

Motion to approve minutes from 1/25/21 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Ditch Assessments:** The annual ditch assessment list has been presented to the drainage board for review. Kevin Nigh moves to approve the assessment list except for Meiks Addition until after today's meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Meiks Addition Public Hearing:** Taylor Sumerford, county surveyor, has obtained a new elevation map from Jim Brown, GIS coordinator. The elevations were laid on a contour map and match up with what Taylor presented previously. Kevin Nigh has worked with the Surveyor's office to establish a plan to spread the cost out over 4 years at \$20 per acre with a minimum of \$50 per lot (anyone with <2.5 acres). The estimated cost is \$35,000-\$40,000 to replace the existing tile to the outlet on the north side of Meiks addition. Some funds will have to be built up before the project can begin. Diane Meeks of Lawndale Dr. states when it rains really hard water backs up into her yard and into her basement, the drainage board advises the new tile should improve that problem. Jeff Bate of Meiks Rd, would like to know if there is a projected start date? Chris Ross advises there is not currently but if they could find another source of revenue to borrow from work could possibly start sooner. Mr. Bate wants to clarify the \$50 minimum. Kevin Nigh states the \$50 charge would be annual and for parcels that are less than 2.5 acres. Mr. Bate also states a property owner to the north is doing some tile work currently and wants to know if that will tie into the new tile the county would have installed? Kevin Nigh states it already comes down to the existing tile and the property Mr. Bate is referring to is the Foltz property that was discussed at the last public hearing. The current tile is 12'' and the new tile will be 16'', possibly 18'' and might start dropping in size as it gets closer to the road, this project will only be replacing a current tile, not extending it. Commissioner Nigh states there will also be a grate outlet installed so that field water can run straight into the tile instead of onto the road and into yards but during extreme flooding there still will be water on top of the ground. Chris Ross explains the existing tile starts at the ditch on the Makowski property. Kevin Nigh advises he has spoken to Mrs. Stillabower to answer some of her questions, the plan makes more sense to her now. Gordon Coffey, 1315 E Meiks Rd., would like to know if this project includes replacing of the culvert on Meiks Rd. as he feels it needs replaced? The replacement tile will lead to the Meiks Rd. culvert. Chris Ross states the culvert on Maple Dr. will be replaced because it's about to wash away. Robert Vise of Knightstown Rd, questions why the assessment will be charged when he already pays property taxes, and he's not sure it will even help the residents in Meiks Addition? Chris Ross advises property taxes do not pay for projects like this. Commissioner Ross states the ditches (on the assessment list) are paid for by the funds collected from the special assessment of the individual property owners, none of these ditches are paid for by property taxes. Mr. Vise would like to know who will install the tile? The drainage board explains that will be determined later and that this work will help improve the water issues for Meiks Addition residents. Mr. Vise argues that the drainage in Meiks Addition as not been touched in 50 years, Commissioner Nigh explains this is because it has not previously been a county legal drain. The drainage board also clarifies for Mr. Vise that the tile will run from Meiks Rd. through Meiks Addition, there will still be an open ditch on Meiks Rd. for overflow, but most of the water will outlet through the tile. Mr. Coffey wants to clarify the charge for 5 acres, the drainage board states it would be \$100 per year. Mrs. Meeks wants to know if they are replacing the tile that runs through her yard? The drainage board informs her they will be putting in the main tile from Meiks Rd. to the addition, if she has a tile through her yard that connects into the main drain, it will be hooked back up. Kevin Nigh makes a motion to start assessment for the Meiks Addition Drain at \$20 per acre and a \$50 minimum per lot (parcels <2.5 acres) for 4 years, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0. Kevin Nigh motions to add the Meiks Addition Drain to the assessment list for 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Carmony Tile:** Chris Ross had email correspondence regarding James Ramsey's bid, the bid was accepted in 2018, Commissioner Ross wanted to know if Mr. Ramsey would honor the original pricing? Mr. Ramsey sent a letter with a few changes, including the cost of pipe and some other incidental costs, raising the bid from \$59,765 to around \$63,000. Adjoining property owners want the work done, but not until this fall. County attorney, John DePrez advises a motion will be needed to accept the amended bid. Chris Ross makes a motion to accept the revised proposal from James Ramsey for the Carmony Tile, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

**GDIF Update:** Taylor Sumerford updates the drainage board on the GDIF balance.

Adjourn.