

**Drainage Board Meeting  
November 7, 2017**

**Present:** Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Surveyor David Faulkenberg, Elaine Jones, Deputy Auditor Heidi Greene  
**Absent:** 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 October 3<sup>rd</sup> as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Surveyors Report**

Huffman Drain

Faulkenberg stated that we received a letter from the Lochmueller Group alleviating Spencer County's liability on the wetland mitigation site located on Orchard Road and CR 400N. As long as county maintenance activities remain within the 75' easement and are in accordance with Indiana Drainage Law and other applicable regulations there will be no liability on the county. Jason DuPont of the Lochmueller Group was in attendance for any questions or concerns. Seiler made a motion to act in accordance with the letter from Lochmueller Group alleviating any possible liability on Spencer County. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Chemical Allotment Sheet

Faulkenberg reported he has received a very positive response from farmers on documenting chemicals. They are happy to do it.

Pigeon Creek

Faulkenberg stated that he wants to correct a statement he made at the previous meeting regarding the projects for Pigeon Creek and Anderson River. There is no comparison to the scope of the Pigeon Creek project. Warrick County cleared 400 feet of creek on both sides and cut down approximately 150 trees. The log jam was full of trees and debris and had grown to over 200 feet in length. After the log jam was removed the water level dropped 2-3 feet. The contractor placed the trees and debris in 4 piles and cabled it down with ¼ inch steel cable to prevent the debris from re-entering the water way. Along the creek 75 feet was completely cleared and leveled and the banks were properly sloped. Faulkenberg stated we received a bargain on this project and feels it would be in our best interest to continue this practice.

Sprayed Ditches

The list of sprayed ditches for 2017 was presented for board review. All ditches have been sprayed totaling 167,626 feet (31.75 miles) with a total chemical cost of \$3,419.73. There is probably \$700-800.00 left in the budget for chemicals and 50% of the field help budget is left.

Upcoming Projects

Caney Creek – F M Hackelman Legal Drain

Daniel Kopp – branch of Lake Drain

Daniel Kopp drain was discussed with Mr. Sigler at the advisory board meeting. It is off of Orchard Road on CR 600N. There are 3,975 feet of ditch to be cleared and Faulkenberg estimates it could cost around \$25,000.00.

The Caney Creek project is 1,824 feet estimated at \$15,000.00. There is over 4,000 feet to be cleared, but several farmers have offered machines and man power that would equal a 50% in-kind share in cost. There is currently around \$16,000.00 in the Riverboat Fund, but will decrease if bids are awarded today. We will have to request an additional appropriation for these projects; this is just estimates to take to the council when requesting funding.

**Bid Opening**

Tower Drain

Gruber Industries, LLC - \$7,250.00

Laswell Excavating - \$7,800.00

Brown made a motion to approve the bid from Gruber Industries LLC for \$7,250.00. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Hooppole Drain Phase 1 – 5,355 ft

Laswell Excavating - \$58,500.00

Gruber Industries, LLC - \$43,500.00

Brown made a motion to approve the bid from Gruber Industries LLC for \$43,500.00. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.


Faulkenberg stated that we will run out of money on Phase 2. Hooppole collected around \$10,000.00 last year and if we spend \$150,000.00 to complete the project it would take 15 years to fund this project. We need to look at doing something different, changing assessments or something. Our ditches are still being assessed like its 1999 when this project would've cost \$15,000.00. Faulkenberg spoke with WTH about doing a study on the parcels draining into Hooppole, Huffman and Baker Creek. They have created a very preliminary sheet that color codes all the parcels running into each drain and which parcels are being assessed and currently there are only 45-50% of the parcels actually being assessed. If we want to proceed with doing this type of study in full there will be an additional cost from WTH for this project. Faulkenberg stated that he feels every parcel that drains into one of those three should be assessed and paying taxes. It would at least double our tax dollars available for maintenance on those drains.

**New Business**

Faulkenberg request the Drainage Board meeting be moved from 1:30 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. for all future meetings. Brown made a motion to move the meeting to 1:00 P.M. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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

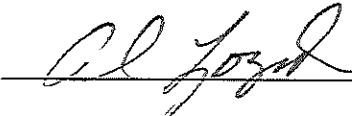
Meeting was adjourned at 2:07 P.M.

  
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