

**CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**February 1, 2016**

The Cass County Drainage Board met at 1:45 P.M. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Ralph Anderson, Jim Sailors, Jeff LeDonne Surveyor Jenny Clark, Secretary Brena Pearson and Attorney Jeff Stanton.

Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES**

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the minutes for January 4, 2016 meeting. Jim Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes for the #80 Powell Tile Public Hearing that was held on January 4, 2016. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried unanimously.

**EXPENSE CLAIMS**

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve expense claims CCS-0976 -CCS-0981. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW WORK ORDERS**

A. Order #133 - #22 Martin Ulerick Open

Joel Sherman/ Providence Dairy, reports that beaver dams and log jams are blocking water flow between 800 E. and 900 E. He would like obstructions removed and ditch dipped to restore grade. Jim Sailors made a motion to table this work order, pending getting an estimate. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

B. Order #134- # 73 Strubhar Open

Ward Haselby reports that there is a washout of the bank of this ditch. This could require a surface pipe or riprap to repair. He will get ahold of Blackman for an estimate.

Jim Sailors made a motion to table this work order until we get the estimate. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

**CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES**

A. Dehaven Tile #131:

Jeff Healy of Banning Engineering reports discussion has been ongoing with Donna Baker about her property at 13026 S. CR 700 E. Galveston, IN. The property is being crossed by the Dehaven Regulated Drain Reconstruction Project. Ms. Baker expressed many concerns as follows:

- 1) She did not understand the location of the existing regulated drain and the statutory easements that went with that previously established regulated drain.
- 2) She was concerned about the crossing of her property and its impact on trees, existing wells (2), and construction traffic beyond the existing easement.
- 3) She expressed a desire to build a house on this property sometime in the future and wanted to make sure that this proposed work on the regulated drain did not render that tract unbuildable.

To follow up on those concerns, we referred Ms. Baker to the Indiana Code in regards to the regulated drain easement, the Cass County Planning office was contacted and discussion was held on building conditions for the property, and we also talked to the contractor on how to proceed through the Baker property. Our commitments to Ms. Baker in attempts to resolve her concerns in each area are:

- 1) We intend to "fix" the location of the Regulated Drain Easement such that it remains centered on the current location of the Dehaven Regulated Drain (south right-of-way ditch of SR 18) and that it would not move with the relocation of the drain.
- 2) We intend to avoid the existing wells and take down the large tree in the proposed alignment of the drain, limit construction traffic on her property to areas necessary to install the new tile,

connect any drains we find on the property to the new drain and re-grade and re-seed areas disturbed by construction activity.

- 3) We encourage the Cass County Drainage Board allows encroachment into the 75-foot Regulated Drain easement sometime in the future when and if Ms. Baker seeks to build a new house on the property. We believe we have satisfied Ms. Baker's concerns and received concurrence to proceed through her property via email on January 27, 2016

Jeff Healy also suggested that we need something recorded so we know where the center of that 75 feet is. Jim Sailors made a motion, that we find a way to record this. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

Jenny Clark spoke about the contract with INDOT on this tile, by the time it circulated 3-4 places for signatures, we were outside the 30 day requirement to obtain the signatures. It was discussed that we could submit partial invoices for reimbursement to INDOT, and see if we can get an acknowledgment by email. Jim Sailors made a motion that we not wait for the next meeting to sign the contract with INDOT. He motioned that if they send the contract that it is signed immediately, so we do not miss the 30 day period, Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

B. Charles Wilson 1 & 2 #24:

Joe Miller of Banning Engineering reported that there is an estimate from Blackman's for lowering the pipe (private crossing on Stacy Odom) for \$ 2000, and \$9500 to dip and clear the ditch from CR 600 W to the head of the ditch. The lowering of the pipe would not include purchasing a new pipe as that is up to Mr. Odom and he has not decided whether to buy plastic or aluminum. If additional stone is needed for this crossing because of him choosing plastic, the Drainage Board agreed that they would provide the additional stone. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept Blackman's bid. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously. Joe Miller also reported that they are working with INDOT trying to get their end finished on Charles Wilson 1. There was discussion on whether to bid Charles Wilson 1 in two (2) phases, one being the actual tile reconstruction and the second being the jack and bore under SR 35.

**UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A.(12) Henderson Tile – April 4, 2016 at 2:30 PM


1. Set new maintenance rate


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sue Hoch - 914 N. 400 W. Logansport, IN. attended the meeting to express her concern. Someone tore out a portion of the tile in the woods that is owned by Perman and Sue Hoch at 450 W. & 600 N. and dug a deep hole for the remaining tile to drain into. She reported that the north end of the woods is wet, and a field owned by Mr. Webber surrounds the woods on the east and north side. The Hoch's want to sell this woods, and with this situation they are concerned that this will hinder the sale. Jim Sailors made a motion to have someone go out and give us an estimate on putting the tile back as it was, Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jeff LeDonne motioned to adjourn. Ralph Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Brena Pearson, Secretary

  
Ralph Anderson, President