

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2008 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Gibson County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 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 Andrew Nelson with Black Beauty 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 unanimously approved.

II. APPROVED REQUESTS

- a. Andrew Nelson with Black Beauty Coal appeared before the Board requesting a permanent re-route of the Claymeier Ditch near County Road 1200 East and County Road 850 South. Prior approval for crossing the ditch was given in the October 16, 2007 Drainage Board Meeting but ground conditions have necessitated the relocation of the bridge and therefore, a relocation of approximately 450 feet of the ditch. Surveyor Stevenson stated that Indiana Drainage Code 36-9-27-52.5 allows for the Drainage Board to authorize this type of re-route without public notices and hearings. Surveyor Stevenson asked about the 2:1 slope of the ditch and requested the angle at which the relocated portion rejoins the ditch be more of a sweeping curve to try to keep the water from eating away the south side of the ditch. Assistant Surveyor Byrns asked if the vacated portion of the ditch would be filled in and Surveyor Stevenson requested that at least the 75 foot right-of-way be filled in to allow maintenance of the ditch. Mr. Nelson will provide a copy of the as-built of the bridge after which Surveyor Stevenson will need to revise the ditch description. Commissioner Townsend made a motion that conditional approval be given for the permanent re-route based upon Surveyor Stevenson's stipulations. Don Whitehead seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Nelson stated he would contact Surveyor Stevenson when work is started on the project.
- b. Mr. Nelson stated that he would come back before the Drainage Board at a later date to discuss the permanent re-route of the McClellan Lateral to the Reinhart Ditch and the lake the coal company would like to leave in the middle of it as well as a permanent relocation of the McClellan under County Road 550 East.
- c. Larry Georges removed the cornstalks from the bridge across the Stunkel Ditch on 550 East. He was able to remove them and pile them on the north bank of the ditch where they can hopefully be burnt at a later date.

III. TABLED REQUESTS

- a. There was no new information on the storm water control ordinance.  
b. There was no new information on the subdivision control ordinance.

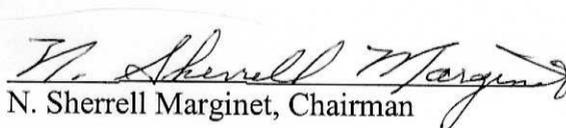
IV. OLD BUSINESS

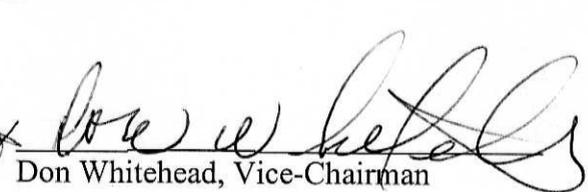
V. NEW BUSINESS

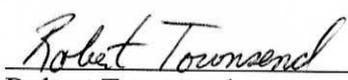
VI. DISCUSSION

- a. Ryan Morgan contacted the Surveyor's Office to ask for permission to remove silt from the Half-moon Lateral to the Claymeier near County Road 550 South (Providence Church Road) at no cost to the Drainage Board. The Surveyor's Office viewed the area and granted permission to remove the silt with the stipulation not to alter side slopes.

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