

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2007 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Gibson County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 1:15 p.m. Members present were N. Sherrell Marginet, Don Whitehead and Bob Townsend. Also present were Michael Stevenson, Candace Corn, Orville Byrns and Highway Superintendent Jerry Heldt, as well as Chris Hoppel and Mark Hinshaw with Gibson County Coal.

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. MINUTES

III. APPROVED REQUESTS

IV. TABLED REQUESTS

- a. Larry Wira requests inspection of the McSwain Ditch to Upper Pigeon Creek at the bridges on County Roads 850 and 900 East due to water cutting into the banks near the county bridges. Assistant Surveyor Byrns inspected the area and presented pictures which did not show any immediate maintenance necessary. This will be looked at again in the fall.
- b. Gibson Water is planning on running a water line underneath the Lillard Ditch. (Waiting on plans)

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Storm water control ordinance.
- b. A draft of a policy for requirements to cross a regulated drain was given to the Board for review. A copy of the draft was sent to Attorney Jerry Stilwell for review. Commissioner Townsend spoke with Attorney Stilwell who advised him the policy would need to go before the County Commissioners for approval. Chairman Marginet stated the Blair Incorporated Ditch requires the company laying a pipeline to post a bond.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chris Hoppel and Mark Hinshaw with Gibson County Coal (GCC) appeared before the Board regarding the raising and widening of County Road 650 West from Highway 64 north to County Road 100 North then west to the GCC portal. The road would not be raised higher than the elevation of the center of Highway 64 (394.5). The road would be used by employees and trucks delivering supplies to the mine entrance, not to haul coal. The work would be done in three phases. Phase 1 would be from Highway 64 to McCarty Ditch. Phase 2 would be from McCarty Ditch to County Road 100 North. Phase 3 would be from the intersection of County Road 650 W and 100 North west to the portal. Bid packages have been given to several contractors for their review and are due back August 30th. The package included replacing existing culverts as well as adding more culverts under the road. GCC has told potential contractors that all the work will have to be done within the road right-of-way (which is 30 feet) and they have no plans to purchase additional right-of-way. GCC hopes to be able to achieve a road width of 20 feet. GCC stated guardrails could be put in where the County requested them. Highway Superintendent Heldt spoke with Parker (who replaced the bridge over McCarty Ditch) and was told the bridge could be raised in a time period of approximately 30 days. After work is completed, the County would resume responsibility for the road. Surveyor Stevenson stated there are section corners that need more monumentation put over them due to the road being raised and arrangements will need to be made to ensure this is done. Assistant Surveyor Byrns asked about field accesses and was told this would be addressed. Commissioner Whitehead requested GCC find out if there were any school buses that traveled the road. Commissioner Townsend made a motion that GCC be allowed to do the work contingent upon the approval of the plans. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- b. Something has been placed in the right-of-way of the Toops-Boyle Ditch without permission from the Drainage Board. It is believed to be a water line placed there by the Town of Ft. Branch. It was agreed that the Surveyor would send a letter to the Town of Ft. Branch with a copy going to Jim McDonald.

VII. DISCUSSION

- a. INDOT has removed the silt from the Wright Lateral to the Toops-McGary at Highway 168.
- b. Marlin Sollman has requested maintenance be performed on the Hurricane. This will be looked at in the fall.
- c. A pipe that is corroding on the Little Lillard is a private crossing the will need to be replaced at the cost of the landowner. Commissioner Whitehead requested Superintendent Heldt contact Tony Beadles and let him know he will have to get permission from the Drainage Board to do the work.

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