

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2007 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Gibson County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 1:15 p.m. Members present were N. Sherrell Marginet, Don Whitehead and Bob Townsend. Also present were Michael Stevenson, Candace Corn and Orville Byrns.

I. MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Bob Townsend made a motion that the minutes be approved. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. APPROVED REQUESTS

- a. Page Excavating has completed work on the Sturgis Ditch. This request was approved some time ago. Part of the maintenance was performed last year and the remainder just completed.

III. TABLED REQUESTS

- a. Larry Wira requests inspection of the McSwain Ditch to Upper Pigeon Creek at the bridges on County Roads 850 and 950 East. Mr. Wira stated he was not in a hurry but the water washing around the bridges. The Surveyor's Office will inspect the area.
- b. Gibson Water has plans to run a water line underneath a lateral to the Lillard Ditch. Surveyor Stevenson contacted several other county surveyors to see what they required and the responses ranged from six inches to five feet below the flow line. The majority of the responses were from two to five feet below the flow line. One surveyor stated their county required the company requesting to cross a regulated drain sign an agreement that if maintenance had to be performed on the ditch and the underlying pipe or line was damaged, the county would not be held responsible. The Knox County Surveyor suggested that if maintenance was going to be performed, request the company come out and mark the utility or have someone present when the maintenance was being performed. Commissioner Townsend suggested the requirement be five feet below the channel of the ditch as determined by the County Surveyor. After discussion, it was decided that the Surveyor would draft a policy for the Drainage Board to review.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. A meeting will be held on Monday with a member of Homeland Security at which ordinances, such as the storm water ordinance, will be discussed. Commissioner Townsend stated he had learned that Indiana Code cannot be enforced if there are no ordinances in place. Attorney Jerry Stilwell is looking into the matter further.

V. NEW BUSINESS

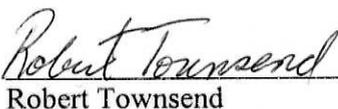
VI. DISCUSSION

- a. Permission has been received from the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Natural Resources and IDEM to remove the log jam (which has increased in size) from the Claymeier. Grubb Excavating has been engaged to do the work and the cost of this project could be sizeable. Surveyor Stevenson stated he believed it could take as many as three days just to reach the log jam and that he wouldn't be surprised if it took two weeks for the maintenance to be completed.
- b. The State has performed maintenance on the Wright Lateral to the Toops-McGary, but more work needs to be done. Only a small portion of the silt that needs to be removed from the area was removed. Chairman Marginet stated he would contact INDOT to see if more work could be done.
- c. Randy Rexing has removed and disposed of a Sycamore tree top from the Beloit Lateral.
- d. Assistant Surveyor Byrns and Brian Block removed a small maple tree from the Graham-White Lateral to the Stunkel on Clyde Couch's property.
- e. A transfer of \$500.00 from the General Drain Improvement Fund to the Sturgis Ditch account was required to pay for the maintenance Page Excavating performed. The Drainage Board OK'd this transfer and agreed that Surveyor Stevenson had the authority to transfer any amount under \$1,000.00 when circumstances require a transfer.
- f. Surveyor Stevenson will not be present at the next Drainage Board Meeting. He will be out of the state.
- g. Two pipes installed in the Boyles Ditch to the Toops-McGary at Candlelight Village have provided a 22 foot access for the people who live there. These pipes replaced a small, structurally unsound bridge. Numerous attempts have been made to try to get the Town of Ft. Branch to take over the portion of this ditch within their limits, but all have been unsuccessful.

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


N. Sherrell Marginet, Chairman


Don Whitehead, Vice-Chairman


Robert Townsend


Candace E. Corn, Secretary