Drainage Board Meeting April 4, 2017

Present: Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Surveyor David Faulkenberg, Elaine Jones, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7^{th} as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

Faulkenberg reported that all the legal issues have been resolved on the logging situation on Hoopole ditch. Faulkenberg went to check on the property before the meeting and McDaniel was hauling the 4^{th} and final load of logs off the property. Logsdon thanked Faulkenberg for all his work on dealing with this situation.

<u>Thomas Strassel Drain</u>: Faulkenberg stated that he contacted AEP and learned that they own the railroad, not Norfolk Southern. He met with Mark Summy at AEP and discussed the concerns regarding the elevation of the railroad pipe and the fact that it's 2 feet higher than the sandpit pipe. After meeting with Summy, Faulkenberg went out and shot the elevation of the highway pipe which is only 1 foot lower than the railroad pipe, so lowering the railroad pipe to match the sandpit pipe would not work. There is really nothing we can do with this issue.

<u>Anderson River</u>: Faulkenberg reported that we received and approved a quote from D-Lite Construction. They will move in equipment when weather conditions are favorable.

<u>Big Sandy</u>: Cochenour Farms are scheduled to do the work, but we currently have no major problems there.

<u>Branch Lake Drain</u>: Roth Farms is scheduled to complete this project.

<u>Tower Drain:</u> Faulkenberg reported that he spoke with Austin Hastings of HNTB Corporation about the project on SR 161 and was informed they don't plan to begin the project until sometime in 2019. Faulkenberg suggested we wait on doing any cleanup to the ditches at this time, because it could need dug out again by the time they are ready to begin. All were in agreement to wait.

New Business

Faulkenberg presented a new form to be completed by anyone receiving chemicals from the county to spray their ditches. In the past we have not kept good record of who received what chemicals or where they were sprayed and we would now like a list of all areas sprayed, plus a spreadsheet reporting all chemicals for the year and who received them. Logsdon suggested there be a line added to the form where the individual can write specifically what location they are spraying on which drain. Seiler suggested adding a spot for the individual to list their applicator license number. It was discussed whether or not an applicator license is needed for crossbow and Seiler stated that it is a restricted use chemical. Faulkenberg stated they could add the additional information to the form.

Faulkenberg stated he was contacted by The Lochmueller Group about creating a wetland for offsite mitigation at the intersection of Orchard Rd. and CR 400N. They are wanting permission to go into the 75 ft. right of way to build a burm. Faulkenberg stated he informed them he did not approve with giving them permission to come within the 75 ft. He instructed them they are welcome to come before the board if they wish to request permission. It was discussed that if we gave them permission and then needed to get into the property for any reason and damaged one of their structures then we would have a problem. Seiler made a motion to retain our 75ft. right of way on a lateral of Huffman Drain at the intersection of Orchard Rd. and CR 400N. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Reinke came to express his concerns with log jams in Pigeon Creek. He has checked into the cost associated with doing a fly over of the ditch to see what all the issues are, but it's a large expense. This would have to be a joint effort with Warrick County to work on this project. Faulkenberg will speak with Phil Baxter about the issues and try to setup a meeting.

Faulkenberg presented the claim for McDaniel Logging to be signed and the agreement signed by the logging company and all interested parties.

Brown made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:04 P.M.

President
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