

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
#37 Dehaven Open & Tile
Jackson Township, Cass Co.
November 5, 2012

The Cass County Drainage Board held a Public Hearing for #37 Dehaven Open & Tile, 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 hearing to order.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The purpose of this hearing is to do maintenance on the open portion of this ditch, to restore it back to its original grade. The report was given by Jeff Healey of Banning Engineering. Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the report. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion passed. Gene Powlen did not vote due to possible conflict.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS FILED

There are 37 letters by 25 landowners reported by Jenny Clark. These letters are filed in the office of the Cass County Surveyor, Jenny Clark.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Arnold requested that each person to speak keep their comments to no more than 3 minutes each. Rick Griffin of 12556 S. 500 E., Galveston, Clint Prilaman of 4666 E. 1175 S. Galveston, Max Bell of Bell Farms LP, 6476 W. 400 S. Russiaville, Don & Brenda Wood of 12551 S. 500 E. Galveston, Tom Robertson of 4349 E. 1175 S. Galveston and Doris Butts of 12170 S. 500 E. Galveston, everyone spoke against the project for multiple reasons. Those who spoke in favor of the project are, Mark Chambers of 5357 E. State Rd. 18 Galveston, Gary Chambers 602 Terry Dr., Monticello and Royce Chambers of 6663 E. St. Rd. 18 Galveston. The Chambers family would like to see the project go forward to elevate the water from their property and to improve the drainage. Jessica Fulgeni from Purdue had questions for Jeff Healey re: biological research. Also Jessica talked about Wabash River Enhancement Corp. looking into management of Deer Creek and Sugar Creek. Charlie Wilson of 7561 E. 1150 S., Galveston, explained he has no involvement in the project. However, was there to share that the county tiles are breaking down and need repaired, also explained how things in the area had been worked out between the landowners years ago.

BOARD FINDINGS

After hearing both pros and cons and different options, Jim Sailors made a motion to amend the assessment to \$3.50 per acre and the 1st installment to begin May 2013. Gene Powlen 2nd; Motion passed.

FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE BOARD

Jenny Clark read the legal notice of Findings and Order of the Board. Gene Powlen made a motion to adopt the Findings and Order of the Board. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion passed.



David S. Arnold, President



Cindy D. Howard, Secretary