

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2005 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Gibson County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Members present were Don Whitehead and Linda K. Hoover. Also present were Michael Stevenson, Candace Corn, Orville Byrns, Bob Will and Joe and Karen Muncy.

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Linda Hoover made a motion that the minutes be approved. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. APPROVED REQUESTS

III. TABLED REQUESTS

IV. NEW REQUESTS

- a. Bob Will appeared before the Board requesting approval of a Partial Replat of Lots 24 through 47 in Hunter's Crossing Subdivision (Section 2), located in Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 11 West, in Johnson Township. Linda Hoover made a motion that the Partial Replat of Lots 24 through 47 in Hunter's Crossing Subdivision be approved. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and the partial replat was approved.

V. DISCUSSION

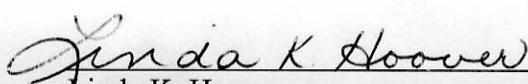
- a. On August 22, 2005, Orville Byrns inspected the area of the Lillard Ditch where a contractor working for Norfolk Southern Railroad had cut down trees and left them near the flow line of the ditch. Randy Pitch of Norfolk Southern assured Surveyor Stevenson that the trees would be removed. Almost all of the trees have been removed except for a few that were covered with vines.
- b. Inspection of the area where Gibson County Coal crossed the McMullen Ditch with a slurry line and a water line shows they have crossed the ditch five times instead of once as approved in the August 16, 2005 Drainage Board meeting. After contact from the Surveyor's Office, members of the Drainage Board received a letter from Gibson County Coal. Linda Hoover made a motion that even though approval was given for Gibson County Coal to cross the ditch one time, the members of the Drainage Board are aware the ditch has been crossed five times and have signed off on the letter and stating they have no problem with it as long as the area is marked with signs. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Surveyor Stevenson suggested that in the future they be more specific as to what their plans are prior to approval of a project.
- c. On August 26, 2005, Surveyor Stevenson and Orville Byrns met with Ron Coker about the Toops-Boyle Ditch near Candlelight Village in Fort Branch. Mr. Coker would like the ditch cleaned out and cut. Surveyor Stevenson has been in contact with Sheriff Alan Harmon who is willing to provide work release inmates to cut brush on the ditch. Surveyor Stevenson and Orville Byrns will go back out after they are done and remove anything they were not able to.
- d. On September 14, 2005, Surveyor Stevenson met with Ray Falls regarding the Toops-Boyle Ditch and the possibility of the city taking over a portion of the ditch. Mr. Falls wants exact figures as to what their taxes would be reduced and will again present the numbers to the town board.
- e. As of September 20, 2005, the Jackson's have not made contact with the Surveyor's Office, nor have they completed any work regarding the repair on the Stunkel Ditch to Upper Pigeon Creek. Don Whitehead suggested a letter be sent to the Jacksons stating that they have until November 30, 2005 to complete the repair on the ditch. If there has been no progress at that time, the matter will taken to the Drainage Board attorney.
- f. Surveyor Stevenson asked the Board about continuing with Mike Wathen's contract on the Reinhart Ditch. Mr. Wathen has been controlling the beaver infestation quite well and the money is available in the ditch account to continue a contract with him. Don Whitehead suggested that we continue on with Mr. Wathen for two to three months. Linda Hoover agreed.
- g. Surveyor Stevenson spoke to landowner Shelby Stevens whose driveway crosses the Beloat Lateral to Upper Pigeon Creek. The water in the Beloat Lateral during a heavy rain is forced up the side of his driveway and then across the driveway and back down the other side causing his gravel to be washed into the field. Surveyor Stevenson suggested that if Mr. Stevens would purchase two pipes with flap gates on them (one on either side of his driveway) to keep the water from backing up onto his property, the small amount of maintenance on the ditch could possibly be performed out of the ditch fund. Don Whitehead stated he believed this could be done if Mr. Stevens would purchase the pipes. Mr. Stevens said he would contact the Surveyor's Office back at a later date.
- h. Joe and Karen Muncy appeared before the board requesting that something be done about the beaver dams in Miller Ditch backing water up into Pike County. It was agreed that the Surveyor's Office will contact Mike Wathen to see about getting him to trap them. Due to the lack of funds in the Miller Ditch fund, Don Whitehead made a motion that \$1,500.00 be borrowed from the General Drain Improvement Fund. Linda Hoover seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- i. Linda Hoover stated she had been contacted by the Bingham's of Oakland City and they were requesting help with the ditch eroding their yard. Due to this not being a legal drain, Surveyor Stevenson suggested they speak to Mayor Hugh Wirth due to this being a town issue.
- j. Linda Hoover made a motion that the time of the Drainage Board Meeting be changed to 9:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and the motion was approved with the time change being effective for the October meeting.

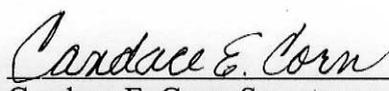
With there being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

N. Sherrell Marginet, Chairman

  
Don Whitehead, Vice-Chairman

  
Linda K. Hoover

  
Candace E. Corn, Secretary