

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

March 7, 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, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Acting Secretary Vicky Conrad.

Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016, meeting. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve expense claims CCS-0982 through CCS-0991. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

NEW WORK ORDERS

A. Work Order #135: (57) Gary Miller Open & Tile

Joel Sherman with Providence Dairy called to report a 30-foot suck hole on the fence row where Gary Miller crosses, a few hundred feet out into the field west of Co. Rd. 1100 East. The tile is deep and hard to tell what size pipe is there, but is probably a 20" or 18" tile. It would probably be replaced with an 18" tile. No estimates have been received and it may be hard to tell how many feet are needed for replacement. Jenny Clark reported that this is a pretty old system and not part of the one that was redone. This is in the far northeast corner of the county in Section 1; part of this tile comes out of Miami County and comes west into Cass County before dumping into an open ditch that goes north into Fulton County. Jim Sailors motioned to table this work order until an estimate is received. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

B. Work Order #136: (28) Kennell Berkshire Open

Jenny Clark reported that Allen Howe, Howe Excavating, is attending the meeting for Tyler Cole. There are two washouts in the bank that Allen Howe recently dredged and cleared. Howe Excavating provided an estimate for \$1,924. Jim Sailors motioned to approve the work order and estimate. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

A. (131) DeHaven Tile

Joe Miller, Banning Engineering, reported that the main line tile is fully laid. The bulk of the work is done and progressing well. Now they are working on finishing up and getting laterals tied in.

B. (24) Charles Wilson Open & Tile

1. Joe Miller, Banning Engineering, has spoken with Jenny Clark and Jeff Stanton and would like to open bids for the tile portion of the project at the April meeting with the Board's approval. Jenny Clark has it ready to be advertised for bids pending the

Board's approval. Jim Sailors motioned to set the opening of bids and the time line for the April 4, 2016, meeting. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Miller reported that he is still working with INDOT on the jack and bore portion. He has applied for the permit but has not heard back from Steve at INDOT. Jenny Clark has tried to contact him again. The jack and bore will be Division 2 of the Charles Wilson 1 project.

Jenny Clark stated that the Charles Wilson 1 -- Division 1 will be the actual tile repair. The Charles Wilson 1 -- Division 2 will be the jack and bore. These had to be separated because our local contractors typically don't have the equipment to handle the jack and bore.

The Charles Wilson 1 – Division 1 will be a full reconstruction of the tile and the Charles Wilson 2 will be a partial reconstruction of the tile. Bids for both of these tile projects will be opened at the April 4, 2016, meeting. Jenny Clark will send out letters to the bidders list; these two projects will also be advertised in the local newspaper and the Winamac area.

2. Jenny Clark reported that she and Jeff Stanton have been working on the Request for Quotes for Financial Services. Jeff Stanton prepared the document and sent it out several weeks ago to the local lenders in town and also First Farmers Bank since they were the only other answering institution from the last time on another drainage project. Logansport Savings Bank (Chad Geer) was the only lender to send a quote. The terms are essentially the same; however, the interest rate increased slightly. Jenny Clark stated that she has been working with Chad Geer on the DeHaven Tile project and it is very nice to work with a local institution. The process has been pretty seamless and is working out very well. Jeff Stanton stated that Requests for Quotes for Financial Services were sent to Lake City Bank, Logansport Savings Bank, PNC Bank, Salin Bank, Security Federal, and First Farmers Bank. Jim Sailors motioned to approve the bid from Logansport Savings Bank. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

The next step after we accept this request in answer to this response is to sign Resolution 2016-01 of the Cass County Drainage Board. Then an additional resolution will go before the County Council. Jeff Stanton will take the resolution to the County Council on March 18.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Re-appoint Members to Joint Boards

1. Jim Sailors motioned to reappoint Ralph Anderson to the Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.
2. Jim Sailors motioned to reappoint Ralph Anderson and Jim Sailors to the Conwell Moss Joint Board with Howard County. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

B. Review 2016 Ditch Assessments

1. Jenny Clark reported that every year this list is provided for the Board's information regarding which drains are collecting and which drains are not collecting for this year. The highlighted areas alert the Auditors Office of changes for this year.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Jenny Clark reported that the rate was not set at the March 7 meeting as listed on the agenda. She had given the Board several different rates, so she set the rate at \$20.00 per acre. This would be the highest amount necessary to do the additional footage that was already discussed as well as other repairs for Ted Speicher that were recently denied because of lack of funds. This will give us additional money to do other repairs that are necessary or get feedback from landowners as to the next steps they want to take. The additional 300 feet thru Vic Willy will finish removal of the sediment and materials that fell into the tile and washed down when the road collapsed several years ago. A rate of \$20.00 per acre at one time will collect \$21,912.30. Jim Sailors motioned to set the rate at \$20.00 per acre. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously. Ralph Anderson stated the Board can lower it below \$20.00 per acre if they choose at the hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS


There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Sailors motioned to adjourn. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.



Ralph Anderson, President



Vicky Conrad, Acting Secretary