

**Drainage Board Meeting**  
**May 6, 2024**

**Present:** Heather Gries, Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Auditor Melissa Bunner, Attorney Joshua Claybourn and Surveyor Jeff Meredith

**Location:** Commissioners Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 2:45 P.M.

**Minutes**

**Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for April 2, 2024. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Commonwealth Engineers / Aaron Rohner**

Rohner came to present a project for the City of Rockport, Wastewater Improvement Project. It is a two (2) phase project. It starts in the incorporated town of Rockport and extends north to the existing water plant. There will be two (2) crossings at Huffman ditch. **Brown motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

This project opens May 16, 2024, and is out to bid right now. Estimated time of completion is May 2025 for 1<sup>st</sup> phase and December 2026 for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.

**Surveyors Report**

A local landowner is requesting reimbursement for work that was done on a regulated drain. The work that was done does not meet our standards, therefore the recommendation is not to pay him. He is asking for \$350.00.

Terry Price is needing work done along the JB Chrisney Lateral #2. He is requesting this work start after harvest. It is around 1400 feet, going from County Road 150 North and moving Southward. The Lateral needs all trees removed and to be dipped. It will require a long reach excavator and will need to be completed on the west side due to the railroad tracks. Meredith is looking for September to bid out.

Meredith met with Darrin Meece to inspect the Jacob Lang from County Road 650 West going Eastward to the Richland Ballpark. This is approximately 2400 feet. There are no trees to remove but the ditch needs to be dipped to relieve some standing water. There are several calls from residents in Richland about this issue. He is requesting approval to start the process of work on this ditch once the current project is completed. **Gries motioned to approve to bid Jacob Lang. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Scott Hildenbrandt is requesting work on Crooked Creek. This area is around 4076 feet (3/4 mile). There will need to be some tree removal but mainly dip the ditch to help flow. This project will include three (3) different landowners and they are all in favor of the work being done. After getting bids, we would need permission to move ahead and ask the Council for funding as this is not a regulated drain. **Brown motioned to approve pending Council approval. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meredith went to the Huffman Bridge and work there for several days.

There was a bid opening for the Baker Creek Watershed project. The bids are as follows:

B Hamilton Contractors	\$13,500	Redline Landworks	\$15,750
Herron Excavating	\$ 3,750	S & S Excavating	\$ 6,840
JJC Excavating	\$17,250	Silo Ridge Excavating	\$17,760
K & K Dirtworks	\$8,796	Westerfield Excavating	\$12,475
Meece Excavating	\$10,500		

**Gries motioned to take the bids under advisement and bring back to the Commissioners meeting later today. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The bids were taken to the Commissioners Meeting the same day. Herron Excavating is being removed from the bids due to an incorrect bid submission by Herron. The two (2) lowest bids after that are K & K Dirtworks at \$8,796 and S & S Excavating at \$6,840. Meredith made the recommendation to move forward with K & K Dirtworks since he is familiar with their work. **Seiler motioned to approve K & K Dirtworks. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Old Business**

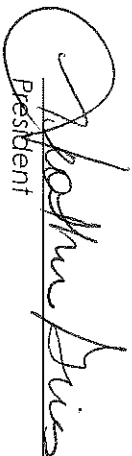
Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Nothing to report.


**Brown made a motion to adjourn. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 P.M.**

  
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President

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Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

  
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Robert Gries