

**CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
CHARLES WILSON OPEN & TILE #24  
August 6, 2012**

The Cass County Drainage Board held a Public Hearing August 6, 2012, at 2:30 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 Acting Secretary Vicky Conrad.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER**

Dave Arnold called the hearing to order.

**SURVEYOR'S REPORT**

The purpose of this hearing is to increase the maintenance assessment to pay back the amount borrowed to complete routine annual maintenance requests and begin to collect for future maintenance needs. The proposed assessment for this maintenance is \$7.00 per acre with a minimum assessment of \$5.00. The Charles Wilson Open & Tile watershed contains 2027.461 acres. Total length of drain is 12,266 feet. This watershed will collect \$14,204.12 annually. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the report. Jim Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed.

**WRITTEN OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS FILED**

One written objection was filed by Gene Barr.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Craig Kennell, 3262 N. 600 W., Royal Center, stated something will have to be done eventually. The clay tile is very old and holds a lot of water, sometimes taking 2 weeks to drain after a big rain.

Gene Barr, 5763 N. 575 W., Royal Center, was surprised with an increase of over 500%. He knows the tile is getting bad, but believes that heavy equipment is crushing the tiles. He asked if the Board could recommend to farmers to not run over the tiles because the tiles aren't deep enough. Most of the tiles on this ditch are over 50 years old.

**ACTIONS OF THE BOARD**

Jim Sailors made a motion to adopt the Schedule of Assessments and accept the rate of \$7.00 per acre and \$5.00 minimum. Gene Powlen 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed.

The term was discussed. Dave Arnold made a motion to set the rate at \$7 per acre with no term. Gene Powlen 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed.

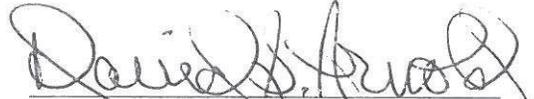
Jim Sailors made a motion to set May 2013 as the first installment of the new assessment. Dave Arnold 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed.

## FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE BOARD

Jenny Clark read the legal notice of Findings and Order of the Board. Dave Arnold made a motion to adopt the Findings and Order of the Board. Gene Powlen 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion passed.

## ADJOURNMENT

Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn. Jim Sailors 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

  
David S. Arnold, President

  
Victoria L. Conrad, Acting Secretary