

Motion to approve minutes from 4/24/2023, Don Parker, 2nd Kevin Nigh, approved 3/0.

Hills Branch and Siefert Tile Regulated Drains: Jeff Powell, land surveyor, is here representing clients who have purchased property in the Freeport area. They are a group of families that do organic farming and will be proposing to the Plan Commission to build 6 family structures. He is here to ask permission from the Drainage Board to connect into the Siefert Tile for the property owners' subsurface drains and a reduction in a portion of one side of the 75' easement for the drain. The Seifert drain has been located and marked where it crosses the property. The family is hoping to build 3 structures on 950 N (Freeport Rd.) west of 150 E. Mr. Powell states the Siefert Tile is currently on maintenance. Kevin Nigh wants to know if the tile is working well currently; Mr. Powell states there are portions that are working well, but there are parts where it has broken down entirely, they are hoping for some repairs. Mr. Powell presents the drainage board with some plans and discusses the zoning. He states they request reducing the easement on the east side of the tile from 75' to 40' so that one of the homes can be built with plenty of room for their septic system. Mr. Powell also requests to connect the subsurface drains for the homes to the Siefert regulated drain. The Drainage Board reviews the plans with Mr. Powell further. There is also a closed portion of the Hills Branch (which is currently on maintenance) that they would like to hook into on 250 E near 750 N. The Hills Branch portion has not been located at this time. Kevin Nigh motions to approve the request for a reduction in the easement on the Siefert drain to 40' on the east side, and permission for potential connection into both the Siefert Drain and Hills Branch, 2nd Don Parker, approved 3/0.

Ditch Spraying: Taylor Sumerford, county surveyor, reports they have started spraying south of Shelbyville, gone around the southwest and are up to SR 44. Mr. Sumerford asks Don Parker if they should spray around the bridge on 600 W in the Northwest part of the county like they did last year, the Drainage Board agrees they would like this area sprayed.

Swamp Creek: Taylor Sumerford states no one has contacted him yet regarding the work that was planned to be done to replace a gas line on 300 N. Jason Abel is going to drive by the site when he is in the area later today.

Don Parker motions to adjourn, 2nd Kevin Nigh, approved 3/0.