

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2007 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Gibson County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 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. Gary Fritz was present for a short portion of the meeting. Andrew Nelson and Dave Yager with Black Beauty Coal were present as well as Mike Feltz with Commonwealth Engineers.

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 unanimously approved.

II. APPROVED REQUESTS

- a. Gary Fritz appeared before the Board regarding the plat of Kohlmeier Estates (Phase I) in Section 13, Township 3 South, Range 9 West and Section 18, Township 3 South, Range 8 West in Barton Township. The plat was approved in the September 18, 2007 Drainage Board Meeting and only signatures were needed.
- b. Georges Excavating is performing maintenance on Sand Creek Lateral to the Toops near the Ray Rexing property off Coal Mine Road. This maintenance should help the flow of water. The ditch is being reseeded as the maintenance is performed and the work should be completed by the end of the week or the first of next week.

III. TABLED REQUESTS

- a. Gibson Water is planning on running a water line underneath the Lillard Ditch. We are ⁵still waiting on plans for the area.
- b. Larry Wira requests inspection of the McSwain Ditch to Upper Pigeon Creek at the bridges on County Roads 850 and 900 East. This will be inspected and reported on in the November meeting.
- c. Marlin Sollman requests maintenance on the Hurricane. This area will be inspected and reported on in the November meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The attachment to the policy of requirements to cross a regulated drain has been corrected. Surveyor Stevenson spoke with Attorney Stilwell about the bond requirement and Attorney Stilwell was to speak with Chairman Marginet. This has not been accomplished so Surveyor Stevenson is to talk to Attorney Stilwell again. Commissioner Townsend pointed out that there are no requirements in the policy for crossing above a regulated drain. Crossing above a regulated drain would hamper maintenance and consensus was that it would no longer be permissible. A statement could be put in the policy. No action was taken at this meeting.
- b. Surveyor Stevenson brought up the fact that there are currently no requirements for the drainage issues in the subdivision control ordinance. Commissioner Whitehead suggested Surveyor Stevenson come up with some suggestions.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Andrew Nelson with Black Beauty Coal Company appeared before the Board regarding construction of a bridge and low water crossing on the Claymeier Ditch. The bridge would be constructed approximately 180 feet east of the existing bridge on County Road 1200 East. Plans presented demonstrated no water restrictions and stated they were adequate to pass a regulatory flood event. The low water crossing will be just east of the planned bridge. The low water crossing will be used once to move the "deadhead" which will require temporary fill to be placed in the low water crossing. This will be done during low flow conditions in the summer and culverts will be installed under the fill to handle any base flow. This temporary fill should not be in place for more than 24 hours. Mr. Nelson stated the bid had just been let for the bridge and they hoped to begin work this fall. After discussion, Bob Townsend made a motion that the plans be accepted as presented. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- b. Dave Yager with Black Beauty Coal Company appeared before the Board to discuss their plans for replacing and running water lines in preparation for mining through Saddle Club Road. The water line will not affect any of the regulated drains but will cross some of the other small creeks.
- c. Kruse Farms is requesting maintenance on the Stunkel Main near Bridge #246. Kruse Farms will pay for the tree removal. Some work will need to be done after the trees are removed.
- d. Mike Feltz with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. spoke to the Board regarding Storm water control. Mr. Feltz spoke of some of the ideas and problems that are being addressed in Warrick County and stated that if the Board was interested in discussing some of its problems, his company could present some ideas tailored to Gibson County. MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) comes out of the Clean Water Act and will probably eventually be mandated.

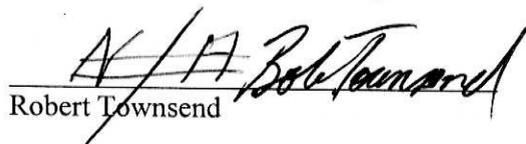
VI. DISCUSSION

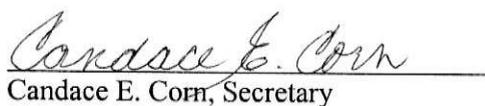
- a. Surveyor Stevenson touched on the ditch certification and the classification of drains in need of repair, reconstruction etc. There are several drains in need of reconstruction but reassessments will be needed for this to be accomplished. The General Drain Improvement Fund also needs to be financed by the council. Surveyor Stevenson contacted several other county surveyors within the state and the average balance of their General Drain Improvement Funds is around \$700,000.00; our balance currently is approximately \$57,000.00.

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