

**CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**January 3, 2012**

The Cass County Drainage Board held their regular scheduled meeting January 3, 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 Secretary Cindy Howard.

**Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.**

**REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS**

Jim Sailors made a motion for Dave Arnold to be Board President; Jim Sailors as Vice President, John Hillis to be reappointed as the Board Attorney and Cindy Howard to be appointed Drainage Board Secretary. Gene Powlen seconded the motion; motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on December 5, 2011 and the Public Hearing minutes for Trib E to Jones. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

**EXPENSE CLAIMS**

CCS – 0753 Powell Tile #80 for \$4,542.00 maintenance fund balance of \$92,667.10  
Jim Sailors made a motion to approve all claims. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Lairy Tile #104 – Clay Township at CR 350 N. and S.R. 25**

Some land owners have contacted the board with some concerns of water standing in this area. Ron Blackman and Pat Brown of the Cass County Highway did some investigation and reported on their findings. After much discussion, Gene suggests to find out if the tile does go under S.R. 25 or exactly where it is located.

**B. Trib D to Jones – Harrison Township**

A letter was mailed to Newport Surveying to let them know that their contract was terminated. Jeff Healey of Banning Engineering was at the meeting and He asked if He could report at the next meeting with recommendations for this project. Jeff Healey asked if it would be possible to ask Newport Surveying for electronic files of the work that is done. Jenny will send a letter to Newport's and ask for electronic files.

Gene Powlen made a motion to ask Banning Engineering to come to the Board with recommendations for this project. Jim Sailors seconded; Motion passed.

**C. Grable Tile – Adams Township**

Attorney John Hillis was to receive communications from Pierre Smith of INDOT and has not received anything. Attorney John Hillis requests a number to contact Mr. Smith. Jim Sailors suggests to send correspondence to Michael McPhillips, District Deputy Commissioner of INDOT.

D. Work Order #7 – Shankland Tile #96

Jenny Clark received four quotes on this project, they are as follows:

1. B & S Excavating in the amount of \$28,730.00
2. Miller Farm Drainage in the amount of \$33,650.00
3. Rinehart Excavating in the amount of \$33,925.00
4. Blackman Excavating in the amount of \$55,560.00

Jim Sailors asked Dale Forgey if he knows approximately the cost, Dale said \$33,224.87 approximately.

Jim Sailors made a motion to do the work and give the bid to B & S Excavating in the amount of \$28,730.00. Dave Arnold seconded; Motion passed.

E. Work Order #8 – Kessler Tile #56

Jenny Clark talked to Tom Blackman of Blackman Excavating. He is very familiar with this area and does not believe it is the Rentschler tile that is causing the problem.

Blackman believes he will be able to dig up the Kessler tile without disturbing the Rentschler tile. To repair would be to put in 250' of 18" tile. Blackman Excavating submitted an estimate for the repair of the outlet area on the west side of 600 E. for the amount of \$6,650.10. It is a small water shed of 424 acres. If Fulton Counties portion was added it would almost double the water shed.

Jenny will notify Fulton County by certified mail of the request to have a joint board for this water shed. Cass County would have the majority and would head this board, for this water shed.

F. Work Order #9 – Harness Turley Open #14

A request from Kent Chism requested to continue this project another ¼ mile, this would be to get the remaining fall needed to open up the tile outlet at 700 E.

Jenny Clark received one quote back for this project:

B & S Excavating in the amount of \$3,168.00

Jim Sailors made a motion to do the work and give the bid to B & S Excavating in the amount of \$3,168.00. Gene Powlen seconded; Motion passed.

G. Charles Wilson Open & Tile #24 – Boone Township

After much discussion on a previous request from Gene Barr for \$288.76 to be paid,

Jenny reported what the protocol would be according to the June, 2011 minutes.

Dave Arnold made a motion to pay the claim in the amount of \$288.76, but from this point on not to pay claims without a work order. Gene Powlen seconded; Motion passed.

H. Bradfield Tile #11 – Washington Township

Alvin Mennen requested at the December meeting a reshape of the tile. After Jenny evaluated the situation her best solution is to have it privately done versus the county lowering the water way, with the maintenance fund already being in the whole \$29,000.00. After much discussion a motion was made.

Gene Powlen made a motion to deny the request for reconstruction of 1750 feet of 15 inch tile. Jim Sailors seconded; Motion passed.

I. Dehaven Tile #37 – Jackson Township

Jenny Clark spoke with the INDOT District Highway Supervisor, Stacy Flick. INDOT will check on this and get back with the board. After much discussion, Jenny is asked to send correspondence to Michael McPhillips, District Deputy Commissioner of INDOT. Per Dave Arnold this will need to eventually go to a Public Hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Work Order #11 – Grable Tile #4 in Adams Township

Bob Green has requested work to be done in a couple areas. Jenny was asked the estimation of this project. It would take approximately 200' of 15" tile to fix the problem areas. After some discussion, Jim Sailors asked to get bids and Dave asked for at least 3.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Healey of Banning Engineering asked when the board would like a progress report on the Powell Regulated Drain. Recommendations will be reported at the February meeting.

It was discussed that the Drainage Board meeting dates remain the same, but to start at 1:45 P.M.

Gene Powlen made the motion that starting with the February meeting to start at 1:45 P.M. Dave Arnold 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
Cindy Howard, Secretary

  
David S Arnold, President