

MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2006 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Gibson County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Members present were N. Sherrell Marginet, Don Whitehead and Linda K. Hoover. Also present were Michael Stevenson, Candace Corn, Orville Byrns and Dennis Wining, Agent for Hoosier Energy.

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

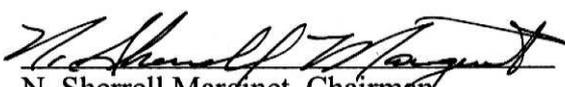
IV. NEW REQUESTS

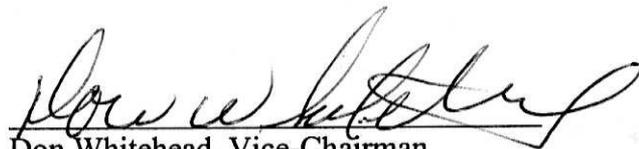
- a. Dennis Wining, Agent for Hoosier Energy, appeared before the Board requesting permission for Hoosier Energy to install a culvert or crossing across the McMullen Ditch for access to power lines and a switch for Gibson County Coal. Assistant Surveyor Byrns stated that the minimum size would have to be six foot and suggested 20% larger would be better. A box culvert was also suggested. Chairman Marginet made a motion that the request be approved and asked that the culvert/crossing be "over-engineered." Linda Hoover seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Wining will work with the Surveyor's Office in getting this project done.

V. DISCUSSION

- a. Brush cutters have removed small trees from the Boyle Ditch, just north of Ft. Branch, on Hirsch Family Farms' property.
- b. The request of Ed Block and Lyndon Meyer to repair a small break on the Stunkel Ditch has been completed. Jerry Grubb was working near the area and at the Surveyor's request, moved in and completed the job.
- c. Page Excavating has completed maintenance on the Lillard Main. The State Highway Department contacted the Surveyor's Office and stated they have looked at the rusted pipe in the highway right-of-way on the Lillard Ditch and are deciding what to do. Assistant Surveyor Byrns inspected the area and to date, nothing had been done.
- d. Jerry Grubb has completed the maintenance on the Graper-Sollman Lateral to the Stunkel. Larry and Roger Michel assisted with this project using their own equipment to help repair the breaks and also did some reseeding.
- e. Larry Stoffel requested maintenance be done on the Claymeier Main. Brush cutters are currently working on this area removing trees so access can be gained to do the maintenance.
- f. Steve Jackson has put gates on the pipes into the Stunkel Ditch. After almost a year, this project has been completed.
- g. A letter has been sent to all landowners adjoining the Toops/Boyle Ditch stating the dumping of grass clipping, leaves, trash, etc. must cease and research has been started for an ordinance stating the amount of fines that can be levied for anyone caught dumping. Feedback has been positive so far. If the dumping still does not cease, another letter will be sent requesting that anyone that can prove another person is dumping in the ditch should contact the Surveyor's Office and that person will be brought to Commissioners' Court.
- h. Jerry Grubb was contacted to remove a log jam from the Lillard Ditch which was causing the bank to erode near the railroad. Commissioner Whitehead asked if we could clean the Lillard Ditch the whole distance. Surveyor Stevenson stated we had just performed maintenance on the ditch and there would not be enough money to maintain the whole thing. Commissioner Whitehead suggested we wait until we get more money and discuss it at that time.
- i. Surveyor Stevenson informed the Board that someone had put rip-rap and silt fences in the McMullen Ditch without the permission of the Drainage Board. The Surveyor's Office will investigate to see who put these in and remind them that they need to contact the Drainage Board before doing any work on a regulated drain.
- j. The ditch certification is still in the works and after completion; a map will be available for all farmers, coal mines, surveyors etc. so that they will know if a ditch is a regulated drain.

With there being no other business Linda Hoover made a motion to adjourn. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.


N. Sherrell Marginet, Chairman


Don Whitehead, Vice-Chairman


Linda K. Hoover


Candace E. Corn, Secretary