Drainage Board Meeting February 4, 2019

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 10:00 A.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2^{nd} as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

Faulkenberg reported that he had Cash Waggner shoot the grade on the ditch across from AEP that Don Schroeder has been addressing the board about. Cash Waggner found that from Base Rd to the Sand Pipe Pit there was 2/10 raise, from the Sand Pipe Pit to the Railroad Pit had 7.9 ft fall and from the Railroad to the highway was 6.27 ft fall. The only way to try and repair this is to lower the railroad pipe which will help, but not fix it. From Base Rd to the highway is 3,250 ft with a 6 ft fall; a 30 ft fall or 15 ft fall at the minimum is needed. Faulkenberg has met with representatives from AEP on three separate occasions to discuss this and they say they don't have the money to drop the railroad pipe, it would cost about \$50,000.00 and still wouldn't totally fix the problem. The previous project that was completed on this ditch did nothing to alleviate the problem; the property flooded before and still floods now.

Faulkenberg stated that the final report on all three watersheds is done. Lindsey will draft a letter to send to parcel owners who are not being assessed and a public hearing will be held. Seiler made a motion to set a public hearing for March 28th at 6:00 P.M. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lindsey presented ordinance 2019-01 for board review. This ordinance addresses the rules and regulations that must be followed before a person can construct, dig or otherwise disturb a regulated drain for purposes of utility lines or work on structures. The contracting authority and contractor shall also sign a hold harmless agreement that will be provided by the Spencer County Surveyor's Office. Seiler made a motion to adopt ordinance 2019-01 on first reading. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Faulkenberg reported that 3 log jams were removed at the Abbey for a total cost of \$4,510.00; we are responsible for half of the total cost.

Hooppole Phase 3 is complete with 6,172 feet cleared for \$32,860.00. Herron Excavating has agreed to clear an additional 9,000 feet east of Highway 161 for \$4,000.00, because he's already in the area. Faulkenberg observed six beaver dams, multiple silted areas and trees that need removed from that 9,000 feet. At completion of project there will be over 33,000 feet of Hooppole cleaned and it will be considered in "maintenance" stage.

The advisory board met on January 29th and agreed on which non-assessed ditches will be worked on in 2019. A \$50,000.00 additional appropriation will be requested at the February council meeting to work on the following projects:

Anderson River - \$10,000.00

Pigeon Creek - \$10,000.00 Lake Drain - \$15,000.00 Crooked Creek - \$10,000.00 Chemical Spray - \$5,000.00

With all projects completed in 2018 there are 34,000 feet of additional ditches to spray.

The bid to clear 4 log jams came in at \$13,000.00 with our portion being \$6,500.00 due to shared cost with Warrick County.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

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