

Synopsis of:  
Tipton County Drainage Board:  
Monday October 25th, 2021 at 12:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dennis Henderson, Tracey Powell, Nancy Cline, Jason Henderson, Kristi Hinkle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Vicky Boyd, Isaac Schmidt, Gary Herrell, George Tebbe

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:** Jason stated that there is on the surveyor's report.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Nancy motioned to approve the September 27th, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Tracey 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

**SURVEYORS REPORT:**

Jason talked about the cost benefits and savings on the spraying of some of the ditches. Jason also stated that when a ditch is cleared how quickly it grows again. Jason said that they have been working with Greg Ressler who works for the state chemist office. Jason also said that there have been positive comments from the public on the spraying. Jason introduced Gary Herrell (licensed applicator) to speak about spraying. Gary Herrell, licensed applicator, stated that he works for Clear Creek and was here to answer any questions. Surveyor Henderson stated that they are looking at cemeteries as well for spraying. Jason stated that they do quality assurance and go back after spraying to observe the outcome. Jason had thanked Gary for putting the pictures together. Gary described the pictures presented and gave explanation on stumps and spraying. Gary stated that at times they would have to go back to spray depending on the thickness to complete the kill. Gary explained that there are unexpected areas that need spraying (example: walnuts sprouting). Gary also presented some stumps that were regrowing in which needed spraying. Gary said that the first spray would be for broad leaf, trees, and any other brush. Gary stated that the second spray (as needed) would treat for cedars and any other trees that weren't controlled from the first time. Gary also stated that the third spray (as needed) would be for flowlines like cattails. Gary said that if they have to go back it is on them. Nancy had asked if Mulberry trees had been an issue. Gary replied that he did not see any this year but has in the past. Nancy has asked if that it was one mix that they use for everything. Gary replied that the standard mix would not kill the cedars nor the cattails, but they have a mix for those as well. Jason had asked if the first mix killed pine trees. Gary responded no, but the second mix would. Jason has asked if the spray will go all the way into the stump (top to bottom). Gary replied yes and stated that the mix will be in the bark forever. Jason had asked if the tree would collapse after a spray. Gary replied that the tree would shrink, and the roots would shrink. Jason confirmed that they would not have regrowth. Gary responded that Jason was correct. Jason stated that there had been positive comments. Dennis stated that he had seen some great kills this year. Gary stated that spraying would only have to be done every two to three years. Isaac Schmidt, licensed applicator, stated that when there is not a lot of brush that the price would go down. Gary stated that they spray the leaves, the trunk, and the base of the tree.

**BOARD BUSINESS/COMMENTS (OLD or NEW):**

Turkey Creek Projects 1 & 2: Jason stated that the quotes were taken under advisement from the last meeting and that the contractor understood the specifications. Jason recommended that the board approve the lowest qualified bidder which was Extreme Excavating for fifteen thousand one hundred dollars for Turkey Creek project 1. Jason also stated that Extreme Excavating was the lowest qualified bidder for Turkey Creek project 2 in the amount of sixteen thousand five hundred and sixty dollars. Jason said that on the Shanty Creek dipping project that Extreme Excavating was the lowest qualified bidder. Jason recommended to start with the first one on Shanty creek in the amount of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars and see how the money revenue comes in the fall and next spring. Jason also stated that Extreme was ok with splitting the Shanty into two different cycles. Jason said that he and Nancy Cline have a meeting with Clinton County in which the Shanty dumps into Clinton County (which is not regulated). Jason stated that they (Jason, Nancy) will have a discussion with Dan Sheets on getting that regulated. Jason stated that Extreme Excavating was comfortable with doing all three projects. Nancy motioned to approve the quote for Extreme Excavating in the amount of fifteen thousand one hundred dollars for Turkey Creek project 1. Tracey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved. Nancy motioned to approve Turkey Creek project 2 to Extreme in the amount of sixteen thousand five hundred and sixty dollars. Tracey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved.

Shanty Creek: Nancy motioned to approve the bid to Extreme Excavating for the Shanty Creek project in the amount of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars. Tracey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved. Jason stated that it was approved to increase the board members payment amount. Jason had asked Kristi Hinkle to explain the increase. Kristi stated that the amount of pay for a Tipton County drainage board member increased fifty dollars per meeting in which is six hundred more dollars a year. Isaac Schmidt had a question about what section one and two are of Turkey Creek. Jason replied that there are parts of Turkey creek that need maintenance that are not part of the quoted projects. Jason stated that the first thing to do was to get the foliage and the trees off to get access to the creek. Isaac had asked if the just awarded two projects were for dipping. Jason replied no that the trees are grown up on both sides of the creek and that there was no way to get an excavator in to do work. Jason stated that there would be clearing on one side of the creek about forty-five to fifty feet to be able to do maintenance work.

Jason mentioned that there were drainage issues around Tumbleweed Dr. (Sharpsville) and that he had met with Mike Rood (May 14<sup>th</sup>). Jason also stated that there is a private drain that ends up in Mud Creek. Jason said that Mike was getting water in the crawl space. Jason mentioned that he had talked to the Brunettes the same day (May 14<sup>th</sup>). Jason stated that the Brunettes had no problem with taking a tree down that was causing issues and share the cost. Jason mentioned that it seems that nothing has been done since then. Jason stated that the county is not responsible because it is not a regulated drain. Jason also stated that the surveyor's office would call Mike Rood to let him know about taking the tree down and that Brunettes were okay with that.

**CLAIMS:** Kristi presented the claims in the amount of \$33,562.78. Nancy motioned to approve the claims as presented. Tracey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** George Tebbe had asked about the project on US 31 that involves the Ulrich Campbell. Jason replied that he has a meeting with the State. George had also asked about the Rogers Ditch to be regulated. Jason replied that he was waiting on George to provide his info and would meet to get it all together. Nancy motioned to close public comment. Tracey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Public comment was closed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tracey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

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DENNIS HENDERSON

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
KRISTI HINKLE

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TRACEY POWELL

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NANCY CLINE

*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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Tipton County Courthouse.*