MULLINS

DENNIS HENDERSON

MARK MANIER

ATTEST: _____
KRISTI HINKLE

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.

