

MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2006 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Gibson County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Members present were N. Sherrell Marginet, Don Whitehead and Linda K. Hoover. Also present were Michael Stevenson, Orville Byrns and Andrew Nelson.

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

- a. Larry Stoffel's request to have the fallen trees removed from the Claymeier Main has been taken care of. There is still maintenance that needs to be done but due to the width of the long reach machine required to do the maintenance, we will be waiting until fall to keep from causing any more crop damage.

III. TABLED REQUESTS

IV. NEW REQUESTS

- a. Andrew Nelson with Black Beauty Coal Company appeared before the Board to give an update on the McClellan reclamation and information on the next project on the North end of their West pit. County Road 50 South over the McClellan Lateral has been reopened. Feedback from the farmers and neighbors indicates that the drainage has been improved.

The coal company will be re-routing the McKeddy Lateral and after completion of the project, the ditch should be put back in its original position. Upon restoration of the ditch, the Coal Company is held to a 2 to 1 slope by state law for mining. Mr. Nelson stated they are held by bond to maintain these ditches until such time their bond is released and intend on doing so.

A flood control levee will also be constructed. Commissioner Whitehead asked if this would affect anyone outside of the mining area and Mr. Nelson stated it should not. Mr. Nelson stated it had been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and they are the authority on construction in the flood plains. This project should take about three years.

Linda Hoover made a motion to allow the temporary re-route of the McKeddy Lateral to the Reinhart Ditch. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

V. DISCUSSION

- a. The Metz Ditch needs to borrow money from the General Drain Improvement Fund to perform maintenance on the Newman Lateral. Sherrell Marginet made a motion that \$5,000.00 be borrowed from the General Drain Improvement Fund. Linda Hoover seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. It was agreed that the Metz Ditch will need to be reassessed in the future.
- b. Linda Hoover had a copy of a letter she had sent to William and Susan Bingham regarding the placement of rip rap in a ditch in Oakland City. After discussion it was decided this is ~~under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners~~ not under the jurisdiction of the Drainage Board or the Commissioners.

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

  
N. Sherrell Marginet, Chairman

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Don Whitehead, Vice-Chairman

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Linda K. Hoover

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NOT IN ATTENDANCE  
Candace E. Corn, Secretary