

Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 12:30 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Terrell Hoback, Peggy Hoback, Vicky Boyd, George Tebbe, Craig Newcom, Bob Edinger, Bruce Schulenburg

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 approve the April 29, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Campbell/Dobson Watershed reconstruction action

Jason reported that at the last meeting they took quotes for advisement. Jason stated that they went through the bids and created a spreadsheet which shows the two lowest bidders. They made sure all the appropriate documents were in there. They have the lowest two bids. Gasho Earthworks had the lowest bid of 269,375.89. The next bid to that was \$314,110.36. Jason said that the Surveyor's Office would recommend going with the lowest bid which would be Gasho (All of his paperwork was there) Jim, with the recommendation from the surveyor, motioned to approve Gasho Earthworks bid of \$269,375.89. Mark 2nd the motion. Mark asked if they are going to have an inspector to check on that. Jason responded yes that they will have an inspector. The motion passed. Surveyor Jason also stated that the next step to send out a letter to Mr. Gasho to proceed. There were some individuals that agreed to front load their portion. The Hobacks are squared and Lisa Todd Hopewell is squared. We just received one from the Colonel today. Jason also said that a letter was sent out to remind these landowners to send the money by June 1 and it is not June 1 yet. Mr. Scott Campbell still needs to send his in. Jason spoke with Mr. Campbell on a couple of occasions. They will have more than half of the total amount once Scott Campbell sends his portion in. There is no doubt that Mr. Campbell will send his in. He stated that once he gets that he will give Gasho the letter to proceed. Jason will go out and stake it and give him the bench marks then Scot can work that into his schedule.

SURVEYOR REPORT:

West Elwood; Jason stated that in front of the board are the preliminary plans for the West Elwood drainage project. They are preliminary; he just needs Phil Beer and Brett Morris to double check it. It's what we have been talking about....the cuts, the fills and the right of way. Additional talk with Brett about recutting the side ditch and/or installing pipes under driveways has been a topic. This would be something Brett would have to look at. Jason would bring it to the commissioners once Phil and Brett look at it. This will drain the water over time. It will give

them an outlet(they can get a permit to connect private drainage from their private yards if desired). Jim Mullins asked if the final cost is on the last page. Jason responded yes. Jim asked if it would be the maximum cost. Jason replied yes. Jason also stated that with Brett's new equipment, he would be able to install the pipes. Brett said that there is one thing that they need to consider, the highway runs off Specific funds which are now strictly dictated by the state of Indiana. His funds should be focused on going back onto the roadways. They might have to be reimbursed for the fuel cost and labor cost if the work did not benefit the road. This may be something that we would be better off to contract out. Jason was hoping that the commissioners would purchase the supplies. Brett said that it is something that they will have to look at very close. Jim asked again on the final cost (maximum cost). Jason replied yes that is the top number.

Parker Tobin Project: Letters have been sent out to the owners. Weather permitting will be the deciding factor when they start. Jason talked with Davidson (They are ready when they are able to get in there and do the project, they will). Jason has talked to Bob on a couple of different occasions. Everyone on that ditch received a letter letting them know the risk of planting. He also listed Davidson's number on there as well.

Jet-rod report Kinder-Vanbuskirk-Vickery: Jason was going to defer to Chairman Henderson to report and/or local reporter Vicky (she was out there). Jason stated that if you go by there right now and you look at those properties it is dry. Hopefully, Stapletons and the other people in that area are working for a long term solution (running a new pipe up north or whatever they need to do). Denny stated that he made some suggestions to them that day. They emptied the truck again and hadn't gained much there. Denny said that they decided to get one more load of water and see. That is when it started draining and the flow increased several times. Then by next morning in those yards the water was gone on top. Denny stated that it really needs from the open ditch back a couple hundred feet of solid pipe. There some trees there that is causing problems. Jason stated that Brett will probably cut the side ditch. Brett replied sometime this fall.

Henry Stillwagner: Jason would like to present to the board the subset (of the overall watershed) at the next meeting. They will have a hearing day (Jason will propose some maintenance increases for some other drains that need to be addressed). He will try to set those all for an August hearing. Jason will have the subset watershed of the Henry Stillwagner at the next meeting.

Denny asked about if Jason has started anything yet on the Kaufmann ditch. Jason replied yes. He told Ralph we will raise that and get quotes on that. There is another one out east (Reddington Fields) that is only fifty cents and capped out at \$3,000. We are going to have a maintenance increase for the largest watershed in our county which is Mud Creek. It is in the negative right now and needs more work on maintenance. The drain itself is larger than Cicero Creek watershed. Jason stated that Elijah has helped finalize two other watersheds (George has brought to our attention) to have at the August hearing. Jason presented a picture of a couple of beavers caught in the county that have done some serious damage. The trappers (Moorelock and Tolle) show proof of them when the beavers are caught. They can create a lot of havoc and damage.

CLAIMS: Kristi presented claims to the board for \$27,175.00. Jim Mullins made a motion to approve the claims as presented (with the correction) for \$27,175.00. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Jason wanted to mention to the board on the Campbell Dobson (if there are any significant issues that arise, an additional change or something needs to be extended, would be brought to the board to get it approved). The estimate was around \$400,000. When the project is finalized, there should be some significant amounts that the board will need to modify some of the assessments for them to receive some money back or lower payments.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None. Jim motioned to close public comment. Mark 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motioned passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Mullins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 25, 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.