

**CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 2012**

The Cass County Drainage Board held a special meeting for Obstruction of Flow on August 20, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, Attorney John Hillis, Surveyor Jenny Clark and Secretary Cindy Howard.

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

**SURVEYOR'S REPORT**

Jenny Clark submitted for the record, the petition which is signed by Robert Minnick, Daniel Minnick, Rex Slusser, Bernard Slusser, Lindy Shafer and George Knutson, the letter that was sent to Alvin Mennen and the signature card signed by Mrs. Mennen as proof of receipt of notification. The report dated May 29, 2012 for Obstruction of Flow was read by Jenny Clark.

**RESPONDENT COMMENTS**

Alvin Mennen presented his reasoning for constructing what he describes as a terrace. Alvin submitted a tri-fold of pictures for the record. Attorney Don Tribbett representing Alvin Mennen discussed what is considered a natural water flow and also elaborated on information regarding the pictures presented. Brett Mennen, Alvin's son also discussed his opinion of what has brought on the building of the terrace. Alvin's concern is a standpipe that hinders the flow of the water. He explained that it would be beneficial if the County would remove the stand pipe. The stand pipe is for a county maintained drain, the BD Bradfield Tile #11.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Minnick submitted pictures for the record. Bob Minnick and his son Dan Minnick shared their concerns of the possible obstruction and of the building of the terrace. Bernard Slusser and son Rex Slusser voiced their concerns with the terrace and the possible obstruction.

**BOARD FINDINGS**

The Cass County drainage board finds that Alvin Mennen intentionally obstructed the R. D. Bradfield Tile #11. Alvin Mennen is to remove the dirt obstruction immediately after the crops are out of the fields surrounding the tile. The Drainage Board will remove the stand pipe.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn; Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

  
Cindy D. Howard, Secretary

  
David S Arnold, President