

**CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**May 4, 2015**

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: Jeff LeDonne, Jim Sailors, Ralph Anderson, Surveyor Jenny Clark, Secretary Brena Pearson and Attorney John Hillis.

Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES**

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes for April 6, 2015 meeting. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried unanimously.

**EXPENSE CLAIMS**

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve expense claims CCS-0926 –CCS-0931. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW WORK ORDERS**

A. (105) Wildermuth Tile

Steve Willy has requested that a tile hole off of CR 525 W. be repaired. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve, Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously. The fund balance for this tile as of this time is \$ 6532.69

B. (68) Lutz Davis Wendling Open

Dave Eshelman has requested that, clearing and dredging be done on this entire ditch in the fall, unfortunately we don't have enough money to cover the cost at this time. We will have over \$ 28,000 at the end of the year with the \$ 14,000 we collect annually. Clear and dredge possibly the entire ditch from east side of SR 35 to beginning of ditch at approx., 1000 E. a distance of about 5 miles. The brush is not too bad, but several places have eroded. Reseeding is necessary due to the fact that many of the fields have filter strip. Jim Sailors made a motion to table, due to the fact, we need to go out and access, so we'll know more of what needs to be done, Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously. Fund balance at this time for this ditch is \$ 14,495.16, with \$ 14,696.94 to be collected annually.

C. (126) Flynn Tile

Jon Guy/Joe Rush reported tile holes, also holes on Dennis Ramer (parcel 3). Jim Sailors stated we need to find out how deep the old clay tile is buried. If it's 3-4 feet deep, we need to fix it, 1-2 feet deep that might be a farmer issue. The tile in the yard, the county is going to have to fix. We need to make sure the tile in the field is deep enough, that we don't have to keep repairing those tiles. Jim Sailors made a motion, we do the repairs, when we do repairs make sure the tile is buried deep enough. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously. Fund balance at this time for this tile is \$ 31,182.76

**CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES**

D. (61) Sheets Open

Jeff Healy of Banning Engineering reported that he received a pay request that will take the Sheets Open to 90% complete, trees were felled in the time allotted, but weather did not permit the clearing of the trees. Rusty Deichman has requested the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw of \$58,624.50. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve, Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw of \$58,624.50.

E. (24) Charles Wilson Open & Tile

Joe Miller of Banning Engineering, reworked boundaries of sub water sheds inside the large main water shed. We adjusted our lines to match Joe's, assigning benefit acreage to land owners within the sub water. A few landowners want a land owner meeting, so they can gauge where they're at financially.

F. (131) Dehaven Tile

G. Agreement with INDOT has not been finalized. Jeff Healy Banning Engineering will be contacting INDOT. Would like to get approvals before Labor Day, bids in September and opening bids in October. Bank secured receipts, resolutions, documents, need to be amended to represent Dehaven,

our project and our board. This is the last piece the bank is waiting on, we will then be cleared for financing. It's really important to get this agreement with INDOT.

H. (80) Powell Tile

We have heard nothing from Brad Sparks the contractor, or Andy Hubenthal. We need the rocks removed and to be seeded. We are holding \$2500.00, until this is completed.

**OTHER BUSINESS.**

I. Moss

Ralph Anderson brought up the Moss, judicial review has not been filed. Several land owners are against reconstructing it as an open ditch. Ralph Anderson pointed out that it was approved as an open ditch. Dale Zell wants to approach Howard Co. to try to set up another meeting to discuss what's going to happen. We have plans, profiles and specs, that we need to continue on. The next step would be to bid.

J. Indian Creek

The board has requested the engineer's opinion on reconstruction, or maintenance project. We need to revisit the surveyors report, update and provide a fee schedule, the next meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Healy Banning Engineering stated he's concerned, it's been approx. 9 years since it's been examined closely. There was an objection filed against the permit. Jeff Healy of Banning Engineering is to apply for the permitting on behalf of the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Sailors motioned to adjourn. Jeff LeDonne 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried unanimously.

  
Brena Pearson, Secretary

  
Ralph Anderson, President