

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
September 4, 2018

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 Josh LeDonne, Secretary Brena Pearson and Attorney Jeff Stanton.

Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2018 meeting. Jim Sailors 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve expense claims CCS-1184 thru CCS-1197. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

NEW WORK ORDERS

(59) Phillips Open

Josh LeDonne reported that in the spring we went through the property and dredged out the ditch, Butch Piercy didn't want the work done on his side, we were going to put an overflow pipe in, in the fall, or as soon as the contractor had the time. Mr. Piercy called and said they didn't want the overflow pipe, they want the ditch done. The problem is that their property sits in a hole, unless they make a new cut, we're not going to make the cut for them. The culvert was a quarter full, the ditch was not the problem, you can't make them understand, they want that 1500 ft. dredged and they want the dirt hauled out. Dredging the ditch is not going to improve anything. Josh told the board if we do dredge it out it's going to make it worse. Josh LeDonne reported if we do dredge that little area of ditch, it will get us right to 35 at Ironmongers. Jim Sailors made a motion to dredge the ditch. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

(136) Gardner Tile Reconstruction-Opening of bids

1. B&S Excavating- \$264,277.25
2. F.O.S.O.Construction- \$ 389,465.00

Jim Sailors made a motion to award the bid to B&S Excavating. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

(114) Ginsberry Ansberry Bird Open- Opening of bids

1. Zimpleman- \$ 51,645.00
2. B&S Excavating- \$ 49,770.00
3. L&R- \$ 39,000.00

Jim Sailors made a motion to award the bid to L&R. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; motion carried unanimously. Surveyor Josh LeDonne asked the boards permission to seek a loan on the Gardner Tile in the amount of \$ 264,300.00. Jeff LeDonne made a motion to authorize getting a loan. Jim Sailors 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

(56) Kessler Tile Public Hearing- September 4, 2018 at 2 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Williamson Sr. of 2783 E. 475 N.- Mr. Williamson thought there would be some discussion before the board brought the bids up for vote. He objects to the way it was bid, he objects to the way it's been done. He does not want it done that way on his farm. Mr. Williamson informed the board, he would not let an excavator in to do it. Mr. Williamson claims he can do the whole thing for \$ 100,000.00 cheaper than any of the bids. Mr. Williamson claims he told surveyor LeDonne that he wanted to do his own, then hook onto it.

Joe Miller of Banning Engineering spoke to the board, he said typically, if a landowner wants to do the project on their own property, the board sets down the specifications that they are to follow and observes how it is done, the board keeps it within the regulated drain portion of it.

Jim Sailors made a motion to put this on hold, we've already approved the bid, but we're putting this on hold to work with John Williamson Sr. and find out how much he can do, how much is left, make sure it's the same size tile so we don't have a problem with it. We don't want a 24" tile in the middle of a 30" tile. Mr. Williamson stated that he was not going to hook up the laterals, except for the (plastic) ones that he put in, he also stated that he is not going to hook up the old mains. He stated the old laterals he would be hooking up to themselves, go into the old tile that run beside it, the laterals he will hook up are tributary 5 and tributary 4 and the Muckley Ditch, the only three will hook up into the new tile, the ones we've run recently.

Jim Sailors motioned to put this on hold until we get this worked out with Mr. Williamson.

Josh LeDonne asked Mr. Williamson what size of tile he intends to use, Mr. Williamson stated same size. Mr. Williamson stated 30" up to the laterals, then go to 24". He continued on to say he thinks that it then needs to drop down to 18" at tributary 3 and then stopped at the line fence between Strong and Ronny, where the new tile is. Mr. Williamson went on to say that we're just throwing away the money, put in the 15". It saves 1200 ft., going through the hill 250 ft. stopping at that instead of going to the west end of the pond which we had no idea it was going that far, save another 950 ft. Mr. Williamson stated doing it with an excavator is going to cost an extra \$2-\$3 per foot, to deal with the water, to deal with the tile, you save that too.

Ralph Anderson stated there has been a motion to put this on hold, do I have a second. Jeff LeDonne 2nd, then asked Joe Miller (Banning Engineering), what he thought. Joe Miller stated his advice to the board is, you want to make sure, what's going to be the regulated tile and what's not when this is all said and done. The board doesn't want to have the burden of having more maintenance on it.

Jim Sailors stated it will still be a county tile and whoever puts it in has to follow the county specifications, as long as it's done the proper way we can fix both ends of it. Mr. Williamson is paying for his part of it, the only part the county will have is the two ends to pay for.

Ralph Anderson reiterated, it is still a county regulated drain.

Josh LeDonne asked Joe Miller if the tile would hold up in that deep cut. Joe replied we will have to look at that, some of those hills are 14 to 15 ft. high depending on where you're going through the hill.

Mr. Williamson replied the first hill is 15 ft., he's going to take 7 ft. off and leave it off, so you're only going to have an 8 foot cut.


Jim Sailors responded with concerns on the weight of the dirt on the tile, adding that most of the time stone is added to the top. Joe Miller advised that you definitely want to put stone on top.

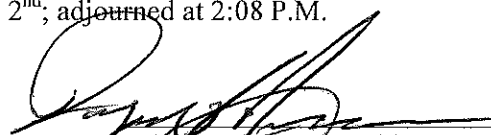
Ralph Anderson again asked motion to 2nd, Jeff LeDonne 2nd earlier in the comments, carried unanimously.

Josh LeDonne informed Mr. Williamson that we won't start our work until Mr. Williamson completes his.

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph Anderson motioned to adjourn. Jim Sailors 2nd; adjourned at 2:08 P.M.


Brena Pearson, Secretary


Ralph Anderson, President