

**Drainage Board Meeting
October 3, 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

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from September 5th as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

Willa Chandler

Faulkenberg stated that the county should not go down and cut the trees on Mrs. Chandler's ditch, because if we do that for one person we would be obligated to go trim trees on every regulated drain in the county. Faulkenberg has put together a team of volunteers to cut and haul off Mrs. Chandler's trees with no association to the county or fee involved.

Ditch Spraying

Faulkenberg reported he has begun spraying ditches again and plans to finish before the first frost of the season.

Hooppole Phase 1 Project

Faulkenberg reported that we are still waiting on the last 2 signatures from Girten and Broerman on the Hooppole project. Both have agreed to sign, but have not sent back the permit yet. Faulkenberg has an appointment to meet with Girten on October 6th to sign the permit. If we do not receive the last 2 signatures soon, Faulkenberg suggested we send them a letter stating our intent to enter their property.

Anderson River – Boehm Project

D-Lite Construction completed the clean out project on September 18th. Faulkenberg reported they did a good job and only charged \$1,400.00.

Cash Waagner & Associates

Faulkenberg met with Calvin Cash to establish a plan on marking section corners. The northern part of the county has very few section corners marked, so the plan is to start at the top of the county and work east and then down the east side of the county to try and fill in the huge gap. They will work on this project according to available funding.

Little Pigeon Creek – Log Jam north of Benton Day Bridge

Warrick County Drainage Board awarded a bid on September 25th to Tom Naas for \$22,500.00 to remove the log jam. Work is scheduled to begin today and be completed within 5 weeks. Spencer County is responsible for paying half of the bid amount which will be \$11,250.00. Faulkenberg stated that he knows there are certain stipulations when dealing with navigable waterways, but he feels this bid is a little high. The agreement was that we would pay half of their bid when clearing the log jam to the north and they would pay for half of our project removing the log jam that requires ingress from Spencer County.

Anderson River – Abbey Project

Gruber Excavation completed the project on Anderson River by the Abbey and did a wonderful job. They hauled the smaller branches and debris off-site and are cutting the larger limbs for firewood to be donated to charity for heat this winter. There was question in the past about if they were located in Spencer County and had been removed from the contractor list. The invoice received came from St. Meinrad and they did an exceptional job on the project so Faulkenberg will be adding them back on the contractor list.

Tower Drain

Robin Roberts a resident of Hatfield contacted Faulkenberg to report that Tower Drain behind his house was eroding and breaking off towards his residence. Faulkenberg investigated the ditch and presented pictures to the board of the erosion problem. Faulkenberg stated he was also contacted by a resident of Hatfield that was complaining about a large dirt pile by SR 66 right

before you turn onto Old SR 66. It was covered with weeds and obstructing vision to enter the highway. After investigating, Faulkenberg determined the dirt pile was located on INDOT property and was granted permission to use the dirt. Faulkenberg stated that to resolve two issues he was planning on hauling the dirt from the pile to Mr. Robert's property to fill in Tower Drain where it is eroding. Faulkenberg asked the board if it would be possible for the Highway Dept. to haul the dirt and assist with the project since it is less than ¼ mile down the road. Brown stated that the highway crew was too busy working on roads and he would prefer we contract it out. Faulkenberg will search for a contractor.

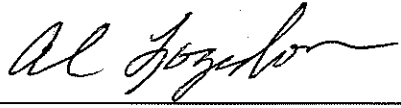
Council Request

Faulkenberg reported he has two projects on the schedule that he has not put out for bid yet, due to lack of funding. At the beginning of the year we went before the council to request funding and was granted \$25,000.00 and told to come back if more was needed. Faulkenberg is requesting that the board seek an additional appropriation from the Riverboat Fund to finance projects on Daniel Kopp Lateral and Caney Creek. Brown made a motion to request another \$25,000.00 additional appropriation from the Riverboat fund. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Huffman Right-of-Way

Faulkenberg stated that as reported in the September 5th meeting our 75' right-of-way had been infringed upon on Huffman Drain. The Lochmueller Group had requested permission to obtain our 75' right-of-way in the April meeting and the request was denied by the board. On September 1, 2017, Faulkenberg noticed the work had been completed by the Lochmueller Group for the wetland mitigation project on Huffman Drain and they utilized our 75' right-of-way without the approval of the county. Faulkenberg addressed this issue with Mr. Yeager and Mr. Dupont with the Lochmueller group and requested they sign a Hold Harmless Agreement with the county to remove any liability. Jason Dupont was in attendance and stated that when the project was started they spoke with previous surveyor Bomber Herron and were granted verbal permission by Herron to proceed with the project. Dupont stated that after receiving that approval everything was completed with the state on the project. Brown stated that his confusion is why after Yeager spoke with Faulkenberg and was told that the request was denied why they proceeded within our 75'. Dupont stated he would have to check on everything at the office, speak with Yeager, and report back at the next meeting.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.



President

Attest:



