

Drainage Board Meeting
August 7, 2018

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

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Brown at 12:45 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from July 2nd as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bid Opening – Tower Drain

Laswell Excavating - \$7,000.00

Gruber Industries - \$9,475.00

Faulkenberg recommends we accept the lowest bid.

Seiler made a motion to accept the bid from Laswell Excavating for \$7,000.00. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bid Opening – Hoopole Phase 3

Gruber Industries - \$44,747.00 \$7.25/ft

Herron Excavating - \$32,860.00

Laswell Excavating - \$45,000.00 \$7.29/ft

Faulkenberg stated he doesn't know how he will do it for that, but recommends we accept the lowest bid.

Seiler made a motion to accept the bid from Herron Excavating for \$32,860.00. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to waive the 30 day start date and authorizes Faulkenberg to enter into a written agreement with the contractor that states the terms of the project. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

Faulkenberg presented information on the 3 assessed watersheds and explained that it has been determined that the basis as discussed previously is the number of acres within the designated watershed. For instance if a parcel is a 36 acre piece and the basis is 20, that shows that 20 acres of that parcel are within the watershed.

Hoopole Watershed

Faulkenberg reported that there are 566 parcels in the watershed and 140 not being assessed. That reflects that 23% of the parcels are not paying, but only produces a 7% increase in assessment due to the size of the parcels. There is a minimum assessment amount of \$5.00/yr but it is a struggle trying to determine what acreage is the max amount to be a minimum assessment. Anything over that minimum assessment acreage is calculated at \$2.10/acre for the Hoopole watershed.

Lindsey stated that we might want to establish a minimum payment amount, because if the rates were lowered you could have a parcel that is 10 acres paying less than a minimum parcel just based on the rate multiplied by the acreage. Faulkenberg stated he hadn't thought about that, because he can't see us lowering the rates. There was much discussion about this process and how to proceed with establishing rates and a minimum. We will have to establish a schedule of assessments and hold a public hearing notifying all property owners within the watershed. It will be a long process before we actually get all the affected parcels on the tax rolls. Seiler made a motion to refer the regulated drain in need of periodic maintenance to the surveyor and in turn the surveyor will prepare a maintenance report. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Regulated Drains

Faulkenberg presented a map of proposed watersheds that would encompass all the regulated drains. We currently have 114 miles of regulated drains being assessed and 195 miles of regulated drains not assessed. The Advisory Board gave direction that the regulated drains should be assessed and Faulkenberg has created 5 proposed watersheds that would contain all the regulated drains. Brown made a motion to adopt the comprehensive drainage plan reflecting

the 5 watersheds for the future, knowing this will take some time and work. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:28 P.M.

Autumn Winkler

President

Attest:

Al Joyce

Tom Brown

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