

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
September 6, 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 August 1, 2016, meeting. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve expense claims CCS-1026 through CCS-1034. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

NEW WORK ORDERS

A. Work Order #140: (73) Strubhar Open

Ward Haselby has asked to have the ditch debrushed and dredged 8,700 feet. He asked that Ryan Layer (LR Excavating) do the work and received an estimate from him for \$16,000. An additional estimate was received from Howe Excavating for \$19,000. Jenny Clark reported that this is the same area Jerry Cosgray asked to have done before he passed away. The job was sent out previously and no one bid on it; the request has come back again now that the land has been purchased by Haselbys. The area fills in with muck. Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the lowest estimate of \$16,000 from LR Excavating. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

A. (24) Charles Wilson Open & Tile

1. Charles Wilson #1 Division #1: Jenny Clark read a letter to the Board from Joe Miller, Banning Engineering, who was unable to attend the meeting. His letter stated that they have observed the progress of ADI on their work for Charles Wilson #1 Division #1 and that ADI is currently substantially complete. Banning Engineering is addressing two minor items – 1. Several of the risers are too low and are allowing excess surface water to enter. They have the potential to allow sediment into the tile.
2. Some of the mounding over the trench is too high for agricultural equipment to adequately smooth out. Banning Engineering and ADI are working through these issues; Joe Miller does not see them as an issue for the first payment draw. Joe Miller also included a change order totaling \$24,504.10 to address the additional/change in quantities as noted in his July 27, 2016, letter. This changes the final price for the work to \$292,570.90. A pay application of \$248,685.26 was also included with his letter. This amount excludes 15% retainage which will not be paid until Banning can confirm payment to sub contractors, suppliers, and address the two items. Jenny Clark reported that Joe Miller informed her that ADI would be completely done with this project in the next few days and Banning Engineering will do final inspection on

this project. Jenny Clark asked the Board to accept the pay application to ADI totaling \$248,685.26 for Charles Wilson #1 Division #1. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the payment of \$248,685.26 to ADI. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

2. Charles Wilson #1 Division #2: Jenny Clark read a letter to the Board from Joe Miller, Banning Engineering, stating that they have observed the progress of Deichman Excavating on their work for Charles Wilson #1 Division #2 and that Deichman Excavating is currently partially complete. Banning Engineering is aware of and addressing one minor item – 1. One of the laterals on Mr. Barr’s property was inadvertently crushed during movement of equipment. Banning Engineering and Deichman Excavating are working on this issue; Joe Miller does not see it as an issue for partial payment for the work completed. The first pay application for \$51,584.80 was also included with the letter. This amount excludes 15% retainage for the completed work. Jenny Clark asked the Board to accept the pay application to Deichman Excavating totaling \$51,584.80 for Charles Wilson #1 Division #2. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the payment of \$51,584.80 to Deichman Excavating. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.
3. Charles Wilson #2: Jenny Clark read a letter to the Board from Joe Miller, Banning Engineering, stating that they have observed the progress of Ingram Excavating on their work for Charles Wilson #2 and that Ingram Excavating is currently partially complete. They are requesting a partial payment for work completed. The first pay application for \$53,921.66 was also included with the letter. This amount excludes 15% retainage for the completed work. Jenny Clark asked the Board to accept the pay application to Ingram Excavating for Charles Wilson #2 totaling \$53,921.66. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the payment of \$53,921.66 to Ingram Excavating. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Miller has informed Jenny Clark that ADI (Charles Wilson #1 Division #1) and Deichman Excavating (Charles Wilson #1 Division #2 – boring under U.S. Hwy 35) will both be completed within the next few days, weather permitting. Ingram Excavating (Charles Wilson #2) should be completed by the end of next week, weather permitting.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Indian Creek Meeting

Ralph Anderson reported that the next Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board meeting will be held on September 21 at 10 a.m. in the Cass County Commissioners’ Hearing Room.

B. (22) Martin Ulerick Open Maintenance Project Quotes Received

Jeff LeDonne reported that Josh Coffing had asked why we didn’t start at the beginning/head of the ditch. Jenny Clark stated that it was due to money and this was the spot that was requested that was really bad. She stated that the whole ditch needs to be done. Josh Coffing was unable to attend the meeting, but told Jeff LeDonne that the other section had been done twice and his section had never been done. Jenny Clark

stated that there are another couple miles of the ditch on maintenance which would probably deplete the fund with one more project.

Jenny Clark reported that letters were sent to 12 contractors requesting estimates for the (22) Martin Ulerick Open maintenance project; 6 estimates were received. Ralph Anderson read the estimates received:

1. LR Excavating -- \$14,512.50
2. Zimpleman Farms -- \$17,959.23
3. B&S Excavating -- \$18,562.50
4. Walker Excavation -- \$29,877.00
5. B&G Enterprises -- \$54,795.00
6. Davidson Excavating -- \$121,938.00

Jenny Clark stated that there will still be laterals or extras as in any normal project if they hit any laterals or find rusted off laterals that will be replaced at that time. Jim Sailors motioned to accept the lowest estimate of \$14,512.50 from LR Excavating. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously

C. (132) Bussard Open Maintenance Project Specs

Jenny Clark will try to send out project specs for the Bussard Open in September, time permitting due to time constraints with work needing to be done to get the Indian Creek public hearing notices ready. Jim Sailors asked if the current balance of \$25,830.64 would be enough to dip the ditch. Jenny Clark and Ralph Anderson stated that it will be close.

PUBLIC COMMENTS


Ward Haselby stated that the Board already answered his questions about his request for work on the (73) Strubhar Open ditch.

There were no other public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to adjourn. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.


Ralph Anderson, President


Vicky Conrad, Acting Secretary