

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2008 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Gibson County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 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, Steve Jenkins with Gibson Water, John Wetzel with Midwestern Engineers Inc. and Jerud Earnest with Duke Energy.

I. MINUTES

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

II. APPROVED REQUESTS

- a. Larry Michel's request for maintenance on the Donahue Lateral to the Claymeier has been completed. Grubb Excavating removed brush and small trees with a new piece of equipment which grinds the brush and trees even with the ground.

III. TABLED REQUESTS

- a. There is no new information on the storm water control ordinance.
- b. There is no new information on the subdivision control ordinance.
- c. A copy of a permit was found which was given by the Wabash Levee Unit No. 5 Maintenance Committee to Public Service Company of Indiana for construction of the station, cooling pond and ash pond dikes against Levee Unit #5 between stations 1589+06.99 and 1753+72. The permit does mention pumping to correct "unreasonable" flooding conditions. The Surveyor's Office has been unable to find a copy of the purported lawsuit between farmers and PSI regarding PSI pumping water.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Suggestions are needed for possible solutions to Bernie Spindler's request for maintenance on the Lillard Ditch at County Road 225 West. The water comes under the bridge and swirls, eating away the bank on the south side. Previous efforts of the landowner have not stopped the erosion. Commissioner Townsend will view the area with the Surveyor immediately following the meeting and Commissioner Whitehead will view the area prior to the next meeting.
- b. Mike Hirsch's request for maintenance on Branch #1 to the Gudgel Lateral has been completed. Mark Naas Excavating removed numerous silt deposits. Larry Georges Excavating removed a dam from the Gudgel Lateral that had been used to hold water for testing when the Emge plant was in use. The Gudgel Lateral will be reassessed for any maintenance needs in the fall.
- c. Greg Obert's request for maintenance on the Briar Branch to the Claymeier is completed. An incoming lateral had caused erosion on the opposite side of the ditch. Grubb Excavating repaired the damaged area.
- d. Mary Arbuthnot's request for maintenance on the Johnson Lateral to the Toops has been completed. Maintenance was performed on the entire lateral.
- e. Assistant Surveyor Byrns was notified of a blockage on the Toops Main just west of where Toops joins the Stunkel. Bill Hasenour had previously reported blockage and Surveyor Stevenson and Assistant Surveyor Byrns inspected the area but were unable to locate anything. The Surveyor's Office has been informed that the blockage is located further west than previously reported. The Surveyor's Office will inspect the area again.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. John Wetzel, project engineer from Midwestern Engineers Inc. representing Gibson Water Inc., appeared before the Board requesting variances from the county ordinance in the crossing of the Lillard Main Ditch 112 feet west of Bridge No. 16 with a water line. Mr. Wetzel has been in contact with Surveyor Stevenson who reviewed the plans and made the recommendation that the variances be given. Chairman Marginet made a motion that the variances be allowed. Bob Townsend seconded the motion and the variances were unanimously approved. A copy of the plans marked "not for construction" and dated May 16, 2008, as well as a letter requesting said variances dated May 16, 2008 are on file in the Surveyor's Office.

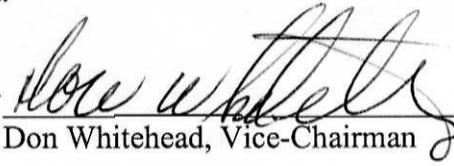
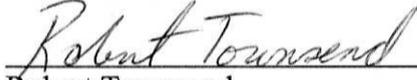
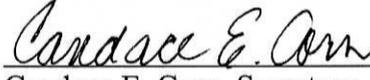
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- b. Surveyor Stevenson read a draft of a letter to landowners along the Graper-Sollman Lateral to the Stunkel stating that this year would be the last year the "levee" (spoil pile) would be repaired. Surveyor Stevenson contacted other county surveyors for their opinions as well as the Christopher Burke Engineering Company who agreed that the Drainage Board is not responsible for maintaining the spoil piles/levees --only to make sure the water flows through the ditches. Future policy will be that the Drainage Board does not maintain "levees"/spoil piles unless they are in place to increase the capacity of the ditch. Larry Georges Excavating and Mark Naas Excavating have been contacted to do the work on the Graper-Sollman.
- c. There is blockage on the Claymeier Main which will need to be removed. Large root wads are causing the ditch to start to reroute. Grubb Excavating has been contacted to do the work.

VI. DISCUSSION

- a. Surveyor Stevenson touched upon the 2008 Ditch Certification approved in the Commissioners' meeting earlier in the day.
- b. The Upper Pigeon Creek Fund needs to borrow from General Drain Improvement Fund to pay for maintenance on various ditches. There are several log jams that need to be removed. After discussion Bob Townsend made a motion that \$40,000.00 be borrowed from the General Drain Improvement Fund for Upper Pigeon Creek Fund. Chairman Marginet seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

 _____ N. Sherrell Marginet, Chairman	 _____ Don Whitehead, Vice-Chairman
 _____ Robert Townsend	 _____ Candace E. Corn, Secretary