

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
January 28, 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Mike Long, Vice President

Jim Scott, Member

Dennis Darr, Member

Michael Kissinger, County Surveyor

Patti Miner, Drainage Board Secretary

Mark Montel, Drainage Inspector

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

Jim Scott made a motion to approve the claims and minutes of the last meeting. Dennis Darr seconded, all were in favor.

**VARIANCE/Nevin McConnell Drain – Brad Jackson**

Variance request for parcel #008-031-115. Located in Pt W ½ 8-34-7 in Turkey Creek Township.

Brad Jackson came before the Board to ask for a variance on the Nevin McConnell Drain. He is building storage condos and it is now zoned Ag II. He is asking for 50' variance. Kissinger told the Board that the office went back thru other variances that were granted along the Nevin McConnell ditch. There have been numerous variances granted for 50' but there were other storage units that were granted 15'. Jim Scott made a motion to approve, Dennis Darr seconded, all were in favor. There will be no paper work for this variance except the minutes from this meeting until the next Drainage Board meeting as Mr. Jackson will not be the owner until January 29, 2016 (scheduled closing). At that time Jackson will get all the signatures needed and have the variance recorded.

**CONTINUING DISCUSSION ON SEDALIA WHITE DRAIN/Zimmerman and Tucker:**

Kissinger went over a few things that he has done since the last meeting. One of the things the Board wanted our office to do before a decision was made was to contact Fulton County Drainage Board to see if they were ok with us taking some acreage out of their part of the drain based on this new tiling project. They have no problem with it so they are perfectly fine with us taking 50 – 70 acres out of their watershed and putting it on our Sedalia White drain assessment roll. Kissinger told the Board that today they are only deciding if we authorize them to do so. Long asked if the improvements that Zimmerman & Tucker are making will overload the county ditch? Kissinger said if that would happen we would have to reconstruct downstream from where they tapped in. We would then determine a shed area and a list of landowners that would be benefitted by the reconstruction. Then the Board would decide how they will be assessed. It would be a rate per acre or based strictly on benefit. Scott asked why the water isn't going the other way. Kissinger said they have a low area and if the water gets to a certain point then it would go south. They are in a pocket now and they had to make the decision if they wanted to drain that area south or north. South was the way it would naturally go. But they had some issues going that way because they didn't think they could get adjoining landowners permission. Montel told the Board that the permission Mr. Kemper (previous surveyor) gave was for Mr. Tucker's property only. So anything south of 900 is the reason we are here. Mr. Zimmerman presented poster boards of the area in question to the Board members. Some 8 or so landowners are saying yes to put a culvert under the road.



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He then reiterated his stance and supporting information/claims from the last Board meeting. Mr. Zimmerman has already installed 12" tile up to CR 950 S and is proposing to go south of 950. He would like to take a 12" tile from the low spot on his property South of CR 950 S all the way North to said road. Kissinger doesn't have any problem with taking the 12" under the road, but as soon as they get on the South side of the road he is still recommending a maximum tile size of 8" (consistent with Mr. Kemper's original recommendation of an 8" tile).

Long's motion is for an 8" tile south of the south right of way line of 950 and allow a 12" tile from the south line of 950 North (12" tile North of CR.950 S has already been installed by the Tuckers). Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kissinger told Zimmerman and Tucker that this drain will not be taken into the County system.

#### **SWICK MEREDITH DRAIN PUMP/Devon Zolman:**

Kissinger had the Board look at a drawing that he had made showing what Mr. Smith is asking for today. He wants to put a 54" culvert in the ditch just upstream from a 3' culvert underneath 675 W. The requested size is not a concern. He wants to put a pump inside the culvert & install a back flow flap on the downstream side of the 54" culvert to keep the water from coming back in after he has pumped it out. The only issue is if for any reason it becomes, in our opinion, inoperable, Mr. Smith will be required to remove it. So in theory, the request should not cause a drainage problem. Mr. Kissinger will also determine the invert elevation of the culvert. The invert elevation of the 54" culvert will have to be at least as low as the road culvert. Montel says there use to be a pump in the ditch at this location in the past.

No motion was needed.

#### **MENTONE TILE VACATION:**

Kissinger said this is also just a heads up to the Board and there won't be any motions needed at this point. Montel gave a description of the map that he handed out to the Board. One shows Elm Street and one showing Morgan Street in the town of Mentone. The town put in a new storm sewer system in 2013. Former Surveyor, Richard Kemper, was in on the planning and engineering of this system. The goal was for the drainage board to abandon the county tiles that were no longer providing drainage due to the installation of the new storm system by the town of Mentone. A pond located on the East side of Morgan Street and intersects one of the tiles we are purposing to abandon. Kissinger has 3 proposals:

1. Abandon everything from Elm Street up on the South arm.
2. Abandon everything east of Morgan Street.
3. Talk to the town of Mentone about abandoning both tile arms North of the railroad and within the city limits.

Kissinger said we are going to help the city get payment for what they have paid to put the pipe under the railroad. The railroad said they were going to pay ½ of the bill but may not have been invoiced for their part. The city is now saying it would be beneficial to get that money and they would be OK with us abandoning the first two options that Montel presented to them. The arm that is to the north did not bisect our county tile. That is a separate issue and Kissinger will get back to the Board with his opinion on such. The town and the county have worked well together on this project. The State highway is supposed to pay for all of the boring underneath St. Rd. 19. The cost for the boring was approximately \$104,000. The town used grant money for a large portion of this project.

#### **COUNTY MINIMUM ASSESSMENTS:**

At the last meeting the Board had requested that we check with other counties to see what they are charging for a minimum assessment. The drainage secretary contacted many counties and found that we are right in line with our \$20 to \$25 minimums.



**GEORGE SMITH DRAIN RATES FOR MARCH HEARING:**

This is the next ditch that we will be raising the maintenance. The ditch is currently \$8,200 in debt to the general drain fund. It collects \$1,300 a year. This ditch has a pretty small shed area and only 2 landowners encompass 75% of the drainage area. Recently Kissinger had both landowners come in to the office before giving the Board his recommendation for the hearing. He asked the landowners if they have or will have any repairs around their property. They understood the importance of drainage on their farms. Kissinger recommended to the Board \$6.50 an acre and a \$25.00 minimum. With these numbers the debt to general drain will be paid back in approximately 5 years and anticipating about \$2,000 a year in ongoing maintenance. The hearing date is March 24, 2016.

A motion was made by Jim Scott to set up the maintenance at \$6.50 an acre, with a \$25.00 minimum, and an 8 year collection. Dennis Darr seconded, all were in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Jim Scott to adjourn the meeting, Dennis Darr seconded, and all were in favor.

**CLAIMS:****December 29, 2015**

Shankster Brothers	Cauffman	\$208.88	1158
MM Drainage, Inc	Danner	\$665.62	2700
LDP Excavating	Pyle, John	\$5,787.01	2700
Hamby & Son Excavating	Rookstool	\$315.00	1158
Hoene Tiling	Rookstool	\$106.72	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Silveus	\$1,000.00	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Stoneburner	\$730.00	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Stoneburner	\$270.00	1158
Hepler, Carl	Van Curen	\$230.00	1158
Kline Excavating	Welch	\$917.50	1158
Kline Excavating	Welch	\$711.00	1158

**January 12, 2016**

Hungry Beaver Stump Rem.	Shatto Cattell	\$2700.00	2700
Kline Excavating	Welch	\$1,150.79	1158
Hoene Tiling	Welch	\$722.77	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Williamson, Sarah	\$270.00	2700

**January 26, 2016**

Dant, Gary	Silveus	\$480.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Van Curen	\$150.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Walnut Creek	\$360.00	2700
Dant, Gary	Wyland	\$420.00	1158

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**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
100 W. CENTER ST.  
WARSAW, IN 46580**

**February 25, 2016**

**Board Members Present:**

Ron Truex, Chairman  
Mike Long, Vice Chairman  
Jim Scott, Member

Mike Kissinger, Surveyor  
Mark Montel, Drainage Inspector

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

Mike Long made a motion to approve the minutes and claims of the last meeting. Jim Scott seconded, all were in favor.

**SWICK MEREDITH DRAIN AND PETER MCCLAIN HEARINGS:**

Mike Long made a motion to continue both hearings until the next drainage meeting, March 24, 2016. Jim Scott seconded, all were in favor.

**VARIANCE/Nevin McConnell Drain**

**Key #008-031-115**

**Pt W ½ 8-34-7 in Turkey Creek Township**

**Brad Jackson, representative**

This variance was approved at the last meeting, January 28, 2016. Dennis Darr will need to sign the variance before it can be recorded.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Jim Scott to adjourn the meeting, Mike Long seconded, and all were in favor.

**CLAIMS:**

**February 9, 2016**

Reliable Excavating Corp.	Dausman	\$4,197.49	2700
Good Excavating	Pole Run	\$395.00	2700
Hamby & Son Excavating	Silver Creek	\$405.00	2700

**February 23, 2016**

Hamby & Son Excavating	Beyer Brady	\$555.00	2700
LDP Excavating	Funk	\$4,970.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Pole Run	\$72.32	2700
Reliable Excavating	Solomon Sechrist	\$755.00	1158



KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
100 W CENTER ST  
WARSAW, IN 46580  
574.265.2620

March 24, 2016

**PRESENT:**

Ron Truex, Chairman  
Mike Long, Vice Chairman  
Dennis Darr  
Steve Metzger  
Jim Scott

Michael Kissinger, County Surveyor  
Patti Miner, Drainage Board Secretary  
Mark Montel, Drainage Inspector

**MINUTES AND CLAIMS:**

Mike Long made a motion to approve the minutes and claims from the February 25, 2016 meeting, Dennis Darr seconded, all were in favor.

**PETER MCCLAIN HEARING TO RAISE ASSESSMENTS:**

No landowners were present.

The Surveyor, Michael Kissinger, explained to the Board that the Peter McClaine ditch contains 693 acres in the watershed. There are 11,400 feet of tile drain and 4,200 feet of open ditch. The annual collection is \$889.48 and is **\$7,816.15** in debt to the general drain fund. The current assessment is \$1.56 an acre with a \$5.00 minimum and is scheduled to stop collection when the balance is equal to or exceeds an 8 year collection amount.

The proposed assessment rate is \$5.00 an acre with a \$25.00 minimum. The proposed total annual assessment will be \$4,433.76 and will be scheduled to stop collection when the balance is equal to or exceeds a 6 year collection amount.

If the new assessments are passed today, they won't be collected until 2017. The surveyor's office has added more acreage to this watershed, but those landowners have been notified the same as the other landowners before this hearing.

Kissinger's recommendation is \$5.00 an acre with a \$25.00 minimum and a 6 year collection amount.

Mike Long made a motion to accept Kissinger's recommendation, Jim Scott seconded, all were in favor.



**SWICK MEREDITH HEARING TO RAISE ASSESSMENTS:**

**Landowners Present:**

Lee Markley  
Carl Hughes  
JeanTeune  
Mike Casper  
Jill Gross

Ms. Gross wanted to know if there was going to be any work done directly in the Town of Mentone. Kissinger informed her there is nothing at this time.  
Josh Shepherd  
Devon Smith

Letters from Fulton County and Marshall County to waive their rights on this hearing are included in these minutes.

Letters from remonstrators are also included in these minutes.

Kissinger explained to the Board that the Swick Meredith ditch contains 20,982 acres in the watershed. There are 42 miles of tile ditch and 27 miles of open ditch. The annual collection is \$37,922 and is **\$42,490** in debt to the general drain fund. The current assessment is \$0.79 an acre and has a \$12.13 minimum and is scheduled to stop collection when the balance is equal to or exceeds a 4 year collection amount. The proposed assessment rate is \$1.50 an acre and a \$25.00 minimum. The proposed total annual assessment will be \$76,498 and will be scheduled to stop collection when the balance is equal to or exceeds an 8 year collection amount. If the new assessments are passed today, they won't be collected until 2017. The last time there was a hearing on this ditch was in 2011 when it was raised 25%. Jim Scott asked Kissinger if there is work to be done on the ditch and he said there is a lot of work to do since we are dealing with an open ditch around the lakes which usually involves a permitting process that could take a year or 2 to complete. Discussions with landowners present revolved around the minimum assessments and specific drainage problems that would be addressed through the Surveyor's Office. Jim Scott made a motion to go with the proposed rate of \$1.50 an acre and a \$25.00 minimum. Mike Long seconded, all were in favor.

**GEORGE SMITH HEARING TO RAISE ASSESSMENTS:**

**Landowner Present:**

John Lash

Kissinger explained to the Board that the George Smith ditch contains 527 acres in the watershed. There are 11,100 feet of tile ditch and 8,500 feet of open ditch. The annual collection is \$1,340.54 and is **\$8,270.08** in debt to the general drain fund. The current assessment rate is \$2.50 an acre and a \$5.00 minimum and is scheduled to stop collection when the balance is equal to or exceeds a 4 year balance. The proposed rate is \$6.50 an acre and a \$25.00 minimum. The proposed total annual assessment will be \$3,562.91 and will be scheduled to stop collection when the balance is equal to or exceeds an 8 year collection amount. If the new assessments are passed today, they won't be collected until 2017.

Per the recording of the min's  
Jim Scott's motion stated a 4  
year balance.



Because the maximum balance had been achieved (4 times the annual collection), there was no collection in 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, & 1990. There are 2 landowners that own about 75% of the entire watershed. Kissinger had a meeting with those landowners and explained what our plans are for this ditch. John Lash, who is one of the landowners, know there is work to be don and has no objections to the increase.

Mike Long made a motion to go with the proposed rate of \$6.50 an acre and a \$25.00 minimum and will be scheduled to stop collection when the balance is equal to or exceeds an 8 year collection balance. Dennis Darr seconded and all were in favor.

**G.A. ROBINSON DISCUSSION:**

Kissinger would like the Board to come up with a rate increase for the G.A. Robinson ditch. Estimated expenditures for 2016 is spraying and cleaning 3,400 feet of open drain with an estimate of \$5,200. Estimated expenditures for 2017 are cleaning 3,400 feet of open ditch at a cost of approximately \$3,100. The last public hearing was February of 1969 and was raised 25% in September 1991.

Mike Long made a motion to propose a rate of \$5.00 an acre with a \$25.00 minimum and an 8 year collection. Dennis Darr seconded, all were in favor.

**SHATTO CATTELL 2 STAGE DITCH DISCUSSION:**

The first part of this project has been completed and now the 2<sup>nd</sup> part has been started. Kissinger had requested that the ditch be cleaned out before construction began. Mike Long explained what is involved with this project.

**ADJOURN:**

Jim Scott made a motion to adjourn. Mike long seconded, all were in favor.

**CLAIMS:**

**March 8, 2016**

Sawyer Excavating	Faulkner	\$627.00	1158
Reliable Excavating Corp.	Hammond Stutzman	\$1,542.82	1158
Dant, Gary	McCleary Gochenour	\$90.00	2700
Dant, Gary	McConnell Nevin	\$30.00	2700
Reliable Excavating Corp.	Miller, J.L.	\$492.00	1158
Sawyer Excavating	Turkey Creek	\$7,095.00	2700
Dant, Gary	Walnut Creek	\$120.00	2700

**March 22, 2016**

Dant, Gary	Elder	\$450.00	2700
Kline Excavating	Hickman	\$1,600.00	2700
Dant, Gary	Jones, A.P.	\$150.00	1158
Kline Excavating	Kelly Zimmer	<b>SPLIT CLAIM</b>	
		\$3,666.31	2700
		\$1,408.09	1158
Dant, Gary	McConnell Nevin	\$150.00	2700
Dant, Gary	Shanton	\$150.00	1158
LDP Excavating	Swick Meredith	\$18,670.25	1158
LDP Excavating	Swick Meredith	\$500.00	1158
Good Excavating	Walnut Creek	\$650.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	White, Sedalia	\$446.96	2700



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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
April 28, 2016

PRESENT:

Michael Long, Vice Chairman  
James Scott, Member  
Steven Metzger, Member  
Dennis Darr, Member

Michael Kissinger, Surveyor  
Mark Montel, Drainage Supervisor  
Patti Miner, Drainage Board Secretary

Absent: Ron Truex, Chairman

MINUTES:

Jim Scott made a motion to approve the claims and the minutes from the previous meeting, Dennis Darr seconded, all were in favor.

NEVIN MCCONNELL VARIANCE:

Bruce Bushong, Landowner/ Lot 59 Village Annex Sec. 1 & Tr S Lot .50A

Mr. Bushong came before the Board to request a variance to construct storage units within the 75' drainage easement. The proposed structure will be no nearer than 50' from the top of the ditch bank known as Nevin McConnell Drain. The building will be 25' x 32'.

Jim Scott made a motion to approve the variance, Dennis Darr seconded, and all were in favor.

OMAR NEFF IN JEFFERSON TWP. VARIANCE:

Eric Schwartz, Landowner/Pt SW SW 4-34-5 20A

Lamar Burkholder, Burkholder Excavating, came before the Board as a representative for Eric Schwartz to request a variance to place a new home within the 75' drainage easement. The proposed new construction will be no nearer than 30' from the top of the centerline of the tile drain know as the Omar Neff in Jefferson Twp.

Jim Scott made a motion to approve the variance, Dennis Darr seconded, and all were in favor.

CONSIDER INCREASING MAINTENANCE

Joseph Metzger Ditch

Kissinger explained to the Board that the Joseph Metzger ditch is just one more on a long list of ditches that need to have the maintenance raised in order to do the projects that need to be done. There are 2,944 acres in the watershed, with 136 parcels. It is in debt \$8,538.05 to the general drain fund and collects \$3,045.76 a year. Current rate is \$.99 an acre and a \$5.00 minimum. The last public hearing was September 1972 and was also raised 25% in May of 1981. The proposed rate is \$2.50 an acre, with a \$25.00 minimum making a total collection of \$8,400.00 a year. Scott made a motion to advertise a \$2.50 an acre, a \$25.00 minimum with an 8 year balance. Metzger seconded and all were in favor. This hearing will be scheduled for the June 23, 2016 meeting.



G.A ROBINSON HEARING:

Kissinger reminded the Board of the hearing coming up May 26, 2016 for the G.A. Robinson ditch.

Long asked Kissinger if he could set up a group of hearings for the ditches that can be raised 25%. Kissinger said that he has already done that at this time, but will keep reviewing these on a regular basis.

Kissinger, Montel and the Board had a discussion on the Shatto Cattell project.

ADJOURN:

Metzger made a motion to adjourn, Scott seconded, and all were in favor.

CLAIMS:

April 5, 2016

Dant, Gary	Cauffman	\$120.00	1158
Everest Excavating	Coppess	\$340.00	2700
Everest Excavating	Danner	\$990.00	2700
Kolesiak Excavating	Danner	\$15,124.90	2700
Kolesiak Excavating	Danner	\$600.00	2700
LDP Excavating	Davisson	\$11,245.50	2700
Dant, Gary	Elder	\$510.00	2700
Kolesiak Excavating	Fleugle	\$5,799.55	2700
Hungry Beaver	Funk	\$150.00	2700
Hamby & Son Excavating	Funk	\$135.00	2700
Hamby & Son Excavating	Goshert, James	\$730.00	1158
Kolesiak Excavating	Graham	\$400.00	2700
Kolesiak Excavating	Graham	\$1,609.90	2700
Dant, Gary	McConnell, Nevin	\$270.00	2700
Everest Excavating	Omar Neff (Jeff)	\$405.00	2700
Everest Excavating	Omar Neff (Plain)	\$340.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Shanton	\$150.00	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Silveus	\$270.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Silveus	\$120.00	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Sloan Adams	\$472.50	1158
Lemler & Sons Backhoe	Solomon Sechrist	\$922.50	1158
LDP Excavating	Swick Meredith	\$3,294.75	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Swick Meredith	\$270.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Swick Meredith	\$210.00	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Swick Meredith	\$337.50	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Swick Meredith	\$202.50	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Teegarden	\$270.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Walnut Creek	\$120.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	White, Sedalia	\$271.10	2700

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Hamby & Son Excavating	Armey	\$662.50	2700
Hoene Tiling	Armey	\$343.28	2700
Hoene Tiling	Coppess	\$213.44	2700
Dant, Gary	Elder	\$180.00	2700
Dant, Gary	Elder	\$150.00	2700

Mike Long Family Farms	Gay Easterday	\$3,625.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Goshert, James	\$369.36	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Maish	\$465.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Omar Neff (Jeff)	\$148.57	2700
Hoene Tiling	Omar Neff (Plain)	\$148.57	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Pyle, John	\$252.50	2700

### SPLIT CLAIM

Hamby & Son Excavating	Ross, Alfred	\$41.01	2700
Hamby & Son Excavating	Ross, Alfred	\$228.99	1158
Dant, Gary	Swick Meredith	\$120.00	1158
Kline Excavating	Swick Meredith	\$1,314.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Van Curen	\$120.00	1158
Hamby & Son Excavating	Wallace, Earl	\$337.50	1158
Dant, Gary	Walnut Creek	\$390.00	2700
Dant, Gary	Walnut Creek	\$180.00	2700
Dant, Gary	Walnut Creek	\$150.00	2700

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
MAY 26, 2016**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

MIKE LONG  
DENNIS DARR  
JIM SCOTT

**ABSENT:**

RON TRUEX  
STEVE METZGER

**PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER, SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL, DRAINAGE INSPECTOR  
SUE GLADIEUX, GIS TECNICIAN

**ABSENT:**

PATTI MINER, DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:** A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES WAS MADE BY JIM SCOTT AND SECONDED BY DENNIS DARR. ALL WERE IN FAVOR

**G.A. ROBINSON DRAIN MAINTENANCE HEARING:**

LANDOWNERS PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE:  
TIM POLK  
LARRY POLK

MICHAEL KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT: THE G.A. ROBINSON IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AS A PERCENTAGE RATE THAT WAS BASED UPON WHAT EACH LANDOWNERS BENEFIT WAS ON THE DRAIN. THE RATES CURRENTLY RANGE FROM \$0.44 TO \$2.09. WE DON'T USE THIS METHOD OF ASSESSING ANYMORE. THIS IS NOT THE REASON FOR THE HEARING. WE HAVE SOME OPEN DITCH WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ALONG WITH YEARLY MAINTENANCE. WE HAVE THE BEAVER PROBLEMS UNDER CONTROL RIGHT NOW AND WE REMOVED SOME DEBRIS AT THE TRAILER PARK. RIGHT NOW THE OPEN DRAIN NEEDS CLEANED AND TO SPRAY A FEW AREAS WHERE WE CLEARED TREES. WE SPRAY EVERY 3 YEARS. THE LAST HEARING WAS 1969. THE PROPOSAL FOR THIS HEARING IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. ANY ACTION FROM THE BOARD TODAY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED UNTIL SPRING OF 2017. AS FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE COST WE ARE ANTICIPATING, FOR 2017, \$5200.00 IN REPAIRS TO DIP THE OPEN DITCH (WHICH MAY BE DONE IN A ONE OR TWO YEAR TIME FRAME) AND SPRAY. THE DITCH WOULD BE IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND THE FIRST TWO YEARS AFTER THE NEW COLLECTION, BUT THEN WOULD START GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO BE OUT OF DEBT. WITHOUT THE INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO THIS WORK.

(1) REMONSTRANCE LETTER WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.



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LANDOWNER DISCUSSION:

TIM POLK: INDICATED HE HAS CLEANED THE DITCH SEVERAL TIMES HIMSELF AND THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE. HAD BEEN PROMISED 20 YEARS AGO WORK WOULD BE DONE. HE IS NOT OPPOSED TO PAYING IF HE GETS SOMETHING DONE ON THE DITCH FOR HIS MONEY.

KISSINGER EXPLAINS THAT THE COSTS WILL BE HEAVEY UP FRONT FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT WOULD LEVEL OFF. WE WILL BEGIN WORK IN THE FALL OF 2016 OR THE SPRING OF 2017.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT SIDE THE DITCH SHOULD BE CLEANED FROM. KISSINGER SAID THE COUNTY USUALLY ONLY DEBRUSHES ONE SIDE.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM SCOTT TO SET THE RATE PER ACRE AT \$5.00 AND THE MINIMUM AT \$25.00 WITH A 4 YEAR MAXIMUM BALANCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DENNIS DARR AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.**

**OLDFATHER DRAIN: ENLARGING THE LOWER 200 FEET**

KISSINGER REPORTS TO THE BOARD THAT ON JANUARY 22, 2015 THE BOARD APPROVED INCREASING THE ASSESSMENTS TO \$5.00 PER ACRE AND A \$25.00 MINIMUM. AND DURING THAT HEARING, NOW RETIRED COUNTY SURVEYOR, RICHARD KEMPER STATED THAT WE WILL BE ENLARGING THE TILE EAST OF COUNTY ROAD 500 WEST, UNDER COUNTY ROAD 500 WEST, AND ALSO 20 FEET WEST OF THE SAME ROAD. OUR OFFICE HAS FOUND A SEVERE RESTRICTION UNDER THE ROAD AND THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS JOINING IN THIS REPAIR. THE DITCH IS STILL IN DEBT AND WE WILL HAVE TO BORROW FROM THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS REPAIR IS APPROXIMATELY \$6000, BUT WITH THE INCREASED COLLECTION THE DRAIN WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF DEBT SOONER.

**KELLY ZIMMER DRAIN**

LANDOWNERS PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE:

CASY LEWIS

MIKE LEWIS

CASY & MIKE LEWIS SPOKE TO THE BOARD: HE STATED THERE ARE MANY OLD ISSUES ON THIS DRAIN THAT HAVEN'T BEEN RESOLVED. HIS LAND IS FLOODING DUE TO THE RESTRICTION IN THE TILE AND RUNOFF FROM ADJACENT LANDOWNERS. MIKE STATED ZIMMERS, WHO ARE DISCHARGING WATER INTO THE COUNTY DRAIN ARE MAKING THE FLOODING WORSE.

KISSINGER STATES THAT THE ISSUE WITH ZIMMER HAS BEEN CORRECTED. THE COUNTY WAS UNAWARE OF THIS PIPE. THEY HAVE MOVED AND REROUTED THEIR DISCHARGE PIPE TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION FURTHER EAST INTO THE OPEN PORTION OF THE DRAIN. ZIMMER FUNDED THIS REROUTE. ALSO WE HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATING OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS DITCH. WE KNOW THAT THE TILE HAS SUNK OUT OF SIGHT AND

THAT KIMBLE GLASS HAS DUMPED A LARGE AMOUNT OF GLASS PRODUCTS (TEST TUBES, SMALL CONTAINERS, ETC.) OVER THE TILE. MIKE LEWIS STATED THAT HE FEELS THAT THE PEOPLE WHO CONTAMINATED THE GROUND AND DUMPED TRASH AND GLASS SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES, THAT THEY USED THE LAND LIKE A LANDFILL. ALSO ONE DEVELOPER PUT 12 TO 15 FEET OF DIRT OVER THE TILE. THE COUNTY MADE HIM REMOVE THE DIRT SO WE COULD GET TO OUR TILE. JIM SCOTT ASKED WHEN THIS DRAIN QUIT WORKING. MIKE LEWIS RESPONDED ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO BARRY KLINE REPLACED THE TILE AND IT WORKED FOR A WHILE. IN SPITE OF ALL THESE PROBLEMS WE HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM IS A RESTRICTION UNDER THE RAILROAD. THE CATCH BASIN NORTH OF THE TRACKS IS 16 FOOT DEEP AND PREVENTS US FROM SEEING WHAT THE RESTRICTION IS. WE HAVE DONE SOME REPAIR TO TRY TO SOLVE THE WATER PROBLEMS BY REMOVING TREES AND DEBRIS NORTH OF THE RAILROAD, BUT THIS IS ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE BIGGER RESTRICTION ISSUE. CONTACT WITH THE RAILROAD WILL BE A PART OF THIS SOLUTION AS HALF OF THE COST OF RECONSTRUCTION IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. KISSINGER ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MECOG, AND HAS ASKED FOR GRANT MONEY TO RECONSTRUCT THE WHOLE DRAIN TO THE OUTLET, AS THIS IS NO LONGER AN AGRICULTURE DRAIN BUT WOULD NOW BE CLASSIFIED AS A URBAN DRAIN, THEREFORE IT MAY MEET THE GRANT QUALIFICATIONS. IN THE MEAN TIME KISSINGER WANTS TO USE A PUMP TO PUMP OUT THE WATER IN THE LARGE STRUCTURE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RAILROAD TO SEE IF HE CAN SEE ANY RESTRICTION WITHIN THAT STRUCTURE.

#### **OLDFATHER DRAIN POND**

KISSINGER STATES THAT IN 1999 THE LANDOWNER (THROUGH THE NRCS), WANTED TO DIG A POND RIGHT WHERE OUR COUNTY DRAIN WAS RUNNING. THEY CAME BEFORE THE DRAINAGE BOARD. WHAT THEY ASKED TO DO WAS TAKE OUT THE TILE AND PUT IN A CONTROL STRUCTURE AT THIS POND SO THAT THE WATER WOULD NEVER BE HIGHER THAN 6" BELOW THE INVERT OF THE TILE COMING INTO THE POND. THE WAY THEY WERE GOING TO GUARANTEE THIS WAS TO USE AN EMERGENCY SPILLWAY. THE DRAINAGE BOARD APPROVED IT. THEY CONSTRUCTED AN OPEN DITCH AS THE OUTLET OF THE TILE UPSTREAM OF THE POND JUST AS THEY WERE APPROVED FOR BY THE DRAINAGE BOARD. THEN 2-3 YEARS AGO THEY PUT TILE IN THE OPEN DRAIN WITHOUT DRAINAGE BOARD APPROVAL. THE POND DOES HAVE A CONTROL STRUCTURE, BUT IT'S WASN'T HANDLING THE WATER AT THE TIME. AND THE EMERGENCY SPILLWAY WAS AT AN ELEVATION THAT WAS HIGHER THEN THE OUTLET OF THE TILE THEY RAN IN THE OPEN DRAIN. THERE IS 9 FEET OF FALL SO THE WATER IS REALLY PUSHING THROUGH THE POND. WE DON'T REALLY KNOW THE EFFECT ON THE UPSTREAM LANDOWNERS, BUT THEY DEVEATED FROM WHAT WAS APPROVED OF BY THE DRAINAGE BOARD SO WHEN ONE LANDOWNER (NORTH OF 1200 SOUTH) CAME TO MIKE KISSINGER (SURVEYOR) AND ASKED WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS SITUATION WE CAME UP WITH THIS SOLUTION. WE DIDN'T MAKE THEM OPEN THE DRAIN BACK UP, EVEN THOUGH WE COULD HAVE, MIKE KISSINGER'S DECISION WAS TO DIG OUT THE EMERGENCY SPILLWAY 6 INCHES BELOW THE INVERT OF THE TILE. THE FIRST TIME WE INSPECTED THE WATER WAS RIGHT AT THE TOP OF THE TILE. THE LAST TIME WE INSPECTED IT WAS 3-4 INCHES BELOW THE TILE. THE LANDOWNER IS SLOWLY WORKING ON GETTING THE TOP OF THE SPILLWAY TO AN ELEVATION THAT MEETS THAT 6 INCHES BELOW THE INVERT OF THE TILE COMING INTO THE POND. THE



CONTRACTOR IS INSTALLING THE SPILLWAY IN A MANOR THAT DOESN'T RELEASE TOO MUCH WATER AT ONCE.

MIKE LONG AGREES WITH THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS FIX WON'T CAUSE WATER PROBLEMS FOR THE ADJACENT LANDOWNERS NOW THAT THEY HAVE DONE WHAT MIKE KISSINGER HAS REQUIRED THEM TO DO, BUT HAS A GREAT CONCERN THAT THEY CONVERTED THE OPEN DITCH TO TILE WITHOUT DRAINAGE BOARD PERMISSION AFTER THE BOARD HAD ALREADY APPROVED THE DRAIN TO BE AN OPEN DRAIN. WE CANNOT SET A PRESEDENCE IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE IT WILL SET LOOSE EVERYONE DOING THIS AND WE WILL LOOSE CONTROL OVER ALL THE DRAINS IN THE COUNTY. MIKE LONG AND RON TRUEX HAVE SPOKEN ON THIS TOPIC AND (MIKE LONG IS NOT SPEAKING FOR RON TRUEX) BUT THEIR VIEWS ARE SIMILAR. IF WE START ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE WE WILL HAVE NO CONTROL ABOUT WHAT GOES ON IN THE COUNTY.

ALTHOUGH UNDERSTANDING AND SHARING THE BOARD MEMBERS CONCERN, KISSINGER FEELS THAT IF WE WOULD HAVE MADE HIM OPEN IT BACK UP THAT THE LANDOWNER WOULD HAVE COME BACK TO THE BOARD AND ASKED PERMISSION TO PUT THE TILE BACK IN BECAUSE THE LANDOWNER DOESN'T WANT IT TO BE OPEN ANYMORE DUE TO FARMING OPERATIONS, AND THAT THE BOARD WOULD PROBABLY APPROVE PUTTING THE TILE BACK IN AS THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO DENY IT. MIKE LONG RESPONDED, YES PROBABLY SO AS LONG AS HE MET THE COUNTY STANDARDS BUT HE STILL DID WHAT HE DID WITHOUT APPROVAL WHICH IS WHAT I'M OPPOSED TO.

CLAIMS

May 2, 2016	Drain	Amount	Fund
Everest Exc	Achor	\$780.00	2700
Kolesliak Const	Danner	\$2669.10	2700
LDP Exc	Davisson	\$1984.50	2700
Hamby & Son	Eaton Levi	\$135.00	1158
Kolesiak Const	Fleugle	\$831.29	2700
Kolesiak Const	Fleugle	\$192.16	1158
Kolesiak Const	Graham W.T.	\$284.10	2700
Kline Trucking	Hickman Elmer	\$475.00	2700
Kline Trucking	Kelly Zimmer	\$325.00	1158
Dant Gary	Kuhn Isaiah	\$120.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Pyle John	\$93.49	2700
Kline Trucking	Reed J.B.I	\$897.50	2700
Paris Doug	Reed J.B.	\$480.00	2700
Kline Trucking	Reed J. B.	\$240.00	2700
Hamby & Son	Shatto Cattell	\$425.00	2700
Gary Dant	Sloan Adams	\$210.00	1158
Hamby & Son	Sloan Adams	\$135.00	1158
Kline Trucking	Sloan Adams	\$681.50	1158
Gary Dant	Swick Meredith	\$150.00	1158
Gary Dant	Swick Meredith	\$180.00	1158
Hamby & Son	Swick Meredith	\$405.00	1158
Kline Trucking	Swick Meredith	\$525.00	1158
Gary Dant	Walnut Creek	\$60.00	2700
Hamby & Son	Walnut Creek	\$425.00	2700
Gary Dant	Walnut Creek	\$150.00	2700
Hamby & Son	Welch, James	\$290.00	1158

Hamby & Son	Westlake Fetters	\$382.50	1158
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**May 17, 2016**

Lemler & Sons	Danner	\$395.23	2700
Hoene Tiling	Elder	\$381.66	2700
JP Developers	Elder	\$3760.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Elder	\$867.73	2700
Wertenberger Tiling	Leffell	\$605.00	2700
Kline Trucking	Peterson	\$510.00	1158
Good Exc	Pole Run	\$275.00	2700
Good Exc	Pole Run	\$1225.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Reed JB	\$714.32	2700
Hoene Tiling	Ross, Alfred	\$382.42	1158
Hoene Tiling	Shatto Cattell	\$213.44	2700
Hoene Tiling	Slone Adams	\$62.52	1158
Hoene Tiling	Walnut Creek	\$116.23	2700
Kline Trucking	Walnut Creek	\$1745.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Westlake Fetters	\$148.57	1158

**May 31, 2016**

Everest Exc	Deeds Creek	\$630.00	2700
Hamby & Son	Dorsey, Milton	\$1963.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Dorsey, Milton	\$1779.24	2700
Hoene Tiling	Dorsey, Milton	\$718.86	2700
Hoene Tiling	Dorsey, Milton	\$152.82	2700
JP Developers	Elder	\$820.00	2700
Everest Exc	Essig	\$1209.30	2700
Hoene Tiling	Essig	\$397.06	2700
Hoene Tilling	Gay Easterday Robinson	\$82.13	2700
MM Drainage Inc	Gay Easterday Robinson	\$1290.00	2700
Good Exc	Gay Easterday Robinson	\$2950.00	2700
Hoene Tiling	Leckrone Nelson	\$213.44	1158
Hamby & Son	Leckrone Nelson	\$595.00	1158
Hamby & Son	VanCuren	\$405.00	1158
Hamby & Son	Welch, James	\$135.00	1158

**May 14, 2016**

Hoene Tiling	Deeds Creek	\$165.82	2700
Hamby & Son	Fluke Hanson	\$940.00	2700
Beaver Dam Tree	Gay Easterday Robinson	\$1000.00	2700
Hamby & Son	Miller, JL	\$270.00	1158
Kline Trucking	McCleary Gochenour	\$900.00	2700
Zolman Farms	McCleary Gochenour	\$932.50	1158
Zolman Farms	McCleary Gochenour	\$348.01	1158
Zolman Farms	McCleary Gochenour	\$351.99	2700
Hamby & Son	Robbins Magee	\$100.00	1158
Hamby & Son	Swick Meredith	\$337.50	1158

**MIKE LONG MOVED TO ADJOURN. MOTION SECONDED BY JIM SCOTT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**



**Kosciusko County  
Drainage Board Minutes  
June 23, 2016**

**Drainage Board Members Present:**

**Ron Truex  
Mike Long  
Jim Scott  
Steve Metzger**

**Absent:**

**Dennis Darr**

**Present:**

**Michael Kissinger, Surveyor  
Mark Montel, Drainage Inspector  
Krista Baker, Drainage Board Secretary**

**Claims and Minutes:**

A motion to approve the claims and minutes was made by Mike Long and seconded by Steve Metzger. All were in favor.

**Joseph Metzger Drain Maintenance Hearing:**

Landowners present for the meeting were:

**Ira Lewis  
Kent Little**

Michael Kissinger, Surveyor presented his report: The Joseph Metzger drain is currently assessed at \$ .99 per acre with a \$5.00 minimum. The last hearing was in May of 1981 to raise the assessment. The drain currently has a balance of - **\$8538.05**. Proposed assessment is \$2.50 per acre with a \$25.00 minimum with a proposed total annual assessment of \$8400.00 and proposed to stop collection when the balance equals or exceeds an 8 year collection (\$8400 x 8 = \$67,200). The goal is to get this drain out of debt. At the new rate, we should be out of debt by the fall of 2019. Collection will begin again when the balance falls below a 8 year collection amount. Any action from the board today will not be collected until the spring of 2017.

Three remonstrance letters were sent to the board. The board reviewed them.

They were from: **Luther Eberly**

**Dave Bauer**

**Matt Owens**

Ira Lewis came before the board to discuss the culverts under State Road 14 and Packerton Road. The board informed Mr. Lewis that these culverts were not part of the Joseph Metzger drain. Mike Kissinger, Surveyor informed Mr. Lewis that the Surveyors Office would take a look at the problem and get back with him.

Kent Little came before the board to discuss a private ditch that Terry Ayres changed from an open ditch to a tile ditch. Mr. Little believes the tile is too small.

Mike Kissinger, Surveyor informed Mr. Little that this is not part of the county system. The surveyor’s office will take a look at this tile however, the county will likely be limited in what we can do.

The board informed that the increase would be for routine maintenance of the Joseph Metzger drain.

**A motion was made by Jim Scott to set the rate at \$2.50 per acre with a \$25.00 minimum with an 8 year maximum balance. The motion was seconded by Steve Metzger and all were in favor.**

**Other Business:**

**Gay Easterday Robinson Drain: (Inlet to Hoffman Lake)**

No obstructions. Water levels have been shot and it is only 0.1 above lake level. Do we need to get a permit from the state? Mike Long has done a little bit of work himself, and increased flow. There are lots of weeds choking off the ditch. We will need a permit since we will be digging below lake level. Mike Kissinger, Surveyor says he will look at this and if we need it, he will start the permit process.

**Shatto-Cattell Drain:**

Continued discussion concerning the NRCS 2-Stage project.

**Kelly Zimmer Drain:**

Discussed status of Kelly Zimmer inspection, Kissinger states that will be done now that staff is at full strength.

**Jim Scott moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mike Long. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.**

**June 28, 2016**

Daltons	Copress	\$2740.00	2700
Hamby & Son Exc.	Elder	\$580.00	2700
Hamby & Son Exc.	Elder	\$202.50	2700
Hamby & Son Exc.	Maish	\$220.00	2700
Daltons	Nevin McConnell	\$3082.50	2700
Daltons	Preston Miles	\$1027.50	2700
Hamby & Son Exc.	Roy Mellott	\$600.50	1158
Hamby & Son Exc.	Roy Mellott	\$1254.50	2700
Hamby & Son Exc.	Shatto Cattell	\$165.00	2700
Gary Dant	Sloan Adams	\$210.00	1158
Gary Dant	Swick Meredith	\$180.00	1158
Gary Dant	Swich Meredith	\$180.00	1158



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
JULY 28, 2016**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX  
MIKE LONG  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER  
DENNIS DARR

**PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER, SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL, DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER, DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES WAS MADE BY RON TRUEX AND SECONDED BY JIM SCOTT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SLOAN-ADAMS PROPOSED RATE INCREASE:**

THE LAST HEARING ON THE SLOAN-ADAMS DRAIN WAS IN 1978. CURRENTLY THIS DRAIN IS 15 YEARS IN DEBT. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS DRAIN HAS A TOTAL OF 3874 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED AREA. THERE ARE 7.6 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN AND 3.9 MILES OF TILE DRAIN. THERE ARE 226 PARCELS IN THE SHED AREA. THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT RATE IS \$0.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. IT CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$2473.96 PER YEAR. THIS DRAIN HAS A DEBT OF **\$37007.50**. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HIS ESTIMATE TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$5000.00 PER YEAR. MARK MONTEL, DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR TOLD THE BOARD THIS DRAIN NEEDS A LOT OF REPAIRS THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO BECAUSE OF THE DEBT. THE BOARD DECIDED TO HAVE A HEARING TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT TO \$2.00 PER ACRE AND A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE LONG TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING IS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2016.

**LEVI EATON PROPOSED RATE INCREASE:**

THE LAST HEARING ON THE LEVI EATON DRAIN WAS IN 1978. THIS DRAIN HAS A TOTAL SHED AREA OF 334 ACRES. THIS DRAIN HAS 7100 FEET OF TILE AND NO OPEN. THERE ARE 19 PARCELS IN THE SHED AREA. THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT IS \$0.63 PER ACRE AND A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN IS CURRENTLY **\$371.70** IN DEBT (1.6 YEARS IN DEBT IF NO WORK PERFORMED) MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING TO RAISE THE RATE TO \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE, DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THIS HEARING WILL ALSO NOTIFY THE



LANDOWNERS OF THE WATERSHED LINE CHANGES BASED ON THE LIDAR TOPOGRAPHY DATA ONLY. THE HEARING IS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2016.

#### **AMOS EBY PROPOSED RATE INCREASE:**

THE AMOS EBY DRAIN IS AN OPEN DRAIN THAT IS 2600 FEET IN LENGTH. THERE ARE 29 PARCELS IN THE 240 ACRE WATERSHED AREA. THE CURRENT ASSESEMENT IS \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE CURRENT BALANCE OF THIS DRAIN IS \$765.93. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO HAVE A HEARING TO RAISE THE RATE PER ACRE TO \$1.50 WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE, MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING IS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2016.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

MIKE LONG INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF TREES DOWN IN THE GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON DRAIN THAT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED. HE ALSO SAID THE WATER HAS DROPPED 1 ½ FEET AND BELIEVES THIS IS DUE TO LESSER WEED/GRASS ACTIVITY, ALTHOUGH THIS DRAIN STILL NEEDS WORK DONE. KISSINGER SAID HE WILL LOOK AT THE ISSUE AND INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE WORK WILL NEED TO BE DONE WITH A CLAW NOT A BUCKET.

#### **FARM BUREAU MEETING:**

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING FARM BUREAU MEETING AND WHETHER ANYONE FROM THE BOARD SHOULD ATTEND. THE DECISION WAS MADE IF ANYONE WANTED TO ATTEND THE FUNDS WOULD COME FROM A DRAINAGE BOARD OR SURVEYORS OFFICE ACCOUNT. THE SURVEYORS OFFICE WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE FARM BUREAU MEETING. STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION FOR THE DRAINAGE BOARD TO PAY FOR THE MEETING, DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT TO COME FROM WILL BE RESEARCHED BY KISSINGER.

#### **ROY MELLOTT DRAIN ON STATE ROAD 19:**

TILE BROKE DOWN RIGHT ALONG STATE ROAD 19. THE STATE IS HAVING A HARD TIME FIXING IT AS IT IS 12 FEET DEEP. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO TALK WITH THE STATE ABOUT THIS ISSUE AS ULTIMATELY THIS IS A STATE ISSUE. MARK MONTEL, DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR SAID THERE IS ALSO A LIABILITY ISSUE AS IT IS A STATE ROAD.

#### **SHATTO-CATTELL DRAIN:**

MIKE LONG SAID IF CERTAIN LANDOWNERS ARE ON BOARD WE ARE GOING TO SINGLE STAGE THIS DRAIN. KISSINGER SAID THE COUNTY IS GOING TO MAINTAIN THE DRAIN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. THE LANDOWNERS



AFFECTED WILL LOSE SOME FARMABLE ACRES. KISSINGER SAID THAT THE 2-STAGE PROJECT WILL LOSE MUCH OF ITS PROPOSED SHELVING IF THE COUNTY PERFORMS MAINTENANCE WORK NOW. CURRENTLY, THIS PROJECT WILL BE PUT OFF UNTIL SPRING.

#### **MUD LAKE:**

MIKE LONG ASKED ABOUT THE DRAIN AT MUD LAKE. KISSINGER STATED THIS WOULD NEED A PERMIT. MIKE LONG AGREED TO COME INTO OFFICE TO LOOK AT THE MAPS AND DISCUSS THIS FURTHER.

KISSINGER ASKED FOR GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD ON WHEN A BOARD MEMBER DOES SOME WORK ON ANOTHER PERSONS PROPERTY AND TURNS IN A CLAIM. THE BOARD SAYS WE ARE NOT PAYING THE BOARD MEMBER WE ARE PAYING THE ENTITY. THE BOARD MEMBER THAT IS DOING THE WORK WILL NEED TO ABSTAIN FROM APPROVING THE CLAIMS DURING THIS MEETING. TRUEX SAID WHY WOULD WE NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SMALLER CLAIMS. THE BOARD MEMBER HAS GIVEN PROOF OF INSURANCE. TRUEX SAID TO MAINTAIN THE POLICY OF THE BIDDING PROCESS THAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE. ANYONE DOING WORK ON A COUNTY MAINTAINED DRAIN NEEDS TO HAVE APPROVAL FROM THE SURVEYORS OFFICE PRIOR TO DOING ANY WORK.

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, DENNIS DARR SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **JULY 12, 2016 CLAIMS**

HAMBY & SON EXC	BIERCE	\$270.00	2700
DALTONS INC	DAUSMAN	\$4452.50	2700
DALTONS	DAUSMAN	\$1370.00	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	DEEDS CREEK	\$770.00	2700
J TIMMERMAN	ESSIG	\$200.00	2700
M M DRAINAGE INC	HAMMOND STUTZMAN	\$2941.73	1158
DALTONS	HEPLER SAMUEL	\$5137.50	2700
KLINE TRUCKING	LECKRONE NELSON	\$735.01	1158
KLINE TRUCKING	McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	\$1720.00	2700
ZOLMAN FARMS	McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	\$400.00	2700
ZOLMAN FARMS	McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	\$632.50	2700
HOENE TILING	MELLOTT ROY	\$305.21	1158
DALTONS	NICKLER	\$1370.00	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	PHILLIPS WALTER	\$550.00	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	STONEBURNER PUTNEY	\$337.50	1158
HAMBY & SON EXC	WALNUT CREEK	\$550.00	2700
HOENE TILING	WILLIAMSON SARAH	\$450.16	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	WILLIAMSON SARAH	\$275.00	2700

## JULY 26, 2016 CLAIMS

DALTONS INC	DANNER	\$5480.00	2700
DALTONS INC	DANNER	\$7192.50	2700
DALTONS INC	GAY EASTERDAY ROB	\$1027.50	2700
DALTONS INC	GAY EASTERDAY ROB	\$4452.50	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	GOSHERT JAMES	\$405.00	1158
DALTONS INC	HUFFER DAVID	\$3082.50	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	KELLY ZIMMER	\$150.00	1158
HAMBY & SON EXC	PLUNGE CREEK	\$165.00	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	PLUNGE CREEK	\$495.00	2700
DALTONS INC	POLE RUN	\$1027.50	2700
EVEREST EXC INC	SCHUE ELIZABETH	\$405.00	1158
HAMBY & SON EXC	SMITH MARK	\$270.00	1158
HAMBY & SON EXC	WALNUT CREEK	\$475.00	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	WILLIAMSON SARAH	\$1005.00	2700



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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
AUGUST 25, 2016

DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

RON TRUEX  
MIKE LONG  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER  
DENNIS DARR

PRESENT:

MICHAEL KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

NOT PRESENT:

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CLAIMS AND MINUTES

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES WAS MADE BY MIKE LONG AND SECONDED BY DENNIS DARR. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

ANDREW YEAGER DRAIN:

THE LAST HEARING ON THE ANDREW YEAGER DRAIN WAS IN 1968. THIS DRAIN COLLECTS \$148.14 PER YEAR AND HAS A NEGATIVE BALANCE OF **\$636.16** OR 4.3 YEARS IN DEBT. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS DRAIN HAS A TOTAL OF 215 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED AREA. THERE IS A TOTAL OF 4,722 FEET OF TILE AND NO OPEN DITCH. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 26 PARCELS IN THE WATERSHED AREA. THE ESTIMATED COST TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN IS \$200 PER YEAR. THE BOARD DECIDED TO HAVE A HEARING TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT TO \$1.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE LONG TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING. DENNIS DARR SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING IS TO BE HELD OCTOBER 27, 2016.

EARL WALLACE DRAIN:

THE LAST HEARING FOR THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1972. CURRENTLY THIS DRAIN HAS A NEGATIVE BALANCE OF **\$2672.54** OR 11 YEARS IN DEBT. THIS DRAIN HAS A SHED AREA OF 329 ACRES WITH APPROXIMATELY 25 PARCELS. THIS DRAIN IS ALL TILE WITH A TOTAL OF 7672 FEET. ESTIMATED COST TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN IS \$344 PER YEAR. THIS DRAIN HAS HAD SOME LARGE PROJECTS THAT HAS PUT IT IN DEBT. THE BOARD DECIDED TO HAVE A HEARING TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT TO \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING. STEVE METZGER SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2106.

OMAR NEFF PLAIN DRAIN:

LOCATED BETWEEN OSWEGO AND LEESBURG. THIS DRAIN IS IN GOOD PHYSICAL SHAPE RIGHT NOW; HOWEVER THIS DRAIN HAS A NEGATIVE



BALANCE OF \$16,490.47 OR IN DEBT OR 6.8 YEARS. THIS DRAIN IS TILE ONLY WITH 13,870 FEET OF LENGTH. THE TOTAL SHED AREA IS 778 ACRES WITH APPROXIMATELY 45 PARCELS. THIS DRAIN HAS BEEN IN DEBT SINCE 2000. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN IS \$1000. THE BOARD DECIDED TO HAVE A HEARING TO RAISE THE ASSESSMENT RATE PER ACRE TO \$5.00 WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING. DENNIS DARR SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2016.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

#### OLDFATHER DRAIN UPDATE:

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE LANDOWNER THAT PUT IN THE POND HAS LOWERED THE POND AND INSTALLED THE EMERGENCY SPILLWAY TO THE CORRECT ELEVATION SO THAT THE INVERT OF THE TILE WILL BE NO LESS THAN 6 INCHES ABOVE THE POND ELEVATION.

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL INCLUDE 3 HEARINGS.

#### ROY MELLOTT DRAIN:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE OFFICE HAS CONTACTED THE STATE AND LET THEM KNOW IT IS THEIR ISSUE. MIKE LONG WANTED TO EXPLORE A RECONSTRUCTION ON THE WEST SIDE OF 19. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE HAVE A COUPLE OF RECONSTRUCTIONS AHEAD OF THIS. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS MAY BE A POSSIBILITY FOR THE FALL OF NEXT YEAR.

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, JIM SCOTT SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### AUGUST 9, 2016 CLAIMS

DALTONS	DANNER	\$4041.50	2700
DALTONS	FUNK	\$1712.50	2700
SHANKSTER BROS	KEEFER EVANS	\$4160.70	2700
DALTONS	KELLY ZIMMER	\$342.50	1158
DALTONS	KINNEY	\$1781.00	2700
DALTONS	MAISH	\$1370.00	2700
MM DRAINAGE INC	MILLER, JL	\$9053.04	1158
HOENE TILING	PLUNGE CREEK	\$209.72	2700
HAMBY & SON	PLUNGE CREEK	\$720.00	2700
DALTONS	JOHN PYLE	\$1164.50	2700
HAMBY & SON	SWICK MEREDITH	\$337.50	1158
DALTONS	WILLIAMSON SARAH	\$3425.00	2700

#### AUGUST 23, 2016 CLAIMS

SUPERIOR LANDSCAPING	DEEDS CREEK	\$495.00	2700
DANT, GARY	KEEFER EVANS	\$120.00	2700
DON'S EXCAVATING	McCONNELL NEVIN	\$20000.00	2700

DON'S EXCAVATING	McCONNELL NEVIN	\$500.00	2700
WERTENBERGER TILING	PLUNGE CREEK	\$1895.00	2700
DANT, GARY	SLOAN ADAMS	\$120.00	1158
DANT, GARY	SWICK MEREDITH	\$150.00	1158
DANT, GARY	SWICK MEREDITH	\$90.00	1158
HAMBY & SON	WELCH, JAMES	\$472.50	1158
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	WILLIAMSON, SARAH	\$752.50	2700



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

MIKE LONG  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JIM SCOTT

**ABSENT:**

RON TRUEX

**PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES WAS MADE BY JIM SCOTT AND SECONDED BY DENNIS DARR. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

A LEGAL AD RAN IN THE TIMES UNION ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 FOR THE FOLLOWING DRAIN HEARINGS.

**LEVI EATON DRAIN HEARING:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LEVI EATON DRAIN IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1978. THE ASSESSMENTS WERE RAISED 25% IN 1980. DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$371.70~~. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$235.43 PER YEAR. THERE WERE NO LANDOWNERS PRESENT AND NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF \$500 PER YEAR OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE OF \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. JIM SCOTT SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**AMOS EBY DRAIN HEARING:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE AMOS EBY DRAIN IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1978. THE ASSESSMENTS WERE RAISED 25% IN 1980. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF \$765.93. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$214.95. THERE WERE NO LANDOWNERS PRESENT AND NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED. THERE IS AN AREA AT THE LOWER END THAT IF WE WOULD HAVE ANY LOG JAMS IT WOULD BE VERY EXPENSIVE. THIS AREA IS NEARLY INACCESSIBLE. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE OF \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION. STEVE METZGER SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.



**SLOAN ADAMS DRAIN HEARING:****LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

VON FRIEDEN  
PERRY HATHAWAY  
DOUG HATHAWAY  
JOHN LYNCH  
DAVID & KRISTI YODER  
GARY SLOAN

**REMONSTRANCE LETTERS OR EMAILS RECEIVED FROM:**

GARY SLOAN  
DEBORAH LACKEY  
JOHN LYNCH  
LYDIA HALE

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. TOTAL WATERSHED OF 3,874 ACRES. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 3.9 MILES OF TILE AND 7.6 MILES OF OPEN DITCH. THE SLOAN ADAMS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A RATE PER ACRE OF \$0.50 AND A \$5.00 MINIMUM. IT CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$2473.96 PER YEAR. ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF MAINTAINING THIS DRAIN IS \$5000.00. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1978. THE BOARD RAISED THE ASSESSMENT 25% IN 1981. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$37,007.50~~. THE ADVERTISED PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$2.00 WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. KISSINGER EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RECONSTRUCTION AND A ROUTINE MAINTENANCE TO THE ATTENDEES AND DRAINAGE BOARD.

VON FRIEDEN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO ASK WHEN LAST TIME DITCH WAS MAINTAINED. KISSINGER STATED PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED AT DIFFERENT AREAS ON THE DRAIN AND THE LAST PROJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY 2 MONTHS AGO. THE BOARD EXPLAINED TO MR. FRIEDEN THAT EACH DITCH HAS ITS OWN FUND AND THERE IS A GENERAL DRAIN FUND TO USE IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY. KISSINGER EXPLAINED TO MR. FRIEDEN THAT ANY MONIES OWED BY A DITCH TO THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND, MUST BE PAID BACK. MIKE LONG EXPLAINED TO THE ATTENDEES THAT THE CURRENT DRAINAGE BOARD IS TRYING TO CATCH UP FROM SEVERAL YEARS OF NO INCREASES.

PERRY HATHAWAY CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS INVOICES FOR BEAVER CONTROL AND DAM REMOVAL. THE BOARD INFORMED MR. HATHAWAY THAT YOU HAVE TO BE LICENSED TO TRAP BEAVER OUT OF SEASON. MR. KISSINGER INFORMED MR. HATHAWAY THAT THE LEDGER SHOWED ALL WORK FOR THE COUNTY, IF YOU WANT FURTHER DETAILS WE CAN PULL THE WORK ORDERS IN THE OFFICE. MR. HATHAWAY SAID HE KNOWS OF AT LEAST 3 PEOPLE THAT WOULD REMOVE THE DAMS CHEAPER. MARK MONTEL AND MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED MR. HATHAWAY THAT YOU HAVE TO BE LICENSED AND HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE TO DO THE WORK. ANY WORK THAT A LANDOWNER WANTS TO DO, THEY WOULD NEED TO INFORM THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE PRIOR TO THE WORK BEING DONE.



JOHN LYNCH CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REMONSTRATE AGAINST THE INCREASE. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE IS ON THE BOTTOM END AND HAS MAINTAINED HIS PORTION HIMSELF. HE HAS BEEN REIMBURSED FOR 1 DAY EXCAVATOR RENTAL AND THE REMAINDER HAS BEEN OUT OF POCKET. THE BOARD INFORMED MR. LYNCH THAT HE NEEDS TO LET THE SURVEYOR KNOW OF ANY WORK PRIOR TO DOING THAT WORK FOR POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT. MR. LYNCH WANTED TO KNOW HOW THE DITCH GOT SO FAR IN DEBT. MR. KISSINGER INFORMED HIM WE COULD FURNISH ALL OF THIS INFORMATION TO HIM IF HE STOPPED IN THE OFFICE. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THIS DEBT CAME FROM THE LANDFILL PROJECT. MR. KISSINGER INFORMED MR. LYNCH THAT THE LANDFILL PROJECT WAS NOT THE REASON, HOWEVER WHEN WE DID CLEAN THAT PART OF THIS DRAIN IT WAS VERY EXPENSIVE DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE HAD TO HAUL ALL OF THE SPOIL FROM THE SITE PER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES.

GARY SLOAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO LET THEM KNOW THAT HIS LOWER 10 ACRES REMAINS WET ALL THE TIME. HE OPPOSES THE INCREASE DUE TO THE FACT HE DOES NOT SEE ANY BENEFIT FOR HIS PROPERTY. HIS POND DRAINS INTO A PRIVATE DITCH THAT FLOWS INTO THE COUNTY TILE. THE PRIVATE DITCH IS AN OPEN DITCH THAT CONNECTS TO A TILE BEFORE IT CONNECTS TO THE COUNTY TILE. MIKE LONG INFORMED MR. SLOAN THAT IF THERE IS AN OBSTRUCTION IN THE PRIVATE DRAIN, THE COUNTY CANNOT HELP AS IT IS A PRIVATE MATTER. THE BOARD INFORMED MR. SLOAN THAT HE WILL HAVE TO CONTACT THE LANDOWNER OF THE ADJACENT PROPERTY AS IT IS OUT OF THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD JURISDICTION.

DOUG HATHAWAY CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE THE INCREASE. HE IS ON THE HIGH END OF THE DITCH. HE UNDERSTANDS THE DITCH NEEDS TO BE OUT OF DEBT. HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT WASN'T RAISED IN THE LAST 30 YEARS SO THAT IT WASN'T SUCH A LARGE INCREASE. MR. HATHAWAY ASKED HOW MANY WATERSHEDS ARE IN THE COUNTY. MR. KISSINGER INFORMED HIM THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 140 WATERSHEDS IN THE COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 40 OF WHICH ARE IN DEBT AND APPROXIMATELY 30 OF WHICH HAVE STOPPED COLLECTION. MARK MONTEL AND MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE ATTENDEES THAT WE WILL KEEP DOING PROJECTS ON THIS DRAIN EVEN WITH A DEBT. THEY DIDN'T WANT ANYONE LEAVING THINKING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO WORK DONE ON THIS DRAIN UNTIL IT WAS OUT OF DEBT. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISED PROPOSED RATE OF \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **SHATTO CATTELL:**

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY DARCY AT NRCS AND SHE WANTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ONGOING 2-STAGE PROJECT. THE LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO HER SHOWING OUR SUPPORT.

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

## SEPTEMBER CLAIMS

## SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

GARY DANT	CAUFFMAN	\$120.00	1158
GARY DANT	SLOAN ADAMS	\$300.00	1158
GARY DANT	CAUFFMAN	\$150.00	1158
GARY DANT	KEEFER EVANS	\$120.00	2700
GARY DANT	SLOAN ADAMS	\$240.00	1158
GARY DANT	SWICK MEREDITH	\$210.00	1158
GARY DANT	SLOAN ADAMS	\$420.00	1158
GARY DANT	CAUFFMAN	\$90.00	1158
GARY DANT	SWICK MEREDITH	\$120.00	1158
GARY DANT	SWICK MEREDITH	\$240.00	1158
GARY DANT	SLOAN ADAMS	\$180.00	1158
GARY DANT	KEEFER EVANS	\$120.00	2700
GOOD EXCAVATING	GAY EASTERDAY ROB	\$675.00	2700
HOENE TILING	JOHN PYLE	\$41.68	2700
KLINE TRUCKING	LECKRONE NELSON	\$440.00	1158
KLINE TRUCKING	SWICK MEREDITH	\$532.00	1158
PASEKA EXCAVATING	JOHN PYLE	\$1290.00	2700

## SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

EVEREST EXCAVATING	ACHOR, CARLS	\$470.00	2700
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**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2016**

**DRAINAGE BOARD EMBERS PRESENT:**

**MIKE LONG  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JIM SCOTT**

**ABSENT:**

**RON TRUEX**

**PRESENT:**

**MICHAEL KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY**

**JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. STEVE METZGER SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.**

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES WAS MADE BY STEVE METZGER AND SECONDED BY JIM SCOTT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.**

**VARIANCE – McCLEARY GOCHENOUR DRAIN**

**CHRISTOPHER & JULIE RANKIN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST A VARIANCE ON THE McCLEARY GOCHENOUR DRAIN FOR A DETENTION POND AT – 907 S. 325 EAST, WARSAW. THERE IS CURRENTLY A VARIANCE FOR THE BUILDING TO BE NO CLOSER THAN 35 FEET. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 35 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK FOR THE DETENTION POND. STEVE METZGER SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.**

**OMAR NEFF PLAIN HEARING:**

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

**GENE MARSHALL**

**MICHAEL KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE OMAR NEFF PLAIN DRAIN IS A TILE DRAIN. THE TOTAL LENGTH IS 13,870 FEET. THE OMAR NEFF PLAIN DRAIN IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$3.13 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING WAS HELD AUGUST OF 1980 TO RAISE THE ASSESSMENT. THE DRAIN WAS RAISED 25% IN SEPTEMBER 1997. THE DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF **-\$16,490.47**. PROPOSED ASSESSMENT OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH A PROPOSED TOTAL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$3800.00 AND PROPOSED TO STOP COLLECTION WHEN THE BALANCE EQUALS OR EXCEEDS AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. THE GOAL IS TO GET THIS DRAIN OUT OF DEBT. THE PROJECTED OR ESTIMATED**



AVERAGE YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST IS \$1000.00 PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ADVERTISED RATE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE FINAL TWO DITCH HEARINGS ON THE AGENDA, MIKE LONG RECOMMENDED THAT THOSE TWO DITCHES BE COMBINED WITH ANOTHER TO FORM ONE SINGLE DRAINAGE SYSTEM. IT WAS LONG'S FEELING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DITCHES DO NOT COLLECT ENOUGH MONEY TO EFFECTIVELY FINANCE THE NEEDED ROUTINE MAINTENANCE COSTS.

KISSINGER APPRECIATED THE CREATIVE THINKING FOR THESE RELATIVELY SMALL DITCH SYSTEMS BUT FELT THAT EXISTING DEBT ON THESE DRAINS AND THREE DIFFERENT OUTLET LOCATIONS INTO THE DAUSMAN MAIN WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY HINDER THAT PATH. LEAVING THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DISCUSSION IN THE FUTURE, THE THREE REMAINING BOARD MEMBERS FELT THAT THE FINAL TWO HEARINGS SHOULD PROCEED AS ADVERTISED. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN CONCERNING LONG'S RECOMMENDATION.

#### **EARL WALLACE DRAIN:**

##### **LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

DONALD KLINE

MICHAEL KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE EARL WALLACE DRAIN IS A TILE DRAIN CONSISTING OF 7672 FEET. IT IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN MARCH OF 1972. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN JUNE OF 1980. THE DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF **-\$2672.54**. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH A PROPOSED TOTAL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF \$921.00 AND PROPOSED TO STOP COLLECTION WHEN THE BALANCE EQUALS OR EXCEEDS AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. COLLECTION WOULD BEGIN AGAIN WHEN THE BALANCE FALLS BELOW THE 8 YEAR COLLECTION AMOUNT. THE ESTIMATED AVERAGE YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST IS \$350.00. DONALD KLINE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE LOSS OF TOP SOIL ON HIS FARM WHEN THERE IS A SINKHOLE. THE BOARD ASSURED MR. KLINE THAT WORK WOULD BE DONE WHEN NEEDED. MR. KLINE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE TILE WAS PROBABLY INSTALLED IN 1938. THE SURVEYOR AND THE DRAINAGE BOARD EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND A RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM SCOTT TO ACCEPT THE RATE OF \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH AN 8 YEAR BALANCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DENNIS DARR. MIKE LONG WAS OPPOSED. MOTION WAS CARRIED 3-1.

#### **ANDREW YEAGER DRAIN:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE ANDREW YEAGER DRAIN IS A TILE DRAIN. IT IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED WITH A % RATE AND A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN AUGUST



1968. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$636.16~~. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$1.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. THE PROPOSED TOTAL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IS \$628.00. THE ESTIMATED YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST FOR THIS DRAIN IS \$250.00. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ADVERTISED RATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE METZGER. MIKE LONG WAS OPPOSED. MOTION WAS CARRIED 3-1.

CAUFFMAN/DREYFUS DISCUSSION:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE LOUIS DREYFUS FACILITY NEAR CLAYPOOL APPEARS TO BE DISCHARGING MORE WATER INTO THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN THAN HAD BEEN APPROVED IN THEIR DRAINAGE PLAN.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME FLOODING ISSUES IMMEDIATELY DOWNSTREAM (IN CLAYPOOL) AS A RESULT. THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN TILE WILL LIKELY NEED TO BE ENLARGED AND THAT FUNDING WILL NEED TO BE DISCUSSED WITH DREYFUS. T.I.F MONEY MAY ALSO BE A POSSIBILITY. KISSINGER WILL INITIATE THOSE DUSCUSSIONS WITH DREYFUS AND THE COUNTY. NO ACTION TAKEN.

DENNIS DARR MOVED TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

CLAIMS – 10-4-2-16

DANT, GARY	CAUFFMAN	\$150.00	1158
DANT, GARY	DAVISSON	\$90.00	2700
DANT, GARY	DAVISSON	\$390.00	2700
DANT, GARY	DAVISSON	\$180.00	2700
DANT, GARY	DAVISSON	\$240.00	2700
DANT, GARY	DAVISSON	\$180.00	2700
RIGHT OF WAY MGMT	ELDER	\$931.79	2700
DANT, GARY	KEEFER EVANS	\$90.00	2700
DANT, GARY	KEEFER EVANS	\$180.00	2700
DANT, GARY	KEEFER EVANS	\$180.00	2700
DANT, GARY	KEEFER EVANS	\$120.00	2700
DANT, GARY	SLOAN ADAMS	\$180.00	1158
WERTENBERGER TILING	SMITH, GEORGE	\$540.00	1158
DANT, GARY	SWICK MEREDITH	\$150.00	1158
DANT, GARY	SWICK MEREDITH	\$150.00	1158

CLAIMS – 10-18-2016

HAMBY & SON EXC	KOONTZ, MARY	\$675.00	1158
HOENE TILING	KOONTZ, MARY	\$165.82	1158
HAMBY & SON EXC	KOONTZ, MARY	\$595.00	1158



HOENE TILING	PETERSON	\$72.32	1158
HAMBY & SON EXC	PETERSON	\$135.00	1158
SHANKSTER BROS	PLUNGE CREEK	\$95.69	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	SHATTO CATTELL	\$202.50	2700
HAMBY & SON EXC	SILVEUS	\$865.00	1158
HOENE TILING	SMITH, GEORGE	\$485.98	1158
HAMBY & SON EXC	WHITE, SEDALIA	\$797.50	2700
HOENE TILING	WILLIAMSON, SARAH	\$609.10	2700

Kosciusko County  
Drainage Board Meeting  
November 17, 2016

**Present:**

Ron Truex Chairman  
Mike Long Vice Chairman  
Jim Scott Member  
Dennis Darr Member

**Absent:**

Steve Metzger Member

**Also present were:**

Michael Kissinger Surveyor  
Mark Montel Ditch Inspector  
Sue Gladieux GIS Technician  
(Sitting in for Krista Baker Drainage Board Secretary)

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

Mike Long made a motion to approve the claims and minutes from the last meeting of October 27, 2016. Motion seconded by Jim Scott. All were in favor.

**Wyland:**

Mike Kissinger stated that the Wyland drain is a joint drain with Whitley County. Whitley County pays \$23.00 annually to Kosciusko County in assessments. The Surveyor's office has sent a request to Whitley County Drainage Board to sign a waiver of their right to be represented at a public hearing on the Wyland drain to increase the annual assessments. If Whitley County chooses to be present at the hearing then the rates that are determined today would be void and a joint board would need to be formed, but we will proceed today contingent upon the signing of the waiver. The balance of the drain today is \$3,690 but we have some contractors who haven't turned in their invoice yet. John Camden has a workorder for less than 1000 feet of open ditch repair. This ditch is a ditch we have basically had to stop doing work on it due to limited funds. An example is in the Wooster area where we just debrushed (one side 50 feet back) 600 feet of open ditch for \$6000 (\$10.00 per foot). It was a jungle, brush/trees and old unleveled spoil; you couldn't even walk through it until the contractor removed some of the brush. This is the type of work we are doing on this Wyland ditch. The last hearing was in 1985. The current rate on the Wyland is \$1.56 with a minimum of \$6.75. Truex asks if there were a lot of minimums on the drain, yes was Kissinger's response. Kissinger recommends \$2.50 per acre and a \$20.00 minimum or more. **Mike Long makes a motion to approve \$2.50 per acre and a minimum of \$25.00 and a 6 year collection contingent upon Whitley County signing the waiver. Jim Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Alfred Ross:**

The Alfred Ross drain is a joint drain with Whitley County. Whitley County pays \$25.00 annually to Kosciusko County in assessments. The Surveyor's office has sent a request to Whitley County Drainage Board to sign a waiver of their right to be represented at a public hearing on the Alfred Ross drain to increase the annual assessments. If Whitley County chooses to be present at the hearing then the rates that are determined today would be void and a joint board would need to be formed, but we will proceed today contingent upon the signing of the waiver. The Ross ditch has 20,000 feet of tile and 400 feet of open at the very lower end. We think it's a 24" tile at the bottom end. This is a percentage rate drain that averages approximately \$1.66 rate per acre with a \$5.00 minimum. The Balance is



\$494.13. Kissinger stated that in 2011 there was one repair that equaled about 3 years of collection. The last hearing was in 1967. Mike Long asks about the condition and size of the tile. We have 18" and 24" tile, we have no known breakdowns right now, but when we do they are in bad condition. Mike Long thinks that the recommended rate of either \$2.00 or \$2.50 is not enough for the amount and condition of the tile. In order to be proactive he feels that we need to increase the rate. Kissinger gives example of repairs we have done over the last 4 years and they have all been over the annual collection for 1 year. Mike Long states at the current rate to replace a 24" tile is around \$15 per foot and that would only allow us to do 266 feet per year. **Mike Long makes a motion to approve \$4.00 per acre with a \$25.00 minimum and an 8 year collection contingent upon Whitley County signing the waiver. Dennis Darr seconded the motion. All were favor.**

**Achor:**

Kissinger recommended a 25% increase for the Achor drain. After discussion the Board took no action today and the Surveyor's office will prepare numbers for a rate and minimum increase for a public hearing in the near future.

**J.B. Reed:**

Kissinger recommended a 25% increase for the J.B. Reed drain. Some of the tile on the drain has been vacated leaving 7500 feet of open and 2100 feet of tile. We have replaced tile North of Co. Road 500 with new tile and also South of Co. Road 500 is fairly new all the way to the open ditch. There are some major areas of wetlands and there is not much we can do in that area. We also do beaver trapping on the open drain. We haven't had a hearing since 1984 and the balance is \$494.13. Since there is not a lot of work to do on the drain Kissinger recommends that the 25% increase and a 4 year balance would maintain the drain. **Mike Long makes a motion to approve the 25% increase. Jim Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Contracts for drain repair document and additional insured form:**

After much discussion it was determined that Ron Truex will contact Chad Miner, Kosciusko County Attorney, and request him to attend the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Drainage Board meeting to further clarify, discuss and finalize the contract that was prepared and the additional insured form.

The board asked Kissinger about the possibility of converting the current individual watershed assessment system to a cumulative drainage fund. Elkhart County has such a system in place. Kissinger reminded everyone that this had been researched by the surveyor's office about 3 years ago and the pros and cons were discussed at that time. Kissinger will consult with the Elkhart County for more insight and report back to the board in December.

**Meeting date change:**

Mike Kissinger asks the Board if they would be able to move the December 22<sup>th</sup> meeting to December 15<sup>th</sup> as he will not be able to attend on the 22<sup>th</sup>. Mike Long moved to approve moving the December meeting to the 15<sup>th</sup> and to advertize the change of the date in the legal ads in the Warsaw Times Union. Motion seconded by Jim Scott. All were in favor.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

November 1, 2016 Claims

Hamby & Son Exc	Deeds Creek	\$660.00	2700
J P Developers Inc	Hoopengarner	\$760.00	1158
Hamby & Son Exc	Huffer, David	\$440.00	2700
Hamby & Son Exc	McClaine, Peter	\$945.00	1158
Hoene Tiling Inc	Silveus	\$486.39	1158
Hamby & Son Exc	Walnut Creek	\$165.00	2700
Hamby & Son Exc	Walnut Creek	\$330.00	2700
Hamby & Son Exc	Watkins, Enoch	\$210.00	2700
Hamby & Son Exc	Williamson, Sarah	\$270.00	2700

November 15, 2016 Claims

Hamby & Son Exc	Deeds Creek	\$6820.00	2700
Dant, Gary	McConnell, Nevin	\$240.00	2700
Everest Excavating	Neff Omar Jefferson	\$400.00	2700
Hoene Tiling Inc	Neff Omar Jefferson	\$325.16	2700
Kline Trucking & Exc	Peterson	\$1265.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Shanton	\$300.00	2700
Dant, Gary	Sloan Adams	\$900.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Sloan Adams	\$60.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Swick Meredith	\$810.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Swick Meredith	\$780.00	1158
Dant, Gary	Wyland	\$360.00	2700

November 29, 2016 Claims

Hamby & Son Exc	Silveus	\$675.00	1158
Hamby & Son Exc	Swick Meredith	\$660.00	1158
Hamby & Son Exc	Swick Meredith	\$1067.50	1158
Hoene Tiling Inc	Swick Meredith	\$646.02	1158



Kosciusko County  
Drainage Board Meeting  
December 15, 2016

**Present:**

Ron Truex – Chairman  
Mike Long – Vice Chairman  
Jim Scott – Member  
Steve Metzger – Member

**Absent:**

Dennis Darr – Member

**Also present were:**

Michael Kissinger – Surveyor  
Mark Montel – Ditch Inspector  
Krista Baker – Drainage Board Secretary

Stan Klotz - spectator

**Claims and Minutes**

Mike Long made a motion to approve the claims and minutes from the last meeting of November 17, 2016. The motion was seconded by Jim Scott. All were in favor.

**Contract and Certificate of Insurance**

Ron Truex, Drainage Board Chairman, informed the board that he recently had a conversation with Chad Miner, County Attorney. Chad Miner informed Ron Truex that any and all contractors that are hired as of January 1, 2017 need to have the Kosciusko County Drainage Board listed as additionally insured on their certificate of liability insurance.

Mike Kissinger, Surveyor said he would take care of informing the contractors of this change.

Mike Long made a motion to make this effective as of January 1, 2017. Jim Scott seconded. All were in favor.

**Waivers for Wyland & Alfred Ross Drains**

Whitley County signed waivers for the Wyland and Alfred Ross drains and sent them to the Kosciusko County Drainage Board. The hearings will be held January 26, 2017.

**Reappointment of Steve Metzger**

Jim Scott made a motion to reappoint Steve Metzger as Drainage Board Member. Mike Long seconded. All were in favor.

**Cumulative Drain Fund Discussion**

Mike Kissinger, Surveyor, informed the board that there are 2 counties in the state that have a cumulative drain fund, Elkhart and Marion. Elkhart county went to a cumulative fund in the early 1980's. At that time there were no statutory levies. Marion county didn't have any answers. The only people that can be assessed by a cumulative drain fund are those located outside the city limits. Cumulative drain funds are only collectable through the property taxes. This fund is based on land or property value.

The maximum by state statute is 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. There is a taxation cap in the county that at this time is at the maximum for this year.

Ron Truex suggested that he and Mike Kissinger talk to Umbaugh to see if this should be looked into further. Truex said he would make the appointment with Umbaugh to get some answers.

**Other Business**

**Danner Ditch arm to Mud Lake**

Stan Klotz came before the board – Co Rd 400 North – Needs dredged  
Kissinger asked that everyone meet in the Surveyor’s office to discuss this further.

**Roy Mellott Drain**

Mike Long said nothing has been done. State highway dug up and said it was too deep and covered it back up. Kissinger advised that this matter also be taken to the office to look at maps and also said he would give a list of the people to contact about this matter.

**John Pyle Drain**

Crystal Lake Road, west of egg breaker plant. What are the plans on this drain?  
Kissinger would also like to take this matter to the office where they could look at some maps of this area.

Being of no further business, Mike Long made a motion to adjourn. Steve Metzger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Claims  
December 13, 2016

Hamby & Son Exc	Swick Meredith	\$660.00	1158
Hamby & Son Exc	Swick Meredith	\$1067.50	1158
Hamby & Son Exc	Silveus	\$675.00	1158
Hoene Tiling Exc	Swick Meredith	\$646.02	1158

December 27, 2016

LDP Excavating	Koontz, Mary	\$1221.90	1158
LDP Excavating	Koontz, Mary	\$6645.00	1158
George Waugh	Plunge Creek	\$3300.00	2700
George Waugh	Plunge Creek	\$1512.00	2700
George Waugh	Wyland	\$3690.59	2700
George Waugh	Wyland	\$869.41	1158
Everest Excavating	Danner, Conrad	\$817.00	2700
Everest Excavating	Danner, Conrad	\$3210.00	2700
Everest Excavating	Harr-Cor-Grady	\$252.93	2700
Everest Excavating	Coppess	\$137.07	2700
Hamby & Son Exc	Williamson, Sarah	\$660.00	2700
Hamby & Son Exc	Pyle, John	\$472.50	2700
Hohman Excavating	Williamson, Sarah	\$2576.92	2700
Kline Trucking & Exc	Conrad, William	\$7551.12	1158
Kline Trucking & Exc	Dausman	\$688.40	2700
Kline Trucking & Exc	Dorsey, Milton	\$753.25	2700



KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2017

**PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – MEMBER  
DENNIS DARR – MEMBER  
STEVE METZGER – MEMBER

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
SUE GLADIEUX – GIS TECHNICIAN  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**ABSENT:**

MARK MONTEL – DITCH INSPECTOR

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

AMANDA WILDERMAN  
KEVIN SCHILDROTH  
BRENDA GANSHORN  
TERRY HOWIE  
LEW MACKEY  
MARTHA SWANSON  
CLIFTON PALMER

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STEVE METZGER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

A LEGAL AD RAN IN THE TIMES UNION ON JANUARY 16, 2017 FOR THE FOLLOWING DRAIN HEARINGS.

**ALFRED ROSS DRAIN HEARING:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE ALFRED ROSS DRAIN IS A PERCENTAGE DRAIN. THE COST PER ACRE RANGES FROM \$0.46 TO \$6.42 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS AUGUST 1967. THE ASSESSMENTS WERE RAISED 25% IN MAY 1981. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF \$1183.98. THERE WERE NO LANDOWNERS PRESENT AND NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED FOR THIS DRAIN. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THIS DRAIN HAS 5.2 MILES OF TILE AND 415 FEET OF OPEN DITCH. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, INFORMED THE BOARD WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF \$2500.00 PER YEAR OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE OF \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**WYLAND DRAIN HEARING:**

CLIFTON PALMER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD WITH THE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A HEARING FOR ALL DRAINS IN THE COUNTY. THE BOARD EXPLAINED TO MR. PALMER THAT EACH DITCH IS INDIVIDUAL. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE WYLAND DRAIN IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$1.56 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.75 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN SEPTEMBER 1985. ASSESSMENTS WERE RAISED 25% IN JUNE 2008. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF \$3543.17. THERE WERE 7 LANDOWNERS PRESENT AND 13 REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED.

THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 6 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, INFORMED THE BOARD WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF \$40,000.00 FOR YEARLY ROUTINE MAINTENANCE. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SOME LANDOWNERS HAVE BEEN MAKING REPAIRS ON THEIR PROPERTY AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE DUE TO THE LACK OF FUNDS IN THIS PARTICULAR DRAIN. THERE HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY 100 WORKORDERS IN THE LAST 15 YEARS. CLIFTON PALMER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE IS NOT IN OPPOSITION OF THE INCREASE. HE JUST WANTS TO SEE WORK BEING DONE. MR. PALMER WAS CONCERNED ABOUT AN AREA ON CO RD 350 EAST. THERE WAS A WETLAND THERE AND WE CLEANED THAT AREA. KISSINGER INFORMED MR. PALMER THAT IF THE COUNTY DRAIN GOES THROUGH THE WETLAND, IT IS THE COUNTIES RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THE DRAIN AND THAT AT ONE TIME, THERE WAS PROBABLY NO WETLAND IN THAT SPECIFIC AREA.

KEVIN SCHILDROTH CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO LET THEM KNOW THAT HE HAS STANDING WATER ON HIS LOTS. HE ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE TREES AND DEADFALL IN THE AREA OF OPEN DITCH NEAR HIS PROPERTY. KISSINGER STATED TO GO IN AND CLEAN THIS AREA, IT COULD COST UP TO \$10 PER FOOT. THE BOARD INFORMED MR. SCHILDROTH WITH THE INCREASE IN THE ASSESSMENT, HE WILL SEE THE REPAIRS HAPPEN.

TERRY HOWIE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD BEING CONCERNED ABOUT OWNING SEVERAL SMALL LOTS WITH A MINIMUM ASSESSMENT ON EACH LOT. TRUEX INFORMED THE LANDOWNERS IT IS POSSIBLE TO COMBINE THE LOTS INTO ONE PARCEL FOR ONE ASSESSMENT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE LANDOWNERS THAT DUE TO AREA PLAN RULES TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW ALL OF THE RAMIFICATIONS BEFORE TAKING THIS STEP.

BRENDA GANSHORN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ABOUT STANDING WATER IN HER WOODED AREA. SHE IS LOSING TREES DUE TO THE STANDING WATER. KISSINGER INFORMED MRS. GANSHORN THAT HE WOULD CHECK THE OUTLET OF THE POND INTO THE COUNTY DITCH SHE WAS REFERRING TO.

MIKE LONG PROPOSED TO SET THE RATES AT \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 6 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **CY LONG PROPOSED RATE INCREASE:**

THE LAST HEARING ON THE CY LONG DRAIN WAS SEPTEMBER 8, 1969. THE ASSESSMENT WAS INCREASED 25% IN 2008. THIS DRAIN HAS A TOTAL OF 658 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED AREA. IT IS AN OPEN DITCH CONSISTING OF 9800 FEET. THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT IS \$1.25 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$986.43 PER YEAR. IT HAS A BALANCE OF **-\$1234.61**. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS DRAIN IS A BREEDING GROUND FOR BEAVERS. MIKE LONG PROPOSED TO ADVERTISE AT \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR BALANCE COLLECTION. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **A.P. JONES PROPOSED RATE INCREASE:**

THE LAST HEARING ON THE A P JONES DRAIN WAS IN 1968. THE DRAIN WAS RAISED 25% IN 1980. THERE ARE 948 ACRES OF LAND IN THE WATERSHED AREA. THE DRAIN IS 15,700 FEET OF OPEN DITCH. THE A P JONES DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$1347.21 PER YEAR. IT IS CURRENTLY **-\$3556.94** IN DEBT. BRUSH CONTROL ALONE IS APPROXIMATELY \$1100.00 PER YEAR. THE BOARD DECIDED TO ADVERTISE THE DRAIN FOR A HEARING AT \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THIS HEARING IS DEPENDENT ON ELKHART COUNTY SIGNING A WAIVER. JIM SCOTT PROPOSED TO ADVERTISE AT THE \$4.00 RATE AND A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH A 4 YEAR BALANCE COLLECTION. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **CARLES ACHOR PROPOSED RATE INCREASE:**

THE LAST HEARING ON THE ACHOR DRAIN WAS IN 1982. THERE IS 444 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED AREA. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 4500 FEET OF OPEN DITCH AND 8000 FEET OF

TILE WITH A MAXIMUM SIZE OF 18 INCH. THIS DRAIN COLLECTS \$562.93 PER YEAR AND HAS A BALANCE OF \$651.36. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR BALANCE COLLECTION. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT STEVE METZGER HAS BEEN REAPPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD ANOTHER TERM.

**WILLIAM CONRAD DRAIN:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD A LETTER FROM A LANDOWNER THAT HAD A COMPLAINT ON WORK DONE ON HIS PROPERTY AND RESPONSE LETTER FROM MIKE KISSINGER. CONTRACTOR COVERED THE TRENCHES AND PLANS TO RETURN IN THE SPRING.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND IS IN MUCH BETTER SHAPE THAT IT HAS BEEN.

MIKE LONG QUESTIONED WHETHER WE CAN DO WORK ON A PRIVATE DITCH WHEN WE ARE CLEANING A COUNTY DITCH THAT WOULD BE WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. DO WE HAVE THE JURISDICTION TO CLEAN INTO THIS AREA? KISSINGER STATED HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS**

**1/24/2017**

KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	SLONE ADAMS	\$1149.50	1158
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	KOONTZ MARY	\$634.50	1158
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	PETERSON	\$2243.50	1158
RELIABLE EXCAVATING INC	OMAR NEFF JEFFERSON	\$1090.00	2700



KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

**PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – MEMBER  
DENNIS DARR – MEMBER  
STEVE METZGER – MEMBER

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE INSPECTOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES**

STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DENNIS DARR. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SOLOMON SECHRIST:**

MIKE KISSINGER REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT THE SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN HAS SOME FINANCIAL ISSUES. WE WILL BE HAVING A HEARING FOR THIS DRAIN IN THE SPRING. THIS IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH MARSHALL COUNTY. MARSHALL COUNTY HAS APPOINTED TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ON THE JOINT BOARD. MIKE KISSINGER IS GOING TO SPEAK WITH STEVE SCHWEISBERGER FROM THE ELKHART COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE TO SEE IF HE WILL BE THE FIFTH JOINT BOARD MEMBER. RON TRUEX, CHAIRMAN, APPOINTED STEVE METZGER AND DENNIS DARR TO BE THE JOINT BOARD MEMBERS FROM KOSCIUSKO COUNTY. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT BOARD WILL BE 3/23/2017.

**A.P JONES**

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE NEEDS MORE TIME TO GET READY FOR A HEARING ON THIS DRAIN. HE NEEDS TO CONTACT THE ADJOINING COUNTIES (ELKHART & NOBLE) CONCERNING THE SHED LINE.

**CY LONG AND CARLES ACHOR**

MIKE KISSINGER PROVIDED NEW SHED LINE MAPS FOR THE BOARD TO INFORM THEM OF THE CHANGES FOR THE HEARING ON MARCH 23, 2017.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**DANNER DITCH BID:**

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THE BID WAS AWARDED TO J P DEVELOPERS INC. THE WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 25, 2017.

**DAVID HUFFER DRAIN:**

IT WAS REPORTED TO A DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER THAT A LANDOWNER ON THE DAVID HUFFER DRAIN (POLK FAMILY) ALONG U.S. #30 THINKS THE TILE NEEDS REPLACED. SURVEYORS OFFICE WILL INVESTIGATE THE NEED.

**GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON:**

MR. WOLFE ON THE GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON DRAIN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MIKE LONG (DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER) REQUESTING WORK NEEDING DONE. KISSINGER REPORTED JIM MOYER (ASSISTANT SURVEYOR) HAS ALREADY BEEN WORKING WITH MR. WOLFE.

**ROY MELLOTT:**

MIKE LONG REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE STATE HIGHWAY REPAIRING A HOLE ON THE WEST SIDE OF STATE ROAD #19. MR. LONG LOST A SEED CONTRACT DUE TO QUESTIONABLE DRAINAGE ON THE EAST SIDE OF STATE ROAD #19. KISSINGER WILL AGAIN CONTACT THE STATE HIGHWAY CONCERNING A TIME FRAME FOR THE REPAIR AND REPORT BACK.

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

GARY DANT	SWICK MEREDITH	1158	\$180.00
GARY DANT	JONES A P	1158	\$30.00
GARY DANT	SLOAN ADAMS	1158	\$540.00
GARY DANT	SLOAN ADAMS	1158	\$180.00
HAMBY & SON EXCAVATING	BOCKMAN	2700	\$450.00
HAMBY & SON EXCAVATING	SOLOMON SECHRIST	1158	\$1245.00
HAMBY & SON EXCAVATING	WYLAND	2700	\$710.00
HOENE TILING INC	PETERSON	1158	\$473.93
HOENE TILING INC	REED J B	2700	\$118.87
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	WALNUT CREEK	2700	\$1529.00
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	PETERSON	1158	\$1886.00
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	2700	\$2160.85

**FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

HAMBY & SON EXCAVATING	KEEFER EVANS	2700	\$1820.00
HAMBY & SON EXCAVATING	ROSS ALFRED	2700	\$270.00
HAMBY & SON EXCAVATING	ALSPAUGH HAINES	1158	\$450.00
HOENE TILING INC	McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	1158	\$424.54
HOENE TILING INC	BOCKMAN	2700	\$1025.08
HOENE TILING INC	SOLOMON SECHRIST	1158	\$97.01
HOENE TILING INC	WYLAND	2700	\$252.25
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	ARTHUR	1158	\$467.50
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	1158	\$10007.11
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	2700	\$1985.39

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
MARCH 23, 2017**

JOINT BOARD (KOSCIUSKO/MARSHALL COUNTIES) SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN

**PRESENT:**

MIKE DELP (MARSHALL COUNTY)  
STEVE SCHWEISBERGER (ELKHART COUNTY)  
DENNIS DARR (KOSCIUSKO COUNTY)  
STEVE METZGER (KOSCIUSKO COUNTY)

**NOT PRESENT:**

DANIEL VOREIS (MARSHALL COUNTY)

**SOLOMON SECHRIST JOINT BOARD MEETING:**

STEVE SCHWEISBERGER CALLED THE JOINT BOARD MEETING TO ORDER.

MIKE DELP MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT STEVE SCHWEISBERGER AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT BOARD. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

MIKE KISSINGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY SURVEYOR GAVE A REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN. KISSINGER INFORMED THE JOINT BOARD THAT 82% OF THE SHED AREA IS IN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY; THEREFORE KOSCIUSKO WILL BE HOLDING THE JOINT BOARD. THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING TO DECIDE IF WE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND DETERMINE THE RATES TO ADVERTISE.

THE SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN CONSISTS OF 6.2 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 5.1 MILES OF TILE DITCH. THE DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$2114.18 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$23,044.14~~. THE LAST HEARING ON THE SOLOMON SECHRIST WAS IN AUGUST OF 1967. THE RATE WAS RAISED 25% IN JANUARY OF 1981. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH THE DAUSMAN MARSHALL COUNTY AS WELL AS YELLOW RIVER. MIKE DELP MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 6 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2017. MIKE DELP SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JOINT BOARD MEETING, MIKE DELP SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**NOT PRESENT:**

MIKE LONG

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

LARRY SHIVELY - CARLES ACHOR DRAIN  
GREG KRALLIS – CY LONG DRAIN



RON TRUEX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CARLES ACHOR DRAIN HEARING:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1982. THIS DRAIN HAS 8000 FEET OF TILE AND 4500 FEET OF OPEN DITCH. THE COUNTY REVIEWS THE WATERSHED AREA WHEN DRAINS COME UP FOR A HEARING. THOSE FINDINGS INCREASED THE WATERSHED AREA ON THIS DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.26 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.00 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$651.36~~. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$1200.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSEMENT IS \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE OF \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CY LONG DRAIN HEARING:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS DRAIN IS ALL OPEN WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF 9800 FEET. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS AUGUST 1969. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN JUNE 2008. THE WATERSHED ON THIS DRAIN WAS REVIEWED AND FOUND TO HAVE SOME CHANGES. WE HAVE ADDED APPROXIMATELY 40 NEW MINIMUMS ON THIS DRAIN WITH THE NEW WATERSHED AREA. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.25 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$1234.61~~. THE ESTIMATED AVERAGE YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST IS \$2200.00. THE PROPOSED ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IS \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. GREG KRALLIS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REMONSTRATE AGAINST THE PROPOSED RATE PER ACRE. KISSINGER NOTED THAT GREATER THAN 80% OF THE INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS WERE MINIMUMS AND THAT CREATED A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER SOME LATITUDE FOR THE MINIMUM AMOUNT ON THIS DRAIN. STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO SET THE RATE AT \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$20.00 MINIMUM WITH A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

SHATTO CATTELL TWO STAGE PROJECT:  
MARK MONTEL UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SHATTO CATTELL TWO STAGE PROJECT. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE BID WAS AWARDED TO LDP EXCAVATING. THE WORK WILL BEGIN AUGUST 1, 2017 AND IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2017. THE COUNTY WILL PAY THE CONTRACTOR \$1.00 PER FOOT TO DIP THE BOTTOM OF THE DITCH WHILE DOING THIS PROJECT.

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS**

**MARCH 7, 2017 CLAIMS**

ALEXANDER	HOENE TILING	\$978.80	2700
ARTHUR	HOENE TILING	\$4381.70	1158
DANNER	MIKE LONG FAMILY FARMS	\$4976.50	2700
DAVISSON(CONTRACT)	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$10523.00	2700
DAVISSON	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$1650.00	2700
DAVISSON	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$17.80	1158
DAVISSON	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$496.46	2700

DAVISSON	KOSESIAK CONSTRUCTION	\$400.00	2700
DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$847.50	2700
DORSEY, MILTON	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$2226.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$585.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	MIKE LONG FAMILY FARMS	\$1222.50	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$203.25	2700
KEEFER EVANS	HOENE TILING	\$1278.51	2700
KOONTZ, MARY	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$615.00	1158
KOONTZ, MARY	HOENE TILING	\$110.74	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	HOENE TILING	\$4442.38	1158
McCONNELL, NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
NEFF, OMAR JEFF	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1258.50	2700
POLE RUN	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$600.00	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$500.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$916.76	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	HOENE TILING	\$4518.77	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$337.70	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	LDP EXCAVATING	\$14303.32	1158
VAN CUREN	GARY DANT	\$30.00	1158
VAN CUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$760.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700

### MARCH 21, 2017 CLAIMS

BOCKMAN	HOENE TILING	\$308.38	1158
BOCKMAN	HOENE TILING	\$788.26	2700
BOCKMAN	LIKENS & SONS CONSTRUCTION	\$926.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
COPPESS(CONTRACT)	EVEREST EXCAVATING LLC	\$31220.54	2700
COPPESS	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$992.64	2700
DANNER	EVEREST EXCAVATING LLC	\$315.00	2700
DANNER	EVEREST EXCAVATING LLC	\$135.00	2700
DAVISSON	EVEREST EXCAVATING LLC	\$235.00	1158
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
GILLIAM, WILLIAM	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$440.00	1158
HOOPENGARNER	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$2500.00	1158
KINNEY	KOLESIAK CONSTRUCTION	\$9337.25	2700
McCONNELL, NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
MELLOTT, ROY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3336.75	1158
POLE RUN	HOENE TILING	\$145.83	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	HOENE TILING	\$1686.07	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1852.50	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$450.00	2700
WILLIAMSON, SARAH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$492.00	2700



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
APRIL 27, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

ERIN COMBS – KEEFER EVANS VARIANCE  
MR & MRS OSBORN – FLUKE HANSON VARIANCE  
CARY LEWIS – KELLY ZIMMER DRAIN

RON TRUEX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**KEEFER EVANS DRAIN VARIANCE:**

ERIN COMBS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE RIGHT OF WAY TO 50 FEET ON THE KEEFER EVANS DRAIN AND PLACE A POLE BARN ON LOTS 19 & 20 IN CANDLEWOOD ESTATES PHASE 1. THE POLE BARN WILL BE 40' X 80' AND RUN EAST AND WEST. MIKE KISSINGER ASKED IF IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT IF THERE IS ANY WORK DONE ON THE DRAIN, THE LANDOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE EXTRA COST OF MAINTENANCE IN THE VARIANCE AREA. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**FLUKE HANSON DRAIN VARIANCE:**

MICHAEL & FAITH OSBORN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE RIGHT OF WAY TO 50 FEET ON AN ARM OF THE FLUKE HANSON DRAIN. THEY PLAN TO MOVE A BARN AND CONSTRUCT A HOME. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE, STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ROY MELLOTT PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE ROY MELLOTT DRAIN. THIS DRAIN COLLECTS \$1000.00 PER YEAR AND IS CURRENTLY \$5400.00 IN DEBT. THE DRAIN IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM. MIKE KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH THE NEW WATERSHED MAP AND 2 PROPOSED RATES: \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. THERE IS A STRETCH OF ABOUT 200' OF 18" TILE WEST OF STATE ROAD 19 THAT NEEDS REPLACED. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS IS \$4000.00. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE RATE AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR BALANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION. JIM SCOTT AGREED WITH THE MOTION.

RON TRUEX AND MIKE LONG ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE DUE TO OWNING OR HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN LAND IN THE ROY MELLOTT WATERSHED AREA.



**OTHER BUSINESS:****KELLY ZIMMER DRAIN: LEWIS SALVAGE – GILL PROPERTY**

CARY LEWIS INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE DRAINED HIS POND TWICE OVER THE WINTER. HE IS BUILDING A NEW BUILDING TO PROCESS CARS. LEWIS INFORMED THE BOARD THAT TRANZSTAR HAS BEEN NICE ENOUGH TO LET HIM PUMP THE WATER INTO THE VALLEY THAT RUNS TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS. HE ALSO PUMPED INTO A RISER THAT JUST PUT THE WATER BACK ON HIS PROPERTY.

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED CARY LEWIS THAT WE HAVE SENT CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE RAILROAD. THIS DRAINAGE PROBLEM ALSO AFFECTS STATE ROAD 25. THERE IS ALSO A MEETING SCHEDULED WITH THE CITY OF WARSAW ON MAY 11, 2017. KISSINGER STATED IN THE CERTIFIED LETTER THAT THE PROBLEM IS UNDER THE RAILROAD. HE ALSO STATED IN THE LETTER THAT WE SHOULD MOVE THE CROSSING 250' EAST AND BORE UNDER THE RAILROAD STRAIGHT INTO THE OPEN DITCH. THIS PROCESS WOULD MEAN THE COUNTY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HALF OF THE COST. WHEN WE REROUTE THIS DRAIN, IT WILL BE ON ZOLMAN PROPERTY, NOT LEWIS PROPERTY. MR. ZOLMAN IS PRELIMONARILY ON BOARD WITH THE DECISION TO REROUTE.

**CAUFFMAN DRAIN – LOUIS DREYFUS PROPERTY:**

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD WE HAD A PROBLEM UNDER THE RAILROAD ON THIS DRAIN. IT BACKED UP 7-8 ACRES OF WATER, 8 FEET DEEP. LOUIS DREYFUS HAS A PRIVATE TILE THAT COMES OUT OF A POND THAT DRAINS INTO THE COUNTY DRAIN. THEY HAVE A CONTINUOUS FLOW INTO THE COUNTY TILE. WE HAVE HAD WATER IN THE BASEMENT OF 1 HOME AND CONCERNS ABOUT WATER COMING INTO ANOTHER. LOUIS DREYFUS SHUT OFF THE OUTLET OF THE POND DURING THE WORK ON THE DRAIN UNDER THE RAILROAD. KISSINGER WENT BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS TO REQUEST TIF MONEY TO REPAIR THIS DRAIN. THIS DRAIN ALSO GOES THROUGH AN URBAN AREA WHERE YOU HAVE GAS LINES, WATER LINES, AND SEWER LINES ETC. THERE WILL NEED TO BE AN ENGINEER INVOLVED FOR THIS AREA, WHICH RAISES THE COST TREMENDOUSLY.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS****4/4/2017**

HAMBY & SON	BILLER	\$450.00	2700
HOENE TILING	BILLER	\$75.46	2700
KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	BILLER	\$6961.50	2700
EVEREST EXCAVATING	CAUFFMAN	\$689.76	1158
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	CONRAD WILLIAM	\$1045.00	1158
TOM FARMS & PARTNERS	COPPESS	\$1710.00	2700
EVEREST EXCAVATING	COPPESS	\$5509.51	2700
GARY DANT	DEEDS CREEK	\$150.00	2700
HOENE TILING	GILLIAM WILLIAM	\$203.25	1158
HOENE TILING	HALL ISAAC	\$115.15	1158
EVEREST EXCAVATING	HUFFER DAVID	\$563.45	2700
GARY DANT	McCONNELL NEVIN	\$150.00	2700
HOENE TILING	MELLOTT ROY	\$1555.57	1158
EVEREST EXCAVATING	NEFF OMAR JEFFERSON	\$757.70	2700
GOOD EXCAVATING	ROBINSON G A	\$5473.00	1158
GOOD EXCAVATING	ROBINSON G A	\$1567.00	2700
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	SECHRIST SOLOMON	\$442.46	1158
HAMBY & SON	SHOEMAKER ISAAC	\$450.00	2700
HOENE TILING	SHOEMAKER ISAAC	\$203.25	2700
GARY DANT	SWICK MEREDITH	\$150.00	1158

KOSESIAK CONSTRUCTION	SWICK MEREDITH	\$825.00	1158
EVEREST EXCAVATING	VAN CUREN	\$631.56	1158
GARY DANT	WALNUT CREEK	\$240.00	2700
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	WILLIAMSON SARAH	\$3189.22	2700
<b>4/18/2017</b>			
GARY DANT	SWICK MEREDITH	\$180.00	1158
GARY DANT	DEEDS CREEK	\$90.00	2700
GARY DANT	McCONNELL NEVIN	\$180.00	2700
GARY DANT	DEEDS CREEK	\$180.00	2700
GARY DANT	WALNUT CREEK	\$150.00	2700
GARY DANT	WALNUT CREEK	\$180.00	2700
GARY DANT	McCONNELL NEVIN	\$150.00	2700
HAMBY & SON	GILLIAM WILLIAM	\$270.00	1158
HAMBY & SON	HOOPENGARNER	\$575.00	1158
HAMBY & SON	CAUFFMAN	\$275.00	1158
HOENE TILING	GARBER JOSIAH	\$33.12	1158
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	PETERSON	\$475.00	1158
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	\$550.00	1158
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	CAUFFMAN	\$1479.00	1158
KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	CAUFFMAN	\$672.00	1158
SAWYER EXCAVATING	HOOPENGARNER	\$1500.00	1158

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
MAY 25, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**NOT PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR

RON TRUEX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**LLOYD SWARTZ PETITION:**

MR. SWARTZ CONSTRUCTED A DRAINAGE DITCH AT HIS OWN EXPENSE AND TIED IT INTO THE (CONRAD DANNER) COUNTY DRAIN. HE HAD THE DITCH CLEANED TO COUNTY STANDARDS AND IS REQUESTING THAT IT BE TAKEN INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM. HE BASICALLY EXTENDED THE OPEN DITCH ONTO HIS PROPERTY. THIS EXTENSION IS 525 FEET IN LENGTH. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS EXTENSION INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ROY MELLOTT DRAIN:**

MIKE LONG INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SOMETHING STILL NEEDS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON THE ROY MELLOTT DRAIN BEFORE THE HEARING IN JUNE.

**SHATTO CATTELL TWO STAGE:**

MIKE LONG BROUGHT TO THE BOARDS ATTENTION THAT LDP EXCAVATING HAS MOVED THEIR EQUIPMENT IN TO START THE DIPPING OF THIS PROJECT. MIKE LONG IS AGAINST ANY DIPPING OF THIS DRAIN PRIOR TO THE START TIME OF THE TWO STAGE PROJECT. MIKE LONG STATED HE WOULD BE THE VOICE OF THE LANDOWNERS THAT THEY DO NOT WANT THIS PROJECT STARTED UNTIL AUGUST. JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON THIS PROJECT ARE IN COMPLETE CONTROL AND THIS DECISION IS BETWEEN THE AFFECTED LANDOWNERS AND THE NRCS.

**HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS:**

MIKE LONG BROUGHT A LIST BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY DRAINS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A HEARING ON IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. THOSE DRAINS INCLUDE:

ALSPAUGH  
FAULKNER



GARBER, JOSIAH  
GOSHERT, JAMES  
ROOKSTOOL, I  
SILVEUS  
SOLOMON SECHRIST  
VAN CUREN  
WALKER, HANNAH

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE INSPECTOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SURVEYORS OFFICE HAS A LIST AS WELL.

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO REVIEW HIS LIST WITH THE COUNTY SURVEYOR AND COMPARE THE TWO LISTS TO CONSIDER WHICH DRAINS SHOULD HAVE HEARINGS TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT AND MINIMUMS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURN:**  
BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS**  
**5/2/16**

WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$540.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
CAUFFMAN	GARY DANT	\$90.00	1158
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$730.00	2700
HUFFER, DAVID	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$2870.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$550.00	1158
ROSS, ALFRED	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$581.76	2700
ROSS, ALFRED	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$688.24	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$450.00	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$392.50	1158
WELCH, JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$460.00	1158
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$315.00	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$472.50	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$517.50	1158
CAUFFMAN	HOENE TILING	\$3225.16	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	HOENE TILING	\$64.61	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HOENE TILING	\$60.68	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	HOENE TILING	\$11.00	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	HOENE TILING	\$110.74	1158
HUFFER, DAVID	HOENE TILING	\$1595.86	2700
HOOPENGARNER	HOENE TILING	\$264.36	1158
ROSS, ALFRED	HOENE TILING	\$332.22	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$672.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3335.14	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$631.00	1158
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1653.92	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	LDP EXCAVATING	\$22185.00	2700
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$3379.96	1158

**5/16/2017**

KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$390.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$390.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFF	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$590.00	2700
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$270.00	2700
PYLE, JOHN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$357.50	2700
DANNER, CONRAD	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$290.00	2700
SHOEMAKER, ISAAC	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$560.00	2700
FUNK	HOENE TILING	\$187.86	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING	\$152.29	1158
WYLAND	HOENE TILING	\$152.29	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$334.38	2700
WELCH, JAMES	HOENE TILING	\$203.25	1158
DANNER	JP DEVELOPERS	\$9100.00	2700
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$380.00	1158
VAN CUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1466.50	1158
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2551.70	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1632.00	1158
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$15.92	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$425.58	1158
DAVISSON	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$1857.00	1158
BILLER	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$1228.50	2700
KINNEY	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$1647.75	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	LDP EXCAVATING	\$3915.00	2700
CONRAD, WILLIAM	MM DRAINAGE INC	\$214.05	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	S & S FARMS	\$500.00	2700
METZGER, JOSEPH	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$260.00	1158
SILVEUS	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$500.00	1158

**5/30/2017**

KELLY ZIMMER	ACE HARDWARE #951	\$76.72	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
KELLY ZIMMER	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$751.48	1158
ALSPAUGH HAINES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$540.00	1158
GOSHERT, JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	1158
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2980.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$460.00	1158
VAN CUREN	HOENE TILING	\$266.95	1158
SHOEMAKER, ISAAC	HOENE TILING	\$76.15	2700
DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$76.15	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HOENE TILING	\$355.54	2700
FUNK	HOENE TILING	\$1737.35	2700
FLUKE HANSON	HOENE TILING	\$441.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	HOENE TILING	\$1175.16	1158
PYLE, JOHN	HOENE TILING	\$24.99	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$504.00	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1041.42	2700
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$750.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$310.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$512.65	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	LAKE CITY RENTAL	\$32.00	1158

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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2017

**JOINT BOARD (KOSCIUSKO/MARSHALL COUNTIES) SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN**

**PRESENT:**

JOHN MCNAMARA – CHAIRMAN – ST JOSEPH COUNTY  
MIKE DELP – VICE CHAIRMAN – MARSHALL COUNTY  
DAN VOREIS – MARSHALL COUNTY  
STEVE METZGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DENNIS DARR – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**SOLOMON SECHRIST JOINT BOARD MEETING:**

JOHN McNAMARA CALLED THE JOINT BOARD MEETING TO ORDER. DAN VOREIS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JOHN McNAMARA AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT BOARD. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MIKE DELP AS VICE CHAIRMAN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

MIKE KISSINGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY SURVEYOR GAVE A REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN. THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING TO DETERMINE THE RATES TO ADVERTISE. THE SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN CONSISTS OF 6.2 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 5.1 MILES OF TILE DITCH. THE DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$2114.18 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$31,551.21~~. THE LAST HEARING ON THE SOLOMON SECHRIST WAS IN AUGUST OF 1967. THE RATE WAS RAISED 25% IN JANUARY OF 1981. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH THE DAUSMAN MARSHALL COUNTY AS WELL AS YELLOW RIVER. DAN VOREIS MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

MIKE DELP MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2017. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

MIKE DELP MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JOINT BOARD MEETING. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY  
RON TRUEX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**



MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **ROY MELLOTT HEARING:**

##### **LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

LARRY MELLOTT

JOHN MELLOTT

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1971. THIS DRAIN HAS 10,300 FEET OF TILE AND 300 FEET OF OPEN DITCH. THE COUNTY REVIEWS THE WATERSHED AREA WHEN DRAINS COME UP FOR A HEARING. THOSE FINDINGS INCREASED THE WATERSHED AREA ON THIS DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$5409.67~~. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$2000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSEMENT IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JOHN MELLOTT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE INCREASE AS LONG AS WORK IS DONE ON THE DRAIN. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

RON TRUEX – DRAINAGE BOARD CHAIRMAN AND MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE DUE TO OWNING OR HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN LAND IN THE WATERSHED AREA, ALTHOUGH BOTH SUPPORTED THE INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT.

#### **BOCKMAN DRAIN PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE BOCKMAN DRAIN. THE TOTAL SHED AREA IS 77 ACRES. THIS DRAIN HAS 3640 FEET OF TILE AND NO OPEN. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$1234.38~~. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$6.25 PER ACRE AND A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING WAS IN 1980 AND THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN 1981. THE AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF MAINTENANCE IS \$700.00. MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A SMALL INCREASE PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WOULD NOT BE OUT OF LINE. MIKE LONG SUGGESTED A 50% INCREASE PER ACRE DUE TO THE INCREASE IN MINIMUMS BEING RAISED TO \$25.00. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE RATE AT \$9.38 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR BALANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **HAINES-ALSPAUGH PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE HAINES-ALSPAUGH DRAIN. THIS IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH WABASH COUNTY. WABASH COUNTY HAS WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO THE HEARING. THE TOTAL SHED AREA IS 1835 ACRES. THIS DRAIN IS 1.4 MILES OF OPEN AND 6 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$18658.69~~. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.88 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1993 AND THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN 1997. IN 2009, \$27,000.00 IN REPAIRS WAS MADE TO THIS DRAIN. THE AVERAGE ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN IS \$5900.00. MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED SEVERAL SAMPLE ASSESSMENT RATES TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD ASKED STEVE METZGER – DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER HIS RECOMMENDATION DUE THE FACT THAT HE OWNS PROPERTY IN THE SHED AREA. STEVE METZGER SUGGESTED THE RATE OF \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE RATES FOR A HEARING AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION. RON TRUEX AND MIKE LONG VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. STEVE METZGER ABSTAINED DUE TO OWNING OR HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN LAND WITHIN THE SHED AREA.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SHATTO-CATTELL MEETING

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD LIKE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SURVEYORS OFFICE TO ATTEND THE MEETING FOR THE SHATTO-CATTELL TWO STAGE PROJECT WHICH WILL INCLUDE DATA COLLECTED BY NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY BEING DISCUSSED WITH THE LANDOWNERS. THE BOARD REQUESTED A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE. THE SURVEYOR CONFIRMED THAT JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY OR YEARLY PAY:

DENNIS DARR REQUESTED TO BE PAID ONCE PER YEAR FOR MEETINGS AND MILEAGE. THE ENTIRE BOARD HAS TO AGREE TO BE PAID YEARLY PER THE AUDITORS OFFICE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR OF BEING PAID ONCE PER YEAR. THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE PAYMENT WILL BE AFTER THE FINAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR IN DECEMBER. THE CHECKS WILL NOT BE RECEIVED UNTIL JANUARY. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE YEARLY PAY AND MILEAGE. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS  
JUNE 13, 2017

DANNER	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$485.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$390.00	2700
GILLIAM, WM	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$445.00	1158
GILLIAM, WM	HOENE TILING INC	\$220.50	1158
GILLIAM, WM	HOENE TILING INC	\$110.74	1158
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
KELLY ZIMMER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$220.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$592.49	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$570.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HOENE TILING INC	\$162.59	2700
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$330.00	1158
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
SHANTON	HOENE TILING INC	\$1138.08	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$330.00	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$8000.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$60.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING INC	\$152.30	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$330.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$357.50	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING INC	\$76.15	1158
TRUAX	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1.66	1158
TRUAX	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$438.34	2700
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$917.50	1158
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2273.98	1158
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3428.00	1158
WALLACE EARL	HOENE TILING INC	\$88.99	1158
WALLACE EARL	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$425.00	1158

CLAIMS  
JUNE 27, 2017

ARMEY	DALTONS INC	\$4658.00	2700
BEYER BRADY	DALTONS INC	\$685.00	2700
BIERCE	DALTONS INC	\$548.00	2700
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS	\$960.00	2700
DANNER	HOENE TILING INC	\$1165.72	2700
DAUSMAN	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$3602.46	2700
DAUSMAN	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$826.76	2700
DAUSMAN	HOENE TILING INC	\$802.33	2700
EBY AMOS	DALTONS INC	\$548.00	2700
ELDER	N.E.W PLUMBING	\$390.00	2700
ELDER	DALTONS INC	\$1027.50	2700
ELDER	ACE HARD N WEBSTER	\$33.98	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2430.00	2700
GRAHAM WM T	DALTONS INC	\$2055.00	2700
HALL ISAAC	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$270.00	1158
MILLER J B	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$362.50	2700
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$540.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	HOENE TILING INC	\$152.30	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	DALTONS INC	\$281.33	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	DALTONS INC	\$746.17	1158
SHANTON	DALTONS INC	\$1619.56	1158
SHANTON	DALTONS INC	\$92.94	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	DALTONS INC	\$1027.50	2700
SILVER CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1900.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2011.50	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING INC	\$332.22	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$812.50	1158
TURKEY CREEK	DALTONS INC	\$822.00	2700
VANCUREN	HOENE TILING INC	\$315.38	1158
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2358.25	1158
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1780.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	DALTONS INC	\$1027.50	2700
WYLAND	DALTONS INC	\$1370.00	1158
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$770.00	1158



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
JULY 27, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

RON TRUEX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JAMES GOSHERT PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE JAMES GOSHERT DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$1521.18 PER YEAR. IT IS \$14,497.01 IN DEBT. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$2.94 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SEVERAL PROPOSED RATES. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 13,972 FEET OF TILE AND NO OPEN DITCH. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GOSHERT DRAIN WAS IN AUGUST 1973. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN MAY 1981. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$1700. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING WITH THE RATE OF \$6.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2017. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**DANNER DITCH PRIVATE CROSSING:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD OF A UNIQUE SITUATION. THE STATE HIGHWAY HAD TO PURCHASE SOME ADDITIONAL GROUND TO INSTALL A BRIDGE. WHEN THE STATE HIGHWAY EXPANDED THE BRIDGE THEY CUT OFF ACCESS FOR LANDOWNERS TO GET TO THEIR PROPERTY. THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INSTALLED A CROSSING ON STATE HIGHWAY PROPERTY. THE SURVEYOR BELIEVES THEY INSTALLED A USED PIPE. STATE HIGHWAY CLAIMED THEY RELEASED OWNERSHIP TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS. PROPERTIES WERE UNAWARE THE STATE HAD TRANSFERRED RESPONSIBILITY TO THEM. THE PIPE HAS BEEN FAILING AND IS BACKING WATER UP IN MUCK GROUND. THE FAILURE WAS CAUSING WATER TO BACKUP ON LANDOWNERS EAST. THE SURVEYOR INFORMED THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT THEY NEEDED TO REMOVE THE PIPE. RATHER THAN PROLONG DAMAGES UPSTREAM WHILE RESPONSIBILITY WAS ARGUED, KISSINGER DECIDED IN **THIS PARTICULAR CASE**, THAT THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WOULD REMOVE THE OLD PIPE AND INSTALL A NEW 36" CULVERT. THE SURVEYOR IS MAKING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE LANDOWNER TO SIGN THAT THE CROSSING FROM THIS POINT FORWARD IS HIS RESPONSIBILITY.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SOME CONTRACTORS ARE BEING CHARGED \$50 FOR ADDING THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED TO THEIR INSURANCE POLICY.

**ROY MELLOTT DRAIN UPDATE:**

DUE TO WORK BEING DONE AT THIS TIME, THE MELLOTT DRAIN HAS A LARGE CLAIM ATTACHED TO IT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE STATE WILL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY APPROXIMATELY \$6000 FOR WORK DONE.

**RAILROAD – HEISLER ARM OF WALNUT CREEK**

THE RAILROAD INSTALLED A PIPE THAT THE COUNTY THINKS IS TOO HIGH. THE RAILROAD SAID THEY USED THE FLOW LINE. THE RAILROAD INFORMED THE SURVEYOR THAT THE OLD PIPE IS STILL THERE. KISSINGER ASKED THE RAILROAD TO EXPOSE THE OLD PIPE. THEY INFORMED HIM THAT THEY CANNOT EXPOSE IT DUE TO THE FACT IT IS BURIED UNDER RIP RAP. THE RAILROAD DID NOT CONTACT THE SURVEYORS OFFICE WHEN THEY WERE INSTALLING THE NEW PIPE WHICH IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH INDIANA STATUTE (REF. I.C. 36-9-27-71e)

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS****JULY 11, 2017**

ACHOR CARLES	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$285.66	2700
ACHOR CARLES	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$803.68	2700
ACHOR CARLES	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$611.84	1158
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$10,900.00	2700
ELDER	HOENE TILING	\$47.53	2700
KOONTZ MARY	MEREDITH EXC	\$1,043.50	1158
MELLOTT ROY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1,901.74	1158
MILLER J B	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$3,955.00	2700
MILLER J B	HOENE TILING	\$1,589.96	2700
MILLER J L	EVEREST EXC	\$555.00	1158
VAN CUREN	HOENE TILING	\$445.32	1158

**JULY 25, 2017**

BIERCE	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$660.00	2700
DANNER	EVEREST EXC	\$830.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$272.44	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1,797.50	2700
ELDER	N.E.W. PLUMBING	\$390.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
GAY EAST ROBINSON	EVEREST EXC	\$8,222.00	2700
KELLY ZIMMER	HOENE TILING	\$756.10	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
MELLOTT ROY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$10,311.14	1158
MELLOTT ROY	HOENE TILING	\$3,547.05	1158
MELLOTT ROY	HOENE TILING	\$983.69	1158
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$880.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$350.00	2700

**JULY 31, 2017**

DEEDS CREEK	VISA (BIG R)	\$44.99	2700
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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 24, 2017

**JOINT BOARD (KOSCIUSKO/MARSHALL COUNTIES) SOLOMON SECHRIST DRAIN**

**PRESENT:**

JOHN MCNAMARA – CHAIRMAN – ST JOSEPH COUNTY  
MIKE DELP – VICE CHAIRMAN – MARSHALL COUNTY  
DAN VOREIS – MARSHALL COUNTY  
STEVE METZGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DENNIS DARR – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**MINUTES FROM JUNE 22, 1017 MEETING:**

MIKE DELP MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE JOINT BOARD MEETING. STEVE METZGER SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SOLOMON SECHRIST JOINT BOARD HEARING:**

JOHN McNAMARA – CHAIRMAN, BROUGHT THE JOINT MEETING TO ORDER. MIKE KISSINGER, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY SURVEYOR GAVE THE SURVEYORS REPORT. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 3000 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED. THIS DRAIN IS CURRENTLY \$29,835.82 IN DEBT. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN JUNE 1967.

WE RECEIVED ONE REMONSTRANCE LETTER FROM MRS. IRVIN LEMLER. BRIAN YODER CALLED MIKE KISSINGER TO MAKE THE BOARD AWARE THAT HE IS IN SUPPORT OF THE INCREASE.

JOHN McNAMARA – CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR BALANCE. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ASSESSMENT. MIKE DELP SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURN:**

MIKE DELP MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JOINT BOARD MEETING. DAN VOREIS SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING 8/24/2017**

**PRESENT:**

MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER

**NOT PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO AUDIT. DENNIS DARR SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.



**KELLY ZIMMER UPDATE:**

LEWIS SALVAGE IS TRYING TO DO SOME REQUIRED STORM WATER WORK ON PROPERTY ON WINONA AVE. THIS PROPERTY FLOODS. WE DID A LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK DOWNSTREAM OF THE PROPERTY. WE HAVE DONE SOME VACCUUMING UNDER THE RAILROAD, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY OF WARSAW. THE OUTLET IS USUALLY ABOUT 2 FEET UNDER WATER. THE FORMER OWNER OF THE PROPERTY RAN (IN 1999) A NEW PERFORATED WITH SOCK TILE THROUGH THE PROPERTY. THE SURVEYORS OFFICE WAS AWARE OF THE CHANGE AS HE WAS REROUTING THE TILE. THIS IS A 15" TILE THAT IS FLAT AND CURRENTLY ¾ FULL OF SAND. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR IS PROPOSING SOLID TILE THROUGH THIS PROPERTY, ALONG WITH MANHOLES WITH SUMPS IN THEM. HE INFORMED THE LANDOWNERS THAT THEY CAN RUN THEIR LATERALS WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THEY ARE RAN INTO THE MANHOLES ONLY. KISSINGER PROPOSED TO THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY PAY FOR ALL MATERIALS (INCLUDING THE MANHOLES) AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF THE 3 MANHOLES. LEWIS WILL PAY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE INSTALLATION. THERE IS ALSO A RISER ON THE OLD LINE THAT DRAINS WARSAW COIL. KISSINGER SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNTY PAY FOR AN 8" TILE (100') INTO ONE OF THE MANHOLES (MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION). THE ESTIMATE FOR THE COUNTY PORTION OF THIS PROJECT IS \$13,400. INSTALLATION COST TO BE PAID BY LANDOWNER IS APPROXIMATELY \$4000. THE SURVEYOR AND DRAINAGE BOARD IS TAKING THIS ACTION TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THE COUNTY DRAIN. THE AREA OF THE OLD GILL'S AUTO SALVAGE (LEWIS PROPERTY) HAS FLOODED FOR MANY YEARS (SURVEY RECORDS: FROM THE 1940'S) AND THIS ACTION WILL DO LITTLE TO AVOID THE SAME. THE GRADE OF THE TILE IS FLAT AND THE OUTLET IS NORMALLY UNDER 2 FEET OF WATER.

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TILE AS SUGGESTED BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**BURGNER ARM OF DAUSMAN RECONSTRUCTION AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATION:**

THE BURGNER ARM IS ON COUNTY ROAD 1050 NORTH JUST EAST OF 1000 WEST. WE HAD A PETITION PRESENTED ABOUT 3 YEARS AGO. RON ANGLIN AND RAY KEMP PRESENTED THE PETITION AND KISSINGER AGREES THAT THE TILE NEEDS RECONSTRUCTED. THIS IS A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN THAT IS ALL TILE. MR. ANGLIN HAS SEVERAL HOLES THROUGH HIS SOUTH FIELD. MIKE KISSINGER AND JIM MOYER HAVE SURVEYED THE ENTIRE DRAIN. STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION FOR A RECONSTRUCTION REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PLUNGE CREEK UPDATE:**

THERE IS A SUCKHOLE OR DEPRESSION ON THE PROPERTY OF NORMAN ROSS. WE HAVE WORKED ON THIS PROPERTY BEFORE. AT ONE TIME, A RECONSTRUCTION WAS PROPOSED TO THE LANDOWNERS. THEY DID NOT WANT TO PAY FOR A RECONSTRUCTION AND IT WAS DROPPED. SOME OF THE LANDOWNERS ARE RETHINKING THE RECONSTRUCTION AT THIS TIME. MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS ON THIS DRAIN. COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR A FEW WEEKS DUE TO WATER OVER THE ROAD. JIM MOYER, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HAS MADE THE SURVEYOR AWARE OF THE FACT THAT WE MAY HAVE TO JET UNDER THE ROAD.

**ROY MELLOTT UPDATE:**

BARRY KLINE IS SCHEDULED TO BE BACK IN THERE ON MONDAY AUGUST 28, 2017. THIS DRAIN GOES UNDER STATE ROAD 19. THE STATE HIGHWAY HAS REPLACED THE PIPE UNDER THE HIGHWAY. THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD HAS STANDING WATER. WE HAD A JETTER ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE STATE ROAD 19 AND THE WATER HAS DROPPED.

**SHATTO CATTELL TWO STAGE UPDATE:**

WE ARE CONTINUING THE PROJECT FROM THE END OF WHERE THE FORMER TWO STAGE LEFT OFF. THIS PROJECT IS BEING HEADED UP BY THE NRCS. THIS PROJECT WAS AWARDED TO LDP EXCAVATING AND IT IS THEIR FIRST TIME DOING A TWO STAGE PROJECT. WE HAVE RUN INTO SOME NASTY SOIL CONDITIONS ON THIS PROJECT. ONE OF THE STIPULATIONS OF THIS

PROJECT IS THAT THE DITCH NEEDED CLEANED AND SHOULD BE A PART OF THIS PROJECT. MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN AND LANDOWNER REPORTED THAT THERE WAS SOME TENSION ON SITE BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER, NRCS AND THE CONTRACTOR. HE FEELS THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALL ENTITIES INVOLVED. KISSINGER STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO REEVALUATE HOW THE SURVEYOR’S OFFICE IS INVOLVED WITH THE BIDDING PROCESS. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THE DITCH DOWN TO THE REQUIRED GRADE. THE SURVEYOR’S OFFICE WILL PAY THE INSTALLATION COST OF TWO PRIVATE CROSSINGS BUT; THE LANDOWNERS PROVIDED THE PIPES AND HAD THEM ON SITE. THE CROSSING ON MIKE LONG NEEDED TO BE ENLARGED AND LOWERED. MIKE LONG VOICED HIS CONCERNS REGARDING WHAT HE CONSIDERED A LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HIM AND THE OTHER PARTIES WHILE HE WAS OUT OF TOWN. KISSINGER RECOMMENDED THAT IN THE FUTURE, THE LANDOWNER OR HIS AGENT SHOULD BE ON-SITE WHEN WORK BEGINS ON THEIR PROPERTY TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR SAID THE PROJECT LOOKS VERY GOOD AND RECOMMENDED BOARD MEMBERS VISIT THE PROJECT.

**ADJOURN:**

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**  
**AUGUST 8, 2017**

ARMEY	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$1266.15	2700
ARMEY	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$428.56	2700
DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$2493.12	2700
DANNER	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$2640.00	2700
DANNER	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$851.18	2700
DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$220.50	2700
DANNER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1025.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3573.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
ELDER	MICHAEL DILLS	\$150.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
FLUKE HANSEN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$890.00	2700
KELLY ZIMMER	ELKHART COUNTY GRAVEL	\$442.58	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$812.50	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$10790.13	1158
KOONTZ MARY	BENS EXCAVATING	\$137.50	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
MAISH	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$1085.00	2700
MAISH	HOENE TILING	\$25.24	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$720.00	1158
METZGER JOSEPH	HOENE TILING	\$153.71	1158
PYLE JOHN	DIRT WORX LLC	\$400.00	2700
SHANTON	APEX PROPERTY SERVICE	\$2000.00	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$760.00	2700

**AUGUST 22, 2017**

DANNER	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$2750.00	2700
DAUSMAN	GOOD EXCAVATING & HAULING	\$3600.00	2700
DAUSMAN	HOENE TILING	\$612.04	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700

GAY EASTERDAY ROB	HOENE TILING	\$325.17	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$575.00	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	HOENE TILING	\$380.67	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	HOENE TILING	\$55.39	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
MELLOTT	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1238.09	1158
MELLOTT	NEIDLINGER FARM TILE	\$375.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$3735.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$952.86	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	LAKE CITY RENTAL	\$70.50	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$324.75	2700
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$8700.00	2700

**AUGUST 28, 2017**

TURKEY CREEK	CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	\$89.98	2700
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**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR

**NOT PRESENT:**

RON TRUEX – CHAIRMAN  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – MARY KOONTZ DRAIN:**

SAMUEL POLITANO CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A POLE BUILDING ON LOTS 17 & 32 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF SIDNEY. HE IS REQUESTING TO REDUCE THE DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY FROM 75 FEET TO 25 FEET FOR THIS BUILDING ONLY. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE VARIANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**HAINES ALSPAUGH HEARING:****LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

KENT LITTLE

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH WABASH COUNTY AND THEY HAVE WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO THE HEARING. THE HAINES ALSPAUGH DRAIN IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$1.88 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1993. THE ASSESSMENTS WERE RAISED 25% IN 1997. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$16226.40~~. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$4009.80. THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD OF AN ESTIMATE OF APPROXIMATELY \$6000.00 PER YEAR OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS DRAIN IS IN NEED OF A LOT OF REPAIRS ON THE LOWER END. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RATE AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**BOCKMAN:****LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

MEARLIN BIXLER

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS IS ENTIRELY A TILE DRAIN. THERE IS ONLY 77 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED. THE BOCKMAN DRAIN IS CURRENTLY ASSESSED AT \$6.25 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1980. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN 1981. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$871.02~~. THE CURRENT COLLECTION IS \$522.09 PER YEAR. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$9.38 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE PROJECTED ESTIMATE OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE WILL BE \$700. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT PART OF THE TILE RUNS UNDER A COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND WILL NEED REROUTED IN THE FUTURE AT THE COUNTY'S EXPENSE PER A PREVIOUS BOARD DECISION. MR. BIXLER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND DISCUSSED A PRIVATE TILE THAT DRAINS INTO THE COUNTY DRAIN. THE PRIVATE TILE IS NOT WORKING. KISSINGER INFORMED MR. BIXLER THAT THE ONLY THING THE COUNTY CAN DO IS MAKE SURE THE CONNECTION IS WORKING. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RATE AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **BURGENER RECONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE DISCUSSION:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A RECONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE FOR THE JOHN J BURGENER REGULATED DRAIN. THE ESTIMATE FOR THIS RECONSTRUCTION IS \$43312.50 FOR THE LOWER 2500' OF TILE. THIS ENTIRE DRAIN IS 5365 FEET OF TILE. THIS DRAIN NO LONGER FUNCTIONS AS DESIGNED AT THE LOWER END. THIS IS GOING TO BE A TWO STEP PROCESS. WE WILL SET UP A RECONSTRUCTION AND THEN FOLLOW WITH A YEARLY MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT. KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL IS TO RUN NEW TILE FROM COUNTY ROAD 1050 TO THE OPEN DITCH. THE PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT WOULD BE BROKEN DOWN INTO 3 SEPARATE RATES BASED ON THE BENEFIT OF THE RECONSTRUCTION. MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE ANNUAL ESTIMATED COST OF MAINTENANCE ON THIS DRAIN WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$800.00. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO CREATE A SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION PER THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION OF THE SURVEYOR AND TO ADVERTISE FOR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **SHATTO CATTELL:**

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SHATTO CATTELL TWO STAGE PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

##### **MELLOTT:**

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE STATE REIMBURSED THE COUNTY FOR THEIR PORTION OF THE PROJECT. MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THEY STOPPED AT THE BEST POINT POSSIBLE. THE DITCH NEEDS FURTHER REPAIRS.

##### **KELLY ZIMMER:**

THE LEWIS SALVAGE PROJECT IS COMPLETE. THEY NOW HAVE THEIR OUTLET TO DESIGN WHAT THEY NEED FOR IDEM'S REQUIREMENTS. KISSINGER ADVISED THAT THERE WILL STILL BE WATER THAT STANDS ON THE LEWIS PROPERTY PERIODICALLY.

##### **ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.



CLAIMS  
9/5/2017

KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
MELLOTT	MARK MONTEL	\$20.96	1158
MELLOTT	NEIDLINGER JOHN	\$650.00	1158
MELLOTT	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$9772.61	1158
MELLOTT	LAKE CITY RENTAL	\$196.50	1158
OMAR NEFF JEFF	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$440.00	2700
OMAR NEFF JEFF	HOENE TILING	\$188.11	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$950.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	G &G HAULING & EXC	\$1003.49	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	LAKE CITY RENTAL	\$56.50	2700
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
SHANTON	HUNGRY BEAVER STUMP REMOVAL	\$190.00	2700
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$420.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	HOENE TILING INC	\$34.40	2700

9/19/2017

DANNER	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
DAVISSON	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$2570.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
KELLY ZIMMER	FARMER TANK CO	\$3659.00	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	HOENE TILING	\$165.84	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	SHANKSTER BROS	\$4049.28	1158
MELLOTT	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$8796.27	1158
MELLOTT	LAKE CITY RENTAL	\$133.50	1158
MELLOTT	HOENE TILING INC	\$6960.32	1158
METZGER JOS	HOENE TILING INC	\$497.69	1158
METZGER JOS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$947.73	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1160.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$209.82	2700
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$60.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$30.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$9180.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$950.00	2700

9/29/2017

MELLOTT	CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	\$18.80	1158
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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2017

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
STEVE METZGER  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE INSPECTOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JAMES GOSHERT HEARING:**

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1981. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 13,970 FEET OF TILE AND NO OPEN DRAIN. THE COUNTY REVIEWS THE WATERSHED AREA WHEN DRAINS COME UP FOR A HEARING. THOSE FINDINGS INCREASED THE WATERSHED AREA ON THIS DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$2.94 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF -\$15,072.01. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$2000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$6.00 WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED AND NO LANDOWNERS WERE PRESENT FOR THE HEARING. STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE OF \$6.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**MAISH VARIANCE:**

TERRI KEIM SUBMITTED A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A DECK REPLACEMENT ON THE MAISH DRAIN. MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR ASKED THE BOARD FOR THE AUTHORIZATION TO MEASURE THE ENTIRE EXISTING STRUCTURES DISTANCE FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK AND PUT THE EXACT MEASUREMENT ON THE VARIANCE. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. UPDATE: THE SURVEYOR’S OFFICE HAS TAKEN SAID MEASUREMENT TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AND “30 FEET” WILL BE PLACED ON THE VARIANCE PER BOARDS MOTION.

**NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER RON TRUEX. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A REPUBLICAN CAUCUS WILL BE HELD TO REPLACE TRUEX AND THE NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONER WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS****10/3/2017**

ALEXANDER LUHR	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$811.30	1158
ALEXANDER LUHR	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$154.70	2700
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
KELLY ZIMMER	DIRTWORKX LLC	\$3475.00	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	ELKHART COUNTRY GRAVEL	\$247.14	1158
KELLY ZIMMER	HOENE TILING	\$143.59	1158
LEFFEL JOSHUA	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$672.91	2700
MELLOTT	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$475.00	1158
POLE RUN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
POLE RUN	HOENE TILING	\$102.35	2700
POLE RUN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$575.71	2700
PYLE JOHN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$8362.50	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	LDP EXCAVATING	\$2991.85	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	LDP EXCAVATING	\$14700.95	2700
SILVEUS	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1909.04	1158
SILVEUS	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1091.54	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$473.71	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1055.92	2700
TUCKER WILL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1627.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$466.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$2588.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$732.00	2700

**10/17/2017**

BLUE AUSTIN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$220.00	2700
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$270.00	1158
DANNER	DALTONS	\$102.75	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
KUHN ISAAH	DALTONS	\$548.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	DALTONS	\$479.50	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	DALTONS	\$308.25	2700
PYLE JOHN	DALTONS	\$205.50	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
TURKEY CREEK	BEERS LAWN INSTALLATION	\$1050.0	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5029.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$675.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	2700
YEAGER	HOENE TILING	\$288.38	1158

**10/31/2017**

CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$165.00	1158
ELDER	RIGHT OF WAY MGMT	\$621.19	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$504.31	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$1405.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2482.50	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	HAMBY & SON	\$420.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$275.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$1080.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$275.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$709.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	HOENE TILING	\$229.82	2700



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
STEVE METZGER  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE INSPECTOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD.

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS & MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JOHN BURGNER DRAIN RECONSTRUCTION HEARING:**

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:  
RON ANGLIN

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT OF RECONSTRUCTION. THE BURGNER DRAIN IS A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1897 AT THE COST OF \$56.80. ORIGINALLY CONSISTED OF 2300' OF 10" TILE, 2300' OF 12" TILE AND 765' OF 14" TILE. IN 2015 RON ANGLIN AND RAY KEMP BROUGHT IN A PETITION TO RECONSTRUCT THE BURGNER DRAIN. THE NEED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE DRAIN NO LONGER FUNCTIONS AS DESIGNED. IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR THE SURVEYOR BROUGHT A REPORT TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION WOULD BE. THE SURVEYORS OFFICE DECIDED THAT WE DID NOT NEED TO RECONSTRUCT THE ENTIRE 5320' OF THIS DRAIN, ONLY THE LOWER 2500' NEEDS RECONSTRUCTED, HOWEVER THE UPPER PART OF THIS DRAIN IS IN THE WATERSHED AREA AND WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE RECONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT. RON ANGLIN AND RAY KEMP (LANDOWNERS) HAD BEEN REPAIRING THIS DRAIN ON THEIR OWN. THE RECONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE IS \$43,312.50. THE NEW TILE WILL BE 15" FOR THE ENTIRE 2500'. THE SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE DOME PIPELINE ALSO RUNS THROUGH THIS PROPERTY. THE PIPELINE RUNS PERPENDICULAR TO THE DITCH. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THE DOME PIPELINE COMPANY DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS. RON ANGLIN REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON THE THREE DIFFERENT RATES AS FAR AS THE PROPERTY NEAR THE RECONSTRUCTION AREA VERSUS THE PROPERTIES THAT LIES NORTH OF THE RECONSTRUCTION AREA. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR EXPLAINED THAT WE WILL NOT BE RECONSTRUCTING THE DITCH ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 1050 NORTH. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE TILED THEIR WATER A DIFFERENT WAY, THEREFORE THE RATE FOR THE LAND IN THE WATERSHED AREA THAT WILL NOT BE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE 1/2 OR 2/3 OF THE RATE WHERE THE RECONSTRUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE. NO REMONSTRANCES WERE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECONSTRUCTION AS ADVERTISED. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

## **JOHN BURGNER DRAIN – MAINTENANCE HEARING:**

### **LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

RON ANGLIN

THIS HEARING IS TO ESTABLISH A YEARLY MAINTENANCE AND MINIMUM FOR THIS DRAIN. THE BURGNER DRAIN WAS BUILT IN 1897. THE TOTAL SHED AREA IS 172.36 ACRES. THERE IS 5365 FEET OF TILE. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST FOR THE DITCH IS \$800.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED. RON ANGLIN ASKED WHY WE WOULD BE COLLECTING A MAINTENANCE TAX WHEN WE ARE ALSO DOING A RECONSTRUCTION. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED MR. ANGLIN AND THE BOARD THAT THE PROPERTY NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 1050 NORTH IS STILL PART OF THE DRAIN AND CONSISTS OF OLD TILE THAT WILL PROBABLY INCUR SOME PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE AS ADVERTISED. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

### **ST. JOSEPH RIVER BASIN COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

MATT MEERSON, DIRECTOR OF THE ST. JOSEPH RIVER BASIN COMMISSION CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF AND DISCUSS WHAT THE COMMISSION CAN DO IN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY. THE COMMISSION WAS CREATED IN 1988 TO ADDRESS WATER QUALITY CONCERNS IN THE ST. JOSEPH RIVER AND LAKE MICHIGAN. THESE COMMISSIONS ARE SET UP BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE. THEY RECEIVE SOME MONEY FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO DO SOME PROJECTS BUT RELY ON THE SIX COUNTIES THAT ARE DRAIN INTO THE ST. JOSEPH RIVER AS PARTICIPATING MEMBERS IN THE COMMISSION FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET. KOSCIUSKO COUNTY IS ONE OF THE SIX COUNTIES. TURKEY CREEK AND LAKE WAWASEE ARE A PART OF THE COUNTY THAT DRAINS INTO THE ST. JOSEPH RIVER. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR ASKED HOW THE COUNTY PAYS FOR THIS COMMISSION. MEERSON EXPLAINED HOW THE COMMISSION REQUESTS MONEY FROM THE DIFFERENT COUNTIES. MIKE LONG INFORMED MR. MEERSON ABOUT THE 2 STAGE DITCH WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTY. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR SAID THE DRAINAGE BOARD AND THE SURVEYORS BOTH SUPPORT THE 2 STAGE DITCH PROGRAM.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED DENNIS DARR THAT HE WAS UP FOR REAPPOINTMENT NEXT YEAR.

MIKE LONG, VICE CHAIRMAN SPOKE ABOUT THE PROGRESS THE DRAINAGE BOARD HAS MADE IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS AS FAR AS HEARINGS AND GETTING SOME OF THE DRAINS BACK INTO THE BLACK AND A LOT OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. HE ASKED FOR YEAR END PROGRESS REPORTS AND YEAR OVER YEAR COMPARISON REPORTS. HE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION AT THE JANUARY 2018 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING.

MIKE LONG, VICE CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PHOTOS FROM THE DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (OF PROGRESS AND ACTUAL PROBLEMS) THAT COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT PUBLIC DRAINAGE BOARD MEETINGS.

CARY GRONINGER, CHAIRMAN ASKED TO HAVE THE MONTHLY CLAIMS TOTALED BY MAINTENANCE FUND AND GENERAL DRAIN. THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER 2017 MINUTES.

JIM SCOTT ASKED IF THE PUBLIC IS NOTIFYING THE SURVEYORS OFFICE ABOUT HOLES IN THE COUNTY TILES OR PROBLEMS WITH OPEN DRAINS. MIKE LONG ASKED IF WE HAVE A FREQUENCY THAT WE GO OUT AND INSPECT THE DRAINS BEFORE THE LANDOWNERS LET US KNOW OF A PROBLEM. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE DO NOT HAVE AN ACTUAL

PROGRAM; HOWEVER THE SURVEYOR, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR AND DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR ARE ALWAYS TRAVELING THE ROADS OF THE COUNTY AND ON THE LOOKOUT FOR DRAINAGE PROBLEMS. HE ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND THE SURVEYORS OFFICE HAVE A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND INFORM EACH OTHER OF PROBLEMS THAT THEY MAY SEE.

UPDATE ON WALNUT CREEK ON COUNTY ROAD 400 SOUTH. THE RAILROAD PUT IN A CULVERT WITHOUT INFORMING THE SURVEYORS OFFICE AND INSTALLED IT AT THE WRONG ELEVATION. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, SPOKE WITH SOMEONE WITH THE RAILROAD WHO SAID THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM. KISSINGER WILL MEET WITH THE RAILROAD AND THEIR CONTRACTOR IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO GIVE THEM A RECOMMENDATION ON HOW TO FIX THE ISSUE.

ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS  
11/14/2017

COPPESS	CLUNETTE ELEVATOR	\$406.80	2700
DANNER	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	HAMBY & SON	\$1225.00	2700
GAY EAST ROBINSON	CLUNETTE ELEVATOR	\$203.40	2700
MELLOTT ROY	CREIGHTON BROTHERS	\$1000.00	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HAMBY & SON	\$275.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$580.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	LDP EXCAVATING	\$1100.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	1158
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$375.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$660.00	1158
VAN CUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$875.00	2269
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$660.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$720.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$550.00	2700
WYLAND	HOENE TILING	\$140.17	2700

11/28/2017

DANNER	LEMLER & SONS BACKHOE	\$3805.00	2700
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS BACKHOE	\$2267.34	2700
DANNER	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$1380.00	2700
DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$204.77	2700
FLUKE HANSEN	N.E.W PLUMBING	\$395.00	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1161.00	2700
McCLAIN PETER	HAMBY & SON	\$927.50	1158
McCLAIN PETER	HOENE TILING	\$360.06	1158
SHOEMAKER EMELINE	HAMBY & SON	\$365.11	1158
SHOEMAKER EMELINE	HAMBY & SON	\$364.89	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HAMBY & SON	\$250.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$452.94	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HOHMAN EXC	\$525.78	2700
WYLAND	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$460.00	2700



TOTALS  
MAINTENANCE: \$16,444.15  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,465.61

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
DECEMBER 28, 2017

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
SUE GLADIEUX – GIS TECHNICIAN

**NOT PRESENT:**

STEVE METZGER – DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

BEFORE THE MEETING STARTED, JIM SCOTT AGREED TO BE PAID FOR 2018.

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS WITH A CORRECTION TO BE MADE ABOUT PHOTOS OF WORK IN PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

THERE ARE 2 VARIANCES ON THE AGENDA. ONE WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE PETITIONER AS HE IS MOVING HIS BUILDING OUT OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE WYLAND DITCH. THE OTHER PETITIONER WAS NOT PRESENT. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT IF THIS PETITIONER COULD PROVIDE A DETAILED SITE PLAN, THE BOARD COULD RULE ON HIS PETITION AT THE NEXT MEETING WITHOUT HIM BEING PRESENT. TRANSPORTATION IS DIFFICULT FOR THIS PETITIONER.

**EMELINE SHOEMAKER DRAIN**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, GAVE A GENERAL REPORT. THIS DRAIN COLLECTS \$159.46 PER YEAR AND HAS A BALANCE OF -\$745.84. IT HAS A RATE OF \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS MARCH 1978. THERE WAS A HOLE IN KRALIS BROTHERS FIELD AND THE COST OF REPAIR WAS \$1000.00. AS WITH RECENT HEARINGS, WE HAD THE GIS DEPARTMENT CHECK THE WATERSHED AREA TO SEE IF ANY CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE. THE REPORT SHOWS A 30% REDUCTION IN ACRES BENEFITTED ON THIS DRAIN. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT KRALIS BROTHERS MAY HAVE TILED SUB SURFACE WATER IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION OUT OF THE WATERSHED. MIKE LONG INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE DID THE TILING ON THIS PROPERTY AND ANOTHER NEARBY FIELD.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WAS GOING TO RESEARCH THIS DRAIN MORE AND ADJUST THE WATERSHED. KISSINGER WILL FURNISH NEW NUMBERS ON THE SHOEMAKER DRAIN AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE ARE 262 WORKORDERS IN PLACE FOR 2017 AND 4 BID PROJECTS THAT THE BIDS ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 29, 2017. THE FALL COLLECTION IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING PUT ON THE BOOKS.

THE BOARD HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT ORDERING DIRECT FROM FACTORY FOR TILE AND PURCHASING THROUGH LOCAL COMPANIES. MIKE KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD CHECK INTO DIRECT ORDER AND COMPARE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO.

CARY GRONINGER, CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YEARLY REPORTS OF AMOUNT BORROWED FROM GENERAL DRAIN. MIKE LONG ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE NUMBER OF WORKORDERS FOR LAST 3 YEARS.

**WALNUT CREEK RAILROAD CROSSING:**

COUNTY ROAD 400 SOUTH ON THE EAST SIDE OF STATE ROAD 15. A RAILROAD ENGINEER FROM ATLANTA MET WITH MIKE KISSINGER AT THE SITE. THE ENGINEER WAS VERY APOLOGETIC AND SAID THE RAILROAD WOULD FIX THE ISSUE. THEY HAVE STARTED THE BIDDING PROCESS. KISSINGER INFORMED THE RAILROAD THAT THE PROJECT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE PLANTING SEASON.

**McCLEARY GOCHENOUR RAILROAD CROSSING:**

THERE ARE 2 PIPES IN THIS LOCATION. 1 OF THE PIPES HAVE FAILED. THE SOLUTION THAT THE RAILROAD CAME UP WITH YEARS AGO WAS TO JUST SEAL IT OFF UPSTREAM. THE RAILROAD WILL MAKE REPAIRS IN 2018. DON ZOLMAN (PROPERTY OWNER) IS READY TO FILE SUIT IF NOT DONE BY 2018 PLANTING SEASON.

**HEARING RESULTS:**

CARY GRONINGER, CHAIRMAN REPORTED TO THE BOARD THE PERCENTAGE INCREASES OF DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS DUE TO THE HEARINGS WE HAVE HAD IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

MARK MONTEL, DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR AND JIM MOYER, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HAVE BEEN CHECKING ON DRAINS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE STOPPED COLLECTION DUE TO REACHING THEIR MAXIMUM BALANCE TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE REPAIRED. CARY GRONINGER, CHAIRMAN SAID IT IS GOOD TO BE PROACTIVE.

**MARY KOONTZ DRAIN:**

RECENTLY REPLACED 400 FEET OF TILE. MARK MONTEL, DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR WAS AT THE JOB SITE FOR 1 ½ DAYS WATCHING OVER THE PROGRESS. DON ZOLMAN CONTACTED KISSINGER AND PRAISED MARK AND THE CONTRACTOR FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

**HEARING RESULTS QUESTIONS:**

CARY GRONINGER, CHAIRMAN ASKED THE SURVEYOR WHAT HE TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN HAVING A HEARING TO RAISE THE MAINTENANCE OF A DITCH. MOSTLY IT IS THE YEARS IN DEBT. SUE GLADIEUX, GIS TECHNICIAN TOLD THE BOARD SHE WOULD CONTACT THE ADJOINING COUNTIES TO SEE HOW THEIR NUMBERS COMPARE TO OURS.

**DENNIS DARR REAPPOINTMENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED DENNIS DARR THAT HE WAS REAPPOINTED FOR ANOTHER 4 YEAR TERM AT A RECENT COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS**

**12/12/2017**

BIERCE	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
DANNER	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$1802.00	2700
DAVISSON	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$255.00	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$589.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	DUBOIS THADDEUS	\$150.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$41.46	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$945.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	HAMBY & SON	\$2820.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	HOENE TILING	\$319.97	1158



SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$918.30	1158
SHILLING WILLIAM	HAMBY & SON	\$1690.00	1158
SHOEMAKER EMELINE	HOENE TILING	\$380.73	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2253.41	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$9370.54	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$550.00	1158
WELCH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$547.00	1158
WYLAND	APEX PROPERTY SERVICE	\$1600.00	2700

12/26/2017

BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4672.55	2700
BIERCE	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$2772.05	2700
DANNER CONRAD	MM DRAINAGE	\$167.75	2700
DANNER CONRAD	LEMLER & SONS	\$2011.25	2700
FAULKNER	LDP EXCAVATING	\$500.00	1158
GILLIAM WILLIAM	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$370.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$3208.50	1158
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1969.00	1158
PETERSON	RANSBOTTOM EXCAVATING	\$1560.09	1158
ROSS ALFRED	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1150.90	2700
ROSS ALFRED	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1959.10	1158
SHANTON	HOENE TILING	\$150.79	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	HOENE TILING	\$456.88	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	MM DRAINAGE	\$450.82	1158

TOTALS

MAINTENANCE	\$16,637.75
GENERAL DRAIN	\$29,544.34

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
January 25, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – JL MILLER DRAIN:**

MARVIN MILLER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A BARN WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. THIS IS A 15 INCH TILE IN THIS AREA. MR. MILLER IS REQUESTING TO REDUCE THE DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY TO 35 FEET FOR THIS BUILDING ONLY. THE 35 FEET WILL INCLUDE THE OVERHANG. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE VARIANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**EMELINE SHOEMAKER DRAIN PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE EMELINE SHOEMAKER DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$159.46 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS -\$684.18. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SEVERAL PROPOSED RATES. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 2700 FEET OF 14 INCH TILE. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS IN 1978. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN APRIL OF 1978. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$425.00. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING WITH THE RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 22, 2018.

**ABRAHAM TRUEX DRAIN PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE ABRAHAM TRUEX DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$225.72 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.20 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM WITH A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 1971. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$251.97. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SEVERAL PROPOSED RATES. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 5280 FEET OF OPEN DRAIN AND 7700 FEET OF TILE. MAXIMUM SIZE OF TILE IS 16 – 18 INCH. KISSINGER ASSUMES THAT SOME LANDOWNERS ARE MAKING THEIR OWN

REPAIRS. RECENT REPAIRS HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY \$600-\$800. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING WITH THE RATE OF \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 22, 2018.

**OMAR NEFF JEFFERSON DISCUSSION:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, BROUGHT TO THE DRAINAGE BOARDS ATTENTION THAT A GROUP OF LANDOWNERS ARE POSSIBLY GETTING A PETITION TOGETHER TO HAVE AN OPEN DITCH TAKEN INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM. THE LANDOWNERS HAVE RECENTLY HAD THE DITCH CLEANED. THE OPEN DITCH CROSSES THROUGH A TILE DRAIN THAT IS VERY SHALLOW. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE TILE BE PLUGGED OFF ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE OPEN DITCH. THERE IS NO ACTION REQUIRED FROM THE BOARD AT THIS TIME. AWAITING A SIGNED PETITION.

**YEAR END INFORMATION:**

- KISSINGER PRESENTED A YEAR END REPORT TO THE BOARD. IN 2017 THERE WERE:
- 262 WORKORDERS ISSUED
  - 1.62 MILES OF TILE INSTALLED
  - 17.2 MILES OF DEBRUSHING/DEADFALL REMOVAL
  - 32 MILES OF OPEN DRAINS DREDGED
  - 31.24 MILES OF BRUSH CONTROL
  - 8.29 MILES OF MOWING OVER TILE DRAINS

KISSINGER GAVE COMPARISONS FROM SURROUNDING COUNTIES TO THE BOARD AS WELL.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

1/9/2018

BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2229.25	2700
GILLIAM WILLIAM	HOENE TILING	\$101.90	1158
KOONTZ MARY	HOENE TILING	\$2541.65	1158
PYLE JOHN	HOENE TILING	\$378.67	2700
PYLE JOHN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$630.00	2700

1/23/2018

BURGENER RECON.	TEAM EJP	\$8381.00	1158
BURGENER RECON.	TEAM EJP	\$5886.16	1158
DANNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4040.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
GAY EAST ROB	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$410.22	2700
HOOPENGARNER	SAWYER EXC	\$3256.53	2700
HOOPENGARNER	SAWYER EXC	\$435.47	1158
LONG CY	GARY DANT	\$690.00	1158
LONG CY	GARY DANT	\$570.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$475.00	2700
SILVER CREEK	GARY DANT	\$720.00	2700



SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$60.00	1158
SWICK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$800.00	1158
SWICK	GARY DANT	\$330.00	1158
SWICK	GARY DANT	\$360.00	1158
UNRUH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1050.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$600.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700

## TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE - \$14,329.67

GENERAL DRAIN - \$20,156.18

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – HAMMOND STUTZMAN DRAIN  
MAST PROPERTIES**

CHESTER GAMBLE, AGENT FOR MAST PROPERTIES CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST A VARIANCE TO PUT A TWO FOOT BERM AND OTHER STORMWATER STRUCTURES WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE HAMMOND STUTZMAN DRAIN.

THE DRAINAGE BOARD GRANTED A VARIANCE OF 20 FEET WITH THE STIPULATION OF A MINIMUM OF TWO FEET OF COVER OVER THE TILE.

**ALLEN RUPLE DRAIN PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE ALLEN RUPLE DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$2,806.27 PPER YEAR. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.25 WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS -\$2,792.80. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SEVERAL PROPOSED RATES. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 2.8 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN AND 2.1 MILES OF TILE (6" – 18"). THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS FEBRUARY 1974. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN SEPTEMBER 1997. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$4965.00. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING WITH THE RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 26, 2018.

**LUHR ALEXANDER DRAIN PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE LUHR ALEXANDER DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$282.33 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$0.63 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN

WAS IN FEBRUARY 2009 TO CHANGE IT TO AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THIS DRAIN WAS RAISED 25% IN MAY 1977. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS -\$1,559.14. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SEVERAL PROPOSED RATES. THIS DRAIN IS 7,300 FEET OF TILE (10" – 18"). REPAIRS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY \$1,000.00. THERE ARE 2 MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS ON THIS DITCH. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING WITH THE RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 26, 2018.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

MIKE LONG ASKED THE DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE COUNTY DRAINS DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF RAIN THAT THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED THE LAST FEW DAYS. MARK MONTEL, DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT MOST OF THE DRAINS ARE WORKING WELL, HOWEVER THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS. MIKE LONG ASKED ABOUT THE SHATTO CATTELL DRAIN WHERE THERE WAS A RECENT TWO STAGE PROJECT WITH THE NRCS. JIM MOYER, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE BANKS ARE LOOSE BECAUSE THE VEGETATION HAS NOT REESTABLISHED ITSELF. HE BELIEVES WHEN THE WATER RECEDES THERE WILL BE SOME PROBLEM AREAS. WE HAVE INFORMED SOIL & WATER AND THE NRCS THAT THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE SOME DAMAGE. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WILL BE MEETING WITH CHAD FROM THE NRCS TO DISCUSS DAMAGES AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS.

**DANNER DITCH:**

MIKE LONG INFORMED THE BOARD OF SOME DAMAGE TO SOME OUTLETS DURING A CLEANING OF THIS DITCH. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE OUTLETS WERE MARKED. KISSINGER INFORMED LONG THAT THE COUNTY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE COST OF REPAIRING THE OUTLETS.

**FILTER STRIPS:**

THE BOARD DISCUSSED A DRAINAGE TAX REDUCTION FOR PROPERTIES WITH A FILTER STRIP ALONG AN OPEN DITCH TO ENCOURAGE OWNERS TO PUT A FILTER STRIP ALONG THEIR DITCH. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WAS NOT SURE THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD DO SOME FURTHER RESEARCH TO SEE IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE.

**BURGENER RECONSTRUCTION:**

CARY GRONINGER ASKED IF THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WAS COMPLETED. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT ALL WAS COMPLETED EXCEPT FOR LEVELING AND THAT THE PROJECT CAME IN UNDER ESTIMATE.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS**

2/6/2018

ALEXANDER LUHR	HOENE TILING	\$882.00	1158
BURGENER RECONSTRUCTION	HOENE TILING	\$975.79	1158
BURGENER RECONSTRUCTION	LDP EXCAVATING	\$8342.00	1158
BURGENER RECONSTRUCTION	TEAM EJP	\$666.35	1158
DANNER CONRAD	HAMBY & SON	\$945.00	2700



DANNER CONRAD	HOENE TILING	\$2248.61	2700
DANNER CONRAD	LEMLER & SONS	\$1650.00	2700
KUHN ISAIAH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4548.84	2700
KUHN ISAIAH	HOENE TILING	\$1050.88	2700
SHANTON	DIRTWORKX LLC	\$850.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$340.00	2700

2/20/2018

DANNER CONRAD	HAMBY & SON	\$620.00	2700
DANNER CONRAD	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$400.00	2700
DANNER CONRAD	HAMBY & SON	\$3025.00	2700
DANNER CONRAD	HOENE TILING	\$2355.82	2700
GILLIAM WILLIAM	HAMBY & SON	\$810.00	1158
HUFFER DAVID	HOENE TILING	\$606.30	2700
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$722.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING	\$326.59	1158

TOTALS:

2700 MAINTENANCE: \$18,640.45

1158 GENERAL DRAIN: \$12,724.73

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2018

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CHAPMAN LAKE VARIANCE:**

ARLEN BRENNEMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST A VARIANCE FOR AN EXISTING STRUCTURE AT 1944 CHAPMAN LAKE DRIVE. THE HOME WAS BUILT IN THE 1970'S AND IS 25 FEET FROM THE ROBERT SHROYER DITCH. THE SHROYER DITCH IS COUNTY REGULATED ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT COLLECT AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS TIME. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE AT THE DISTANCE FROM THE EXISTING STRUCTURE TO THE TOP OF THE NORTH BANK OF SAID DRAIN. KISSINGER WILL DETERMINE THE DISTANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**TRUEX HEARING:**

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

SCOTT FERVIDA  
RON KLOTZ

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST HEARING ON THE TRUEX DRAIN WAS IN 1971. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 7700 FEET OF TILE AND 5290 FEET OF OPEN DITCH. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.20 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND SCHEDULED TO STOP COLLECTING WHEN THE BALANCE WOULD REACH 4 TIMES THE COLLECTION AMOUNT. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$251.97. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$1900.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED.

SCOTT FERVIDA CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS DONE SOME EXTENSIVE TILING ON HIS PROPERTY. FERVIDA INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS TILE HAS MORE ACRES DRAINING INTO IT THAN THERE

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SHOULD BE. FERVIDA ASKED THE BOARD ABOUT ANY PLANS FOR IMPROVING THE TILE TO THE EAST IF THE INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT PASSES. KISSINGER INFORMED FERVIDA THAT WITH THE INCREASE, IT GIVES THE COUNTY THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE REPAIRS IN A MUCH BETTER MANNER.

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE OF \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**EMELINE SHOEMAKER HEARING:**

NO LANDOWNERS WERE PRESENT AND NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS WERE RECEIVED.

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS MARCH 1978. THIS DRAIN WAS RAISED 25% IN APRIL 1978. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 2700 FEET OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS -\$684.18. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$800.00. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**FILTER STRIP UPDATE:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT CURRENTLY LANDOWNERS THAT HAVE A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN RUNNING THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY ARE NOT ASSESSED FOR LAND IN THE 150 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. THIS IS A LARGER TAX BREAK FOR LANDOWNERS THAN PROVIDING A TAX BREAK FOR FILTER STRIPS

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**JOHN PYLE DRAIN**

THIS PROPERTY IS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CRYSTAL LAKE. MIKE LONG INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CREIGHTON BROTHERS SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT GETTING THIS CLEANED. THEY STILL WANT THIS PROJECT DONE. THIS DITCH IS SURROUNDED BY WETLANDS SO THERE WILL NEED TO BE PERMITS APPLIED FOR.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS WILL FALL UNDER A RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND NOT A MAINTENANCE PROJECT DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE WILL NEED TO RESHAPE THE DITCH. THE TIME FRAME WOULD BE THAT THE DNR WOULD COORDINATE WITH IDEM, ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS AND THE SURVEYORS OFFICE TO MEET AT THE SITE. THOSE AGENCIES THEN GIVE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE DNR. AT THIS POINT THE SURVEY OF THE DITCH WOULD BE DONE.

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED. STEVE METZGER SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SHATTO CATTELL DRAIN TWO STAGE PROJECT:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE MEETS WITH NRCS ON TUESDAY MARCH 27, 2018 AT 2:30PM. THIS MEETING IS TO VIEW THE DAMAGE FROM THE BIG RAIN AND COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR REPAIRS AND TO FIGURE WHERE FINANCING WOULD COME FROM FOR ANY REPAIRS.



**NEVIN McCONNELL DRAIN:**

THERE IS A LAKE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS DITCH THAT THE DNR AND ARMY CORP WILL NOT LET US GET CLOSE TO. NEXT STAGE FOR THIS DITCH IS TO START DIPPING. PROJECT WILL START IN SYRACUSE AND GO UPSTREAM.

**GEORGE HEISLER ARM OF WALNUT CREEK: (RAILROAD PROJECT)**

KISSINGER REPORTED THAT THIS PROJECT IS DONE UNDER RAILROAD. NEXT STEP IS TO CLEAN THE DITCH UPSTREAM.

**SPRING WORK:**

KISSINGER REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE HAS ISSUED SEVERAL WORKORDERS FOR SPRING WORK.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

3/6/2018

ARMEY	LDP EXCAVATING	\$15,099.50	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$10,248.00	2700
HUFFER DAVID	SWANSON EXCAVATING	\$835.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	APEX PROPERTIES	\$1,625.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	APEX PROPERTIES	\$8,775.00	2700

MARCH 20, 2018

BEYER BRADY	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$420.00	2700
BIERCE	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$202.50	2700
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1,415.00	2700
DANNER	SWANSON EXCAVATING	\$920.00	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2,511.07	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3,112.93	1158
GARBER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1,395.00	1158
HOOPENGARNER	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$843.30	1158
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3,147.00	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFF	MM DRAINAGE	\$5,317.75	2700
PYLE JOHN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1,527.08	2700
GAY EAST ROBINSON	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$6,000.00	2700
GAY EAST ROBINSON	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$4,714.29	1158
GAY EAST ROBINSON	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$3,775.71	2700
SILVEUS	DIRTWORX	\$2,647.82	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	SWANSON EXCAVATING	\$720.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1,197.50	1158
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$300.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$810.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1,016.50	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$270.00	2700

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**TOTALS:**

MAINTENANCE: \$60,258.11

GENERAL DRAIN: \$18,587.84

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR  
SUE GLADIEUX – GIS TECHNICIAN  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**NOT PRESENT:**

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PETERSON DRAIN VARIANCE:**

BRIAN LANDIS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PLACE AN ABOVE GROUND POOL AND DECK WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. MR. LANDIS WAS REQUESTING A 40 – 50 FOOT VARIANCE. THE BOARD ASKED MR. LANDIS HOW MUCH GROUND HE OWNED. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE OWNED A LITTLE OVER 30 ACRES. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT PART OF HIS LAND IS FARMED, PART IS WOODED. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE VARIANCE TO PROTECT THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION. MIKE LONG WAS OPPOSED.

**SWICK MEREDITH DRAIN VARIANCE:**

TODD HOFFMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST A VARIANCE TO REPLACE A MOBILE HOME AND DECK ON THE SWICK MEREDITH DRAIN IN YELLOW CREEK RESORT. MR. HOFFMAN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT THE DITCH BANK IS ERODING ALL THE TIME. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT REMOVING TWO LARGE SYCAMORE TREES ALONG THE DITCH BANK AS WELL AS PLACING FIELD STONE ON THE BANKS. MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED HOFFMAN THAT NO DRAINAGE BOARD APPROVAL IS NECESSARY FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR THE PARK MODEL AT 27 FEET. THE DECK WILL NEED TO BE A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE THAT WILL NOT BE ATTACHED TO THE PARK MODEL. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**LUHR ALEXANDER HEARING:**

THERE WERE NO LANDOWNERS PRESENT AND NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED FOR THIS HEARING.



MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR, PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 7300 FEET OF TILE. THE TILE RANGES IN SIZE FROM 10 INCH TO 18 INCH. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$0.00 AND OWES THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND **\$1559.14**. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$1500.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RATE AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ALLEN RUPLE HEARING:**

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

JAMES WHITAKER

MIKE GETZ

BOB BISHOP FOR MAX FAWLEY

THERE WAS 1 REMONSTRANCE LETTER RECEIVED FROM WILLIAM & VICKIE HUBNER.

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS FEBRUARY 1974. THERE IS 2.1 MILES OF TILE AND 2.8 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.25 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM AND SCHEDULED TO STOP COLLECTION WHEN THE BALANCE REACHES 4 TIMES THE COLLECTION AMOUNT. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS **-\$2792.80**. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$10,000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THIS DRAIN NEEDS SOME DEBRUSHING ALONG WITH SOME TILE REPAIRS. MIKE GETZ CAME BEFORE THE BOARD WITH SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. HE INFORMED THE BOARD HE HAS SOME DOWNED TREES ON HIS PROPERTY. JAMES WHITAKER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS FLOODING ISSUES ON HIS PROPERTY. BOB BISHOP CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REPRESENTING MAX FAWLEY. HE SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE COUNTY EXTENDING THE DRAIN TO TAKE IN AN AREA SOUTH OF THE RUPLE DRAIN IN THE AREA OF COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST AND 375 NORTH. THIS DRAIN WOULD NEED TO BE PUT IN BY THE LANDOWNERS AND PETITIONED TO THE COUNTY OR DONE BY CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DRAIN AND PAID FOR BY THE LANDOWNERS. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS ADVERTISED. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**HARRISON CORWIN GRADY DISCUSSION:**

JIM MOYER, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE HARRISON CORWIN GRADY ARM OF THE COPPESS DRAIN. THIS DITCH STOPS IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIELD. THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN THIS DRAIN AND THE COPPESS DITCH. THERE IS A FLOODING ISSUE WITH ALL PROPERTY OWNERS DOWNSTREAM. PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE CONSTRUCTED THEIR OWN DRAINAGE SYSTEM FROM WHERE THE HARRISON CORWIN GRADY STOPS TO COUNTY ROAD 900 NORTH TO KEEP THE WATER MOVING DOWNSTREAM. MOYER IS PROPOSING TO ASK THE LANDOWNER ABOUT TAKING IN THE OPEN DRAINAGE DITCH INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM. THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD NEED TO ENHANCE THIS AREA TO SLOW THE WATER SO IT DOESN'T FLOOD AS BAD. JIM MOYER WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE LANDOWNER TO WIDEN THE OPEN DITCH AND ALSO DISCUSS THE



DIFFERENT PLANS FOR FIXING THIS ISSUE. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO DISCUSS THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM WITH THE LANDOWNER THAT IS NOT CURRENTLY A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JAMES WELCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE JAMES WELCH DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$1548.84 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT RATE IS A % PER ACRE AND A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$5241.71~~. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT WITH SEVERAL PROPOSED RATES. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 7000 FEET OF OPEN DITCH AND 13500 FEET OF TILE (14 – 20"). THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN MAY 1969. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN JULY 1980. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$4200.00. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING WITH THE RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2018.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**DANNER DRAIN:**

STATE ROAD 19 TILE NORTH OF ETNA GREEN: JIM MOYER, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HAS CONTACTED THE STATE HIGHWAY ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

**SHATTO CATTELL DRAIN:**

JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE IS MEETING WITH THE CONTRACTOR ON MONDAY MORNING.

**PYLE DRAIN:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR CONTACTED THE STATE AND WAS INFORMED THAT THEY ARE DOWN TO 2 EMPLOYEES IN THE DIVISION OF WATER. THIS IS THE DIVISION THAT WILL HAVE TO CONDUCT THE EARLY COORDINATION MEETING. WE ARE ON RECORD WITH THE STATE THAT WE HAVE MADE THE REQUEST FOR THE MEETING.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

4/3/2018

ALSPAUGH HAINES	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1975.00	1158
ALSPAUGH HAINES	HOENE TILING	\$1366.14	1158
ALSPAUGH HAINES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$727.99	1158
ARMEY	LDP EXCAVATING	\$2470.00	2700
BIERCE	HOENE TILING	\$1542.52	2700
BLUE AUSTIN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1309.00	2700

BURGENER (RECON)	LDP EXCAVATING	\$978.00	1158
COPPESS	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$202.46	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON	\$250.00	2700
GARBER JOSIAH	HOENE TILING	\$220.50	1158
GAY EAST ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$304.58	1158
GAY EAST ROBINSON	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$640.50	1158
GAY EAST ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$280.99	1158
GAY EAST ROBINSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3100.00	1158
GAY EAST ROBINSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$861.50	1158
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
KELLY H C	HAMBY & SON	\$530.00	2700
KELLY H C	HAMBY & SON	\$1220.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$622.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	THADDEUS DUBOIS	\$210.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	EVEREST EXC	\$310.00	2700
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$210.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$635.00	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$920.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING	\$304.78	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$400.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$943.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$675.00	1158
WALLACE EARL	HOENE TILING	\$88.98	1158
WALLACE EARL	HAMBY & SON	830.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2829.76	2700
WELCH JAMES	HOENE TILING	\$304.78	1158
WELCH JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$337.50	1158
WESTLAKE FETTERS	HAMBY & SON	\$855.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	SHANKSTER BROS	\$650.69	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$135.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$1130.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
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BLUE AUSTIN	HOENE TILING	\$521.56	2700
ELDER	HOENE TILING	\$79.67	2700
GAY EAST ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$162.58	1158
GAY EAST ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$2099.66	1158
HALL ISAAC	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$135.00	1158
HALL ISAAC	LDP EXCAVATING	\$1810.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$1805.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$657.00	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HOENE TILING	\$115.15	2700



NEFF OMAR PLAIN	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$299.00	1158
PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$3560.70	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$180.00	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	HOENE TILING	\$53.65	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING	\$119.31	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$210.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$860.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING	\$131.52	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KOLESIK CONST.	\$1517.25	1158
TUCKER WILL	LDP EXCAVATING	\$3991.09	1158
TUCKER WILL	LDP EXCAVATING	\$5213.91	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$663.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$217.50	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	HOENE TILING	\$131.52	1158
WYLAND	HOENE TILING	\$456.87	2700
WYLAND	KOLESIK CONST	\$31147.40	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700

## TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE: \$52,764.49

GENERAL DRAIN: \$36,399.52

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 24, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**NOT PRESENT:**

MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACDEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**WYLAND DRAIN – VARIANCE:**

DONALD AND KELLY ELLISON REQUESTED A VARIANCE FOR A POND ON THE WYLAND DRAIN. IT IS A TILE DRAIN THAT EMPTIES INTO AN OPEN DITCH AND EVENTUALLY GOES BACK INTO A TILE. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THAT HOWEVER THE LANDOWNER DESIGNED THEIR POND THAT THE HIGH WATER MARK NEEDS TO BE AT LEAST 6 INCHES BELOW THE INVERT OF THE COUNTY TILE THAT COMES INTO THE OPEN DITCH. ALSO, IF IT IS GOING TO HAVE AN OUTLET STRUCTURE IT NEEDS TO BE IN THE MINUTES AND HAVE THE LANDOWNER AGREE THAT IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN THAT IT IS ADJUSTED TO AN ELEVATION THAT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR THE 6 INCHES OF FREE BOARD AT THE INVERT OF THE COUNTY TILE THAT THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO GO IN AND MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT AS THE DRAINAGE BOARD. THE AGREEMENT WILL FOLLOW THE PROPERTY. KISSINGER INFORMED MR. ELLISON THAT THE VARIANCE IS A ZERO SETBACK FOR A POND. KISSINGER INFORMED MR. ELLISON (FROM ELLISON FAMILY FARMS) THAT THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WOULD REQUIRE A GENERAL SITE PLAN BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POND. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE WITH A MINIMUM OF 6 INCHES OF FALL AND THAT THE LANDOWNERS AGREE THAT THE COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO COME IN AN ADJUST THE OUTLET IF THE LANDOWNERS ARE NOT MAINTAINING IT AND THAT THE VARIANCE FOLLOWS THE PROPERTY (IF THE PROPERTY IS SOLD THE VARIANCE AGREEMENT FOLLOWS THE DEED) AND ALSO THAT THE OUTFALL IS THE SAME SIZE AS THE COUNTY TILE IT IS TIED INTO. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ALFRED ROSS – VARIANCE:**

GEFFREY COWAN (7318 E 1050 SOUTH) CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST A VARIANCE TO BUILD A POLE BUILDING WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY ON THE ALFRED ROSS DRAIN. THE BUILDING WILL BE 48' X 68'. THIS IS A TILE DRAIN THAT IS APPROXIMATELY 3' DEEP. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AT 55'. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**STONEBURNER RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE JAMES STONEBURNER DRAIN THAT IS COUNTY REGULATED THAT DOES NOT HAVE A MAINTENANCE FUND SET UP ON IT. SOME LANDOWNERS WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO A RECONSTRUCTION ON THIS DRAIN. KISSINGER ADVISED THE BOARD THAT WHAT HE IS LOOKING FOR AT THIS TIME IS FOR THE OFFICE TO CREATE A RECONSTRUCTION REPORT ON THIS DRAIN. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION FOR THE SURVEYORS OFFICE TO START THE PROCESS FOR A RECONSTRUCTION. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PLUNGE CREEK RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD OF AN AREA ON PLUNGE CREEK THAT NEEDS A RECONSTRUCTION. THERE WAS A PUSH TO ENLARGE THIS TILE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE SURVEYORS OFFICE CAME UP WITH AN ESTIMATE AND THEN THE LANDOWNERS DID NOT WANT TO ENLARGE AND REPLACE THE TILE. NOW THE LANDOWNERS WOULD LIKE THE PROBLEM FIXED AND TO DO THIS THE SURVEYORS OFFICE WOULD NEED TO COME UP WITH ANOTHER ESTIMATE FOR RECONSTRUCTION. THIS TILE IS NEAR 900 SOUTH AND 400 EAST. COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST HAS HAD TO BE CLOSED AT TIMES DUE TO EXCESSIVE FLOODING. THE TILE IS TOO SMALL FOR THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT IS GOING THROUGH THE TILE. THE SURVEYORS OFFICE HAS DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD NEED TO BE REPLACED WITH 30" TILE. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 4500' FROM THE OPEN DITCH TO COUNTY ROAD 900 SOUTH. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKELY HAVE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING WITH THE AFFECTED LANDOWNERS BEFORE WE WOULD HAVE A RECONSTRUCTION HEARING. A MAXIMUM OF TWO DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS COULD ATTEND THIS MEETING. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**NON-ASSESSED REGULATED DRAINS:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE ARE 18 COUNTY REGULATED DRAINS THAT ARE NON-ASSESSED. THEY ARE ALSO SHOWN ON BEACON ALONG WITH THE ASSESSED COUNTY REGULATED DRAINS. BILL HOLDER – GIS DIRECTOR IS GOING TO CHANGE THE COLOR OF THE NON-ASSESSED DRAINS SO IT IS NOT SO CONFUSING TO THE PUBLIC.

**25% INCREASE WILLIAM GILLIAM DRAIN:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE WILLIAM GILLIAM DRAIN IS ABOUT \$1500 IN DEBT AND NEEDS SOME REPAIRS. HE REQUESTED OF THE BOARD TO APPROVE A ONE TIME 25% INCREASE. STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO



APPROVE THE 25% INCREASE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN ASKED ABOUT THE DRAINAGE ISSUE IN THE VICINITY OF COUNTY ROAD 900 NORTH (LANDOWNERS: TOM FARMS, BEER FARMS AND LAMBS). JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO MEET WITH THE LANDOWNERS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE BUSY IN THE FIELDS.

**SHATTO CATTELL TWO STAGE:**

THE NEXT PORTION OF THE TWO STAGE DITCH WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST. THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE FACILITATED THE BID PROCESS. LDP EXCAVATING RECEIVED THE BID.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS**

**5/1/2018**

ARMEY	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$400.00	2700
BIERCE	HAMBY & SON	\$2205.00	2700
BIERCE	HOENE TILING	\$296.96	2700
BLUE AUSTIN	HOENE TILING	\$35.28	2700
BLUE AUSTIN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1023.00	2700
COPPESS	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$175.00	2700
COPPESS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$117.45	2700
COPPESS	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$175.00	2700
COPPESS	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$377.50	2700
DANNER	HAMBY & SON	\$202.50	2700
DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$55.37	1158
DANNER	TEAM EJP FORT WAYNE	\$2752.76	1158
DANNER	TEAM EJP FORT WAYNE	\$574.28	1158
DANNER	TEAM EJP FORT WAYNE	\$4114.72	2700
DANNER	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
DANNER	LDP EXCAVATING	\$3585.00	1158
DAUSMAN	HOENE TILING	\$2317.34	2700
DAUSMAN	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$8637.09	2700
GAY EAST ROBINSON	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$1226.00	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HOENE TILING	\$76.15	1158
HOOPENGARNER	SHANKSTER BROS	\$17979.96	1158
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	HOENE TILING	\$602.70	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HOENE TILING	\$1359.54	1158
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2630.35	1158
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$6804.93	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	HOENE TILING	\$220.50	1158

LECKRONE NELSON	TROY EADS EXCAVATING	\$1500.00	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFF	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$1237.50	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$620.00	2700
PETERSON	HOENE TILING	\$242.66	1158
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1385.00	1158
SHANTON	LDP EXCAVATING	\$6144.29	1158
SHANTON	LDP EXCAVATING	\$2118.21	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5710.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2420.00	1158
SWICK	GARY DANT	\$300.00	1158
SWICK	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
SWICK	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	1158
SWICK	HOENE TILING	\$220.50	1158
TRUEX	HOENE TILING	\$110.74	2700
TRUEX	HAMBY & SON	\$231.27	1158
TRUEX	HAMBY & SON	\$141.23	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2146.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$935.33	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2034.97	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$675.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$31,508.52**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$55,973.56**

**5/15/2018**

ALSPAUGH HAINES	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1725.00	1158
ALSPAUGH HAINES	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$344.66	1158
ALSPAUGH HAINES	HOENE TILING	\$226.07	1158
ARMEY	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$1000.00	2700
BURGENER	LDP EXCAVATING	\$540.00	1158
COPPESS	HOENE TILING	\$101.29	2700
DANNER	MM FARM DRAINAGE	\$150.00	1158
DAUSMAN	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$1323.15	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
FUNK	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	1158
GARBER	HAMBY & SON	\$450.00	1158
GARBER	HOENE TILING	\$220.50	1158
KEEFER EVANS	KOLESIK CONST	\$3282.50	2700
KOONTZ MARY	DIRTWORK	\$236.99	1158
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$9536.47	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	HAMBY & SON	\$450.00	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	KOLESIK CONST	\$11289.50	1158
LONG CY	LDP EXCAVATING	\$445.00	1158
MELLOTT ROY	HAMBY & SON	\$720.00	1158
NEFF OMAR JEFF	DIRTWORK	\$2817.04	2700
PETERSON	DIRTWORK	\$145.00	1158
PETERSON	ELKHART CO GRAVEL	\$307.53	1158
PYLE JOHN	HOENE TILING	\$347.70	2700

ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$202.50	2700
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$490.89	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	HOENE TILING	\$577.96	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$855.00	1158
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$540.00	1158
SWICK	HAMBY & SON	\$1890.00	1158
SWICK	KOLESIK CONST	\$617.75	1158
SWICK	HOENE TILING	\$1031.94	1158
SWICK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$553.50	1158
WALNUT CREEK	LDP EXCAVATING	\$22,115.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$76.15	2700
WELCH JAMES	HOENE TILING	\$110.74	1158
WYLAND	KOLESIK CONST	\$875.00	2700
WYLAND	BIG R	\$59.99	2700
WYLAND	KOLESIK CONST	\$4983.17	1158
WYLAND	HOENE TILING	\$110.74	1158
WYLAND	KOLESIK CONST	4513.43	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$33,253.75**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$38,953.41**

**5/29/2018**

ALSPAUGH HAINES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$78.75	1158
GILLIAM FRED	LOZIER FARM	\$169.50	2700
GILLIAM WILLIAM	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2614.00	1158
JONES W B	SHANKSTER BROS	\$809.20	2700
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HOENE TILING	\$109.23	1158
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1998.69	1158
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$939.68	1158
KOONTZ MARY	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1400.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$105.42	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$290.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	HAMBY & SON	\$1675.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	HOENE TILING	\$378.38	2700
PYLE JOHN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$520.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	HOENE TILING	\$128.92	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HOENE TILING	\$152.29	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HOENE TILING	\$55.37	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	1158
STONEBURNER	HAMBY & SON	\$450.00	1158
STONEBURNER	HOENE TILING	\$414.15	1158
STONEBURNER	HOENE TILING	\$52.52	1158
SWICK	GARY DANT	\$60.00	1158



SWICK	GARY DANT	\$60.00	1158
SWICK	HAMBY & SON	\$460.00	1158
SWICK	HOENE TILING	\$44.49	1158
SWICK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$333.68	1158
TUCKER WILL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$670.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$605.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	KOLESIK CONST	\$712.80	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	KOLESIK CONST	\$2587.20	2700
WYLAND	HOENE TILING	\$226.07	1158
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$60.00	1158
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$660.00	1158
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$945.00	1158

**MAINTENANCE: \$8,611.28**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$13,569.06**

**MAY TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$73,373.55**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$108,496.03**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER  
DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**NOT PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACDEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION. MIKE LONG AND DENNIS DARR WERE IN FAVOR. CARY GRONINGER ABSTAINED.

**BEYER BRADY VARIANCE DISCUSSION:**

JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS WAS NOT A FORMAL VARIANCE REQUEST. MARTIN DUFFY – ENGINEER FOR MIDWEST EYE CONSULTANTS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO GET AN IDEA IF THEY WOULD APPROVE A 25 FOOT VARIANCE ON THE BEYER BRADY DRAIN. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON HOLIDAY DRIVE IN WARSAW. THE BOARD AGREED THAT THEY WOULD NOT GRANT A VARIANCE ON THIS PROPERTY FOR ANY LESS THAN 50 FEET.

**JAMES WELCH HEARING:**

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:  
JAMES ROMINE  
BRIAN ROMINE

THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED.

JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR PRESENTED THE REPORT. THIS DRAIN IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH MARSHALL COUNTY. MARSHALL COUNTY WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO THIS HEARING. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN MAY 1969. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN JULY 1980. THERE IS 17,700 FEET OF TILE AND 7,000 FEET OF OPEN DITCH. THIS DRAIN IS A PERCENTAGE DRAIN WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND SCHEDULED TO STOP COLLECTION WHEN THE BALANCE REACHES

4 TIMES THE COLLECTION AMOUNT. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS -\$5241.71. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$4600.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. BRIAN ROMINE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE INCREASE. MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE OPEN PART OF THIS DITCH NEEDS SOME WORK DONE. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION. STEVE METZGER AND CARY GRONINGER WERE IN FAVOR. MIKE LONG ABSTAINED DUE TO HAVING LAND IN THE WATERSHED AREA.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **JOHN PYLE UPDATE:**

MIKE KISSINGER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. MIKE LONG ASKED IF THIS WE BE A POSSIBLE TWO STAGE PROJECT. JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR SAID IT COULD BE, HOWEVER, WE NEED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PLANNED AT THIS POINT.

#### **WEEDS IN THE DITCH:**

MIKE LONG ASKED IF THERE WAS A SOLUTION TO THE WEEDS THAT ARE NOW GROWING IN THE DITCHES. LEX DALTON HAS INFORMED THE OFFICE THAT THEY COULD SPRAY, HOWEVER THE WEEDS WILL GROW RIGHT BACK.

#### **TIPPECANOE RIVER:**

MIKE LONG ASKED – AS A COUNTY CAN WE PUSH DOWN STATE TO GET SOMETHING DONE WITH THE RIVER. JIM MOYER SAID THERE ARE CERTAIN SPOTS IN THE RIVER THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. MOYER SAID HE WAS PART OF THE WATERSHED FOUNDATION GROUP. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY WAS INVOLVED IN TALKING WITH THE APPROPRIATE GROUPS TO GET SPECIFIC AREAS TAKEN CARE OF.

#### **ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **CLAIMS:**

JUNE 12, 2018

BIERCE	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	2700
BURKHOLDER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$330.00	2700
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS BACKHOE	\$310.00	1158
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS BACKHOE	\$1246.48	1158
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$337.50	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
ELDER	TEAM EJP FORT WAYNE	\$3781.00	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	HOENE TILING	\$206.39	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1635.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$920.17	1158
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$428.06	1158



PETERSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2175.00	1158
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
SHANTON	HOENE TILING	\$144.54	1158
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON	\$517.50	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$97.13	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$340.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$631.70	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$751.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$360.00	1158

MAINTENANCE: \$6,386.20  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$8,680.27

JUNE 26, 2018

BIERCE	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$352.50	2700
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$560.00	2700
CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$72.69	2700
COPPESS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$270.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
ELDER	ELKHART COUNTY GRAVEL	\$888.47	2700
FLUKE HANSEN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$12409.29	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$846.25	1158
LONG CY	GARY DANT	\$390.00	2700
PLYE JOHN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$467.50	2700
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1958.14	2700
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$428.99	1158
ROSS ALFRED	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4393.82	1158
SHANTON	HOENE TILING	\$238.04	1158
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$585.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$180.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$577.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$490.00	2700
WILLIAMSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2480.00	2700
WILLIAMSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$171.99	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$21,747.58  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,672.10

JUNE TOTALS:  
MAINTENANCE: \$28,133.78  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$15,352.37

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 26, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER  
DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED FROM THE JUNE 28, 2018 MEETING SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**FUNK DRAIN:**

MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS DRAIN IS ELIGIBLE FOR A 25% INCREASE. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS IN APRIL 1999. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY IS \$2.75 PER ACRE WITH A \$20.00 MINIMUM. THE 25% INCREASE WOULD BE \$3.43 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENTS BY 25%. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ROOKSTOOL DRAIN PROPOSED MAINTENANCE INCREASE:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS DRAIN HAS 7375 FEET OF TILE AND NO OPEN DITCH. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$3.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$20.00 MINIMUM AND CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$761.90 PER YEAR. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$9425.56~~. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS IN SEPTEMBER 2010 WHEN THE RATE PER ACRE WAS RAISED TO \$9.00 WITH A \$20.00 MINIMUM FOR 4 YEARS AND THEN REDUCED TO \$3.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$20.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT A RATE OF \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT A POSSIBLE 8 YEAR COLLECTION IN THE BALANCE BEFORE STOPPING THE COLLECTION, MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2018. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD CONTACT THE DEATSMAN FAMILY, WHO OWNS 80% OF THE AFFECTED ACRES, AND SEE IF THEY KNOW OF ANY CURRENT OR UPCOMING MAINTENANCE CONCERNS.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**



KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE NEXT ASSESSMENT INCREASE HEARING WILL PROBABLY BE ON A LARGE WATERSHED.

**SPRAYING FOR 2018:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE JUST FINISHED WITH THE SPRAYING FOR THE YEAR. WE SPRAYED 80 MILES AT APPROXIMATELY \$0.12 PER FOOT.

**MCCLEARY GOCHENOUR:**

EAST OF WARSAW; THERE ARE TWO 36 INCH PIPES UNDER THE RAILROAD AND ONE OF THE PIPES HAD BEEN SEALED UP. DON ZOLMAN IS AN UPSTREAM LANDOWNER. THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE RAILROAD SHOWED UP LAST WEEK AND WORKED ON THE OLD PIPES. THEY PUT A 34 INCH LINER ON TOP OF THE OLD EAST PIPE. THE OLD EAST PIPE IS APPROXIMATELY 18 – 24 INCHES LOWER THAN THE OLD WEST PIPE.

**JOHN PYLE DRAIN RECONSTRUCTION:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE TALKED WITH THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS. WE HAD GOTTEN A PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SEVERAL YEARS AGO. AT THAT TIME THE COST WAS SUCH THAT THE LANDOWNERS DID NOT WANT TO DO THE RECONSTRUCTION. NOW WE ARE GOING AHEAD WITH THE POSSIBLE RECONSTRUCTION. WE WILL HAVE TO HAUL ALL OF THE SPOIL TO AN UPLAND SITE. YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO SEDIMENT THAT GETS BACK INTO THE WETLAND VIA THE WATER. THEY HAVE REQUESTED AN ESTIMATE OF THE QUANTITY OF MATERIAL THAT WE WILL BE MOVING. WE HAVE EXPANDED THIS PROJECT FROM THE PREVIOUS PERMIT PROJECT; HOWEVER WE WILL APPLY FOR THE PERMIT THE SAME AS BEFORE.

**NAPPANEE:**

POSSIBLE DEVELOPEMENT SOUTH OF TOWN. THE FLOWERS ARM OF THE ARMEY DRAIN RUNS THROUGH THIS PROPERTY. THIS DRAIN IS 30 INCH TILE AT THE LOWER END AND 24 INCH TILE AT THE UPPER END AND CROSSES COUNTY ROAD 1350 WEST OF STATE ROAD 19. THIS WILL BE A RECONSTRUCTION AND ALSO INCLUDES LAND BENEFITTED IN ELKHART COUNTY. THE TILE WILL NEED TO BE REROUTED ON THIS PROPERTY AND THAT COST WILL BE AT THE LANDOWNERS EXPENSE. AT THAT TIME THE TILE WILL ALSO BE ENLARGED (PER THE SURVEYOR’S SPECS) ON THE PROPERTY. THERE WILL BE A POSSIBLE RECONSTRUCTION ON THE DRAIN UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM OF THIS PROPERTY THAT WILL INCLUDE ALL LANDOWNERS IN THE WATERSHED AREA.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

7/10/2018			
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$770.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
ELDER	ELKHART CO GRAVEL	\$229.46	2700



FLUKE HANSEN	HAMBY & SON	\$540.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$1660.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	HOENE TILING	\$39.77	1158
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$416.07	1158
LONG CY	GARY DANT	\$145.63	1158
LONG CY	GARY DANT	\$4.37	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
PLYE JOHN	HOENE TILING	\$174.30	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$180.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	DIRTWORKS	\$1215.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	ACE HARDWARE N WEBSTER	\$47.98	2700
TURKEY CREEK	APEX PROPERTY SERVICES	\$23425.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$930.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$880.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$110.00	2700
WYLAND	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$7020.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$36,466.11**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$2,441.47**

7/24/2018

ACHOR CARLES	DALTONS	\$342.50	2700
BIERCE	SHANKSTER BROS	\$45.85	2700
CAUFFMAN	DALTONS	\$2029.82	1158
CAUFFMAN	DALTONS	\$710.18	2700
CAUFFMAN	DALTONS	\$2740.00	2700
CAUFFMAN	DALTONS	\$890.50	2700
CAUFFMAN	DALTONS	\$1027.50	1158
DAVISSON	DALTONS	\$3014.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	DALTONS	\$2466.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	DALTONS	\$822.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	DALTONS	\$548.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	DALTONS	\$3562.00	2700
DOKE	DALTONS	\$685.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	DALTONS	\$68.50	2700
DORSEY WILLIAM	DALTONS	\$68.50	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
FLEUGLE	DALTONS	\$2055.00	2700
JONES A P	DALTONS	\$2740.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON	\$137.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	NEIDLINGER FARM TILE	\$420.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$6980.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$5090.35	1158
LEFFELL	DALTONS	\$342.50	2700
MAISH	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
MAISH	DALTONS	\$205.50	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	DALTONS	\$1096.00	1158



PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$130.66	1158
PHILLIPS WALTER	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	DALTONS	\$1233.00	2700
PLUNGE CREK	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	DALTONS	\$274.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	DALTONS	\$376.75	2700
ROBINSON G A	DALTONS	\$1370.00	2700
SHANTON	DALTONS	\$1164.50	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1075.00	1158
SILVER CREEK	DALTONS	\$1370.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$210.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	DALTONS	\$959.00	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	DALTONS	\$989.03	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	DALTONS	\$106.97	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$685.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$650.75	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$616.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$548.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$513.75	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$548.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$479.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$205.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	DALTONS	\$2397.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	DALTONS	\$3904.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$550.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$450.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DALTONS	\$479.50	2700
WYLAND	DALTONS	\$2466.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$605.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$1040.00	2700
WYLAND	DALTONS	\$548.00	2700
WYLAND	DALTONS	\$1370.00	2700
WYLAND	DALTONS	\$1644.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$1550.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$1840.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$55,919.25**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$16,002.86**

**JULY TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$92,385.36**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$18,444.33**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER  
DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED FROM THE JULY 26, 2018 MEETING SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VACATION: DEEDS CREEK – BAILEY ARM #1 PETITION FOR VACATION:  
NRCS WETLAND/JACK & MARY PHILLIPS PROPERTY**

PROPERTY IS JUST EAST OF PIERCETON. THERE ARE TWO STRETCHES OF COUNTY TILE ON THIS PROPERTY THAT THE NRCS AND THE LANDOWNER (PHILLIPS) WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VACATED TO MAKE A SHALLOW WATER WETLAND. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR HAS TRIED TO CONTACT THE ADJACENT LANDOWNER AND RECEIVED NO RESPONSE AT THIS TIME. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO KEEP AND MAINTAIN 100 FEET OF COUNTY DRAIN AT EACH LOCATION FROM PROPERTY LINE WITH A RISER INSTALLED AT EACH LOCATION. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF VACATION DOCUMENTS IS ALSO CONTINGENT ON VIEWING AND APPROVING CONSTRUCTION PLANS FROM THE NRCS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**FRANK HOFFER ARM OF THE CONRAD DANNER – POSSIBLE RECONSTRUCTION:**

RANDY KLOTZ CAME BEFORE THE BOARD PETITIONING A RECONSTRUCTION ON THE FRANK HOFFER ARM OF THE CONRAD DANNER DRAIN. THIS DRAIN IS A TILE DRAIN. THIS DRAIN WAS BUILT IN 1905. THE TILE SIZE RANGES FROM 8 INCH TO 14 INCH. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE COULD MAKE THE REQUEST TO THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO UPSIZE AND LOWER AN 18" PIPE UNDER STATE ROAD 19 AND IT COULD TAKE 2 YEARS OR MORE BEFORE THE STATE HIGHWAY TO COMPLETE. OUR CONSTRUCTION WOULD FOLLOW THE STATES REPLACEMENT OF THE PIPE. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND FOR THE SURVEYOR TO PREPARE A REPORT. KISSINGER SAID A SURVEY WILL BE DONE THIS FALL, BUT THAT THERE ARE OTHER RECONSTRUCTIONS AHEAD OF THIS ONE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**WILLIAM GILLIAM – PETITION FOR VACATION:**



**WALLACE STOUDE PROPERTY:**

THIS DRAIN IS ON THE WALLACE STOUDE PROPERTY. LANDOWNER HAD SOME WATER ISSUES ON HIS PROPERTY. CONTRACTOR COULD NOT LOCATE TILE. AFTER MORE INVESTIGATION, PIECES OF TILE WERE LOCATED AND FOUND TO BE PLUGGED WITH COTTONWOOD ROOTS. THE LANDOWNERS WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN THE LAND INCLUDING THE WETLANDS JUST THE WAY IT IS. THE AGREEMENT WITH THE LANDOWNER WILL BE, IF IN THE FUTURE IT BECOMES TOO WET FOR HIM TO HANDLE, HE WILL COME TO THE COUNTY FOR CONSIDERATION OF A RECONSTRUCTION ON THIS TILE. MOST LIKELY AT THE PETITIONER'S COST. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROPERTY WILL STILL BE IN THE GILLIAM WATERSHED. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF THIS TILE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

CARY GRONINGER, CHAIRMAN ASKED IF ANY DAMAGE TO COUNTY TILE HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM THE POWER LINE INSTALLATION. KISSINGER REPORTED THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY REPORTS OF DAMAGE TO COUNTY DRAINS.

MIKE LONG ASKED ABOUT DEWATERING AROUND LARRY POLK. JIM MOYER, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR REPORTED THAT HE WENT AND LOOKED AT THE PROPERTY AND DIDN'T SEE ANY ISSUES.

**TURKEY CREEK:**

WAWASEE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE CONTACTED DENNIS DARR ABOUT RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DAM IN SYRACUSE. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE ASSESSMENT IS FOR TURKEY CREEK ONLY AND WILL HAVE NO BEARING ON THE DAM CONSTRUCTION. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED SOME DEBRUSHING AROUND MILFORD AND NEAR THE SYRACUSE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT. THE SURVEYOR WILL BE TALKING TO A CONTRACTOR ABOUT DOING SOME MORE DEBRUSHING ALONG TURKEY CREEK.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

8/7/2018

DORSEY MILTON	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$585.00	2700
ELDER	ELKHART COUNTY GRAVEL	\$1173.15	2700
ELDER	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$13540.00	2700
MAISH	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$155.00	2700
MAISH	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$335.95	2700
SCHUE ELIZABETH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1370.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$440.00	2700
WILLIAMSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$435.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$275.00	2700

8/21/2018

BEYER BRADY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4025.25	2700
DANNER	DALTONS	\$959.00	2700
ELDER	RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT	\$1020.25	2700
ELDER	HOENE TILING	\$19.87	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$480.00	2700
GILLIAM WILLIAM	HOENE TILING	\$365.49	1158
HICKMAN	DALTONS	\$1781.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$9487.50	2700
KEEFER EVANS	BIG R STORE	\$50.97	2700
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$825.00	2700
KELLY ZIMMER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$330.00	1158
LEFFELL	APEX PROPERTY SERVICES	\$3875.00	1158
LEFFELL	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$3911.09	2700
LEFFELL	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1098.91	1158
MILLER J L	M M DRAINAGE	\$150.00	1158
SILVER CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$810.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$443.87	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$888.37	2700
WYLAND	JOHN CAMDEN	\$3750.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700

**AUGUST TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$45,841.27****GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,609.40**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER  
DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
SUE GLADIEUX – GIS TECHNICIAN  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED FROM THE AUGUST 23, 2018 MEETING, SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JOHN PYLE VARIANCE:**

RONALD & JOANN DROZDZIK CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING AN AFTER THE FACT VARIANCE FOR AN EXISTING POLE BUILDING. THE BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1995 BY A PREVIOUS LANDOWNER. THIS VARIANCE IS FOR THIS BUILDING ONLY AND WOULD NOT COVER ANY FUTURE STRUCTURES OR ADDITIONS. THE BUILDING IS 29 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT IF WE WERE TO HAVE TO DO ANY MAINTENANCE ON THIS DRAIN, THE LANDOWNER (WHOEVER THAT IS AT THE TIME) WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF HAULING AWAY ANY SPOIL. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AT 29 FEET FOR THIS STRUCTURE ONLY. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**WALTER PHILLIPS VARIANCE:**

BRUCE WOODWARD CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PLACE A SEPTIC LEACH FIELD WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE WALTER PHILLIPS DRAIN. SEPTIC LEACH FIELDS ARE CONSIDERED A PERMANENT STRUCTURE. THIS DITCH IS A 24 INCH SOLID TILE DRAIN. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE VARIANCE UNTIL THE OCTOBER MEETING SO MR. WOODWARD COULD BRING IN THE BUILDING PLANS AND A MORE DETAILED PLAN FOR THE SEPTIC LEACH FIELD FOR THIS PROPERTY. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VACATION: DEEDS CREEK – BAILEY ARM #1 PETITION FOR VACATION:**

**NRCS WETLAND/JACK & MARY PHILLIPS-MARK COLLIER PROPERTY**

THIS IS A CONTINUATION FROM THE AUGUST MEETING. THERE HAVE BEEN ADDITIONS TO THE PREVIOUS VACATION. AT THE AUGUST MEETING THE BOARD PASSED THE VACATION WITH A 100 FOOT EXCEPTION BACK FROM ADJOINING LANDOWNER'S



PROPERTY LINES ON EACH TILE WITH A RISER INSTALLED. AT THIS TIME, THE ADJOINING LANDOWNER HAS ALSO DECIDED TO INCLUDE HIS PROPERTY IN THE NRCS WETLAND AREA. THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER ADJOINING LANDOWNER THAT MIGHT POSSIBLY CONSIDER PUTTING HIS PROPERTY IN THE NRCS WETLAND PROGRAM. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS VACATION UNTIL CHAD FROM THE NRCS HAS TALKED TO THE ADDITIONAL LANDOWNER AND HAS MORE DETAILED PLANS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VACATION: DANNER DITCH – STUTZMAN, KLOTZ, CHUPP & MOORE ~ NRCS CREATION OF WETLANDS:**

THIS PETITION FOR VACATION REQUEST IS LOCATED IN 11-33-4. CHAD FROM NRCS HAS TALKED TO ADJACENT LANDOWNERS. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR INFORMED CHAD FROM NRCS THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE SIGNATURES THAT ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR THE VACATION TO BE APPROVED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THERE IS STILL A LANDOWNER TO THE SOUTHWEST THAT NEEDS TO BE NOTIFIED. THE VACATION IS APPROVED CONTINGENT UPON MISSING SIGNATURES BEING OBTAINED AND THE LANDOWNER TO THE SOUTHWEST BEING NOTIFIED AND SIGNING OFF, AS WELL AS DETAILED PLANS BEING BROUGHT TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VACATION WITH THE ABOVE STIPULATIONS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**IMAN ROOKSTOOL HEARING:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS SURVEYOR'S REPORT. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS 9/23/2010. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 7375 FEET OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE ON THIS DRAIN IS \$3.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$20.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR BALANCE. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF **-\$9425.56**. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THIS DRAIN IS \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCES RECEIVED AND NO LANDOWNERS WERE PRESENT FOR THE HEARING. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS ADVERTISED. MIKE LONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**HICKMAN DRAIN – PIPES**

THIS IS NORTH OF WARSAW ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS. KISSINGER WOULD LIKE TO GET ON RECORD THE DECISION THAT WAS MADE. DAVE CAREY REQUESTED A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO TO REROUTE PART OF THE DITCH AND MAKE IT PIPE AT HIS EXPENSE. THIS IS NOW CONSIDERED A PRIVATE CROSSING.

**LEFFELL PROPOSED MAINTENANCE INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE LEFFELL DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$1,321.17 PER YEAR. IT IS **\$5,048.91** IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.25 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS 10/1/1979. IT WAS RAISED 25% ON 12/10/1980. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2018.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**JOHN PYLE DITCH UPDATE:**

UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON THE PYLE DITCH. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WAS WAITING ON THE STATE TO DEFINE WHAT DOCUMENTS THEY WANTED AND THEN WE WILL HAVE THE ONSITE MEETING. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT



THE STATE IS EXTREMELY UNDERSTAFFED AT THIS TIME. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE HAD TO SUBMIT NEW PAPERWORK FOR THIS PROJECT.

**SHATTO CATTELL TWO STAGE:**

MOST RECENT STAGE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

**MAINTENANCE WORKORDER UPDATE:**

MIKE LONG ASKED HOW MANY PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY AND CURRENTLY PROJECTS NEEDED. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THE OFFICE WAS BEING PROACTIVE AS FAR AS SEEKING OUT MAINTENANCE WORK ON DITCHES. MIKE KISSINGER AND MARK MONTEL RESPONDED THAT WE ARE DOING SOME MOWING AND DEBRUSHING.

**NAPPANEE PROJECT:**

THE OWNER OF A RECENT 20 ACRE REZONED TRACT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 1350 NORTH – WEST OF STATE ROAD #19 (NEAR NAPPANEE) WANTS TO REROUTE THE DITCH (FLOWERS ARM OF THE ARMEY DITCH) WITH ADJOINING LANDOWNERS PERMISSION. ALSO, HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO INSTALL A MANHOLE AT THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 1350 NORTH. THE SURVEYOR HAS AUTHORIZED THE REROUTE IF ADJOINING LANDOWNER TO THE EAST APPROVES OF THE COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN RIGHT OF WAY BEING PUSHED MORE ONTO HIS PROPERTY.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

DORSEY MILTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$880.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$10,930.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2,875.08	2700
LEFFELL	SCOTT'S COVER CROPS LLC	\$75.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$200.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$300.00	1158
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

BEYER BRADY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2,501.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$442.96	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2,320.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$270.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$8,180.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	ED BOGGS FARMS	\$250.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	HOENE TILING	\$512.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$4,993.85	2700
KOONTZ MARY	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
OLDFATHER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1,011.30	1158

OLDFATHER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$423.61	2700
PETERSON	ED BOGGS FARMS	\$275.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$262.80	2700
SHANTON	HOENE TILING	\$84.52	1158
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1,560.00	1158
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$855.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3,960.86	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700

**SEPTEMBER TOTALS:**  
MAINTENANCE: \$36,211.30  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$8,661.68



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
STEVE METZGER  
DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 MEETING, SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**WALTER PHILLIPS DRAIN VARIANCE: BRUCE WOODWARD**

THIS VARIANCE WAS TABLED FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. BRUCE WOODWARD DID NOT SHOW FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS VARIANCE UNTIL NOVEMBER. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**DEEDS CREEK VACATION – NRCS:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD BACK FROM THE NRCS. THIS VACATION WAS TABLED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. THE NRCS IS WORKING ON FINAL PLANS AND A SIGNATURE NEEDED ON THE PETITION. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS VACATION UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**DANNER DRAIN VACATION – NRCS:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD BACK FROM THE NRCS ABOUT THIS VACATION. THIS VACATION WAS TABLED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. THE NRCS NEEDS TO PRESENT THE FINAL PLANS AS WELL AS ALL SIGNATURES ON THIS VACATION. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS VACATION UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**WYLAND DRAIN VARIANCE SELLERS LAKE – SAM STIMMEL:**

SAM STIMMEL WOULD LIKE TO PUT A MOBILE HOME OR DOUBLE WIDE WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. MR. STIMMEL WAS NOT AT THE MEETING. DUE TO THIS FACT, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE VARIANCE REQUEST UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.



**SILVEUS DRAIN RATE DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH WABASH AND FULTON COUNTIES. HE HAS SENT LETTERS TO THOSE COUNTIES TO SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO WAIVE THEIR RIGHTS OR BE A PART OF THE HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT OF THIS DRAIN. THIS DRAIN IS CURRENTLY \$55,623.78 IN DEBT AND COLLECTS \$11,249.96 PER YEAR AND HAS A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE.

**HICKMAN DRAIN DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE PIPE THAT WAS PUT IN BY DAVE CAREY IS NOT A PRIVATE CROSSING. THIS WAS DONE AS A RECONSTRUCTION IN 1999 AND IS IN FACT THE COUNTIES RESPONSIBILITY. (REF: CORRECTION FROM SEPTEMBER 2018 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING)

**WYLAND DRAIN VARIANCE SELLERS LAKE – SAM STIMMEL:**

MR. STIMMEL SHOWED UP FOR THE MEETING. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO REOPEN THE DISCUSSION FOR A VARIANCE ON THE WYLAND DRAIN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. KISSINGER ASKED MR. STIMMEL IF HE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR A SEPTIC PERMIT. MR. STIMMEL INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WOULD BE HIS NEXT STEP. THIS PROPERTY MAY ALSO BE IN A FLOOD PLAIN AREA. DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION ON THE SEPTIC SYSTEM AND FLOOD PLAIN AREA, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS VARIANCE UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:****TURKEY CREEK – LAKE WAWASEE DAM:**

KISSINGER REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD HELPING WITH THE COST OF REPAIRING THE DAM ON SYRACUSE LAKE AT TURKEY CREEK. KISSINGER CONTACTED ATTORNEY RICK HELM TO SEE IF THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO THIS ISSUE. THE ATTORNEY SENT IN A LETTER THAT SAYS THE ONLY WAY TO HELP IS FOR THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAM. KISSINGER WILL SEND A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF FINDING FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR OF THE DAM. IF THEY HAVE SOME CONTACTS (ATTORNEY OR ENGINEERS) THAT COULD PRODUCE A STATUTE STATING THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD COULD POSSIBLY FINANCIALLY HELP WITH THE REPAIRS WITHOUT ASSUMING JURISDICTION OF THE DAM THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES WILL NEED TO SEND US THE INFORMATION.

**UPCOMING RECONSTRUCTIONS:**

THE SILVEUS DRAIN HAS BEEN SURVEYED AND THE WELCH DRAIN WILL BE SURVEYED SOON NOW THAT CROPS ARE OFF.

**NEVIN McCONNELL DRAIN:**

IT HAS BEEN DEBRUSHED AND SPRAYED. KISSINGER WILL APPLY FOR A PERMIT FOR POSSIBLE DREDGING OF THIS DRAIN.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.



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**CLAIMS:**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2018**

ELDER	SCOTT'S COVER CROPS	\$77.50	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$443.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	SCOTT'S COVER CROPS	\$232.50	2700
KUHN ISAIAH	HOENE TILING	\$70.81	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	THADDEUS DUBOIS	\$90.00	2700
OLDFATHER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2173.08	1158
OLDFATHER	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2364.15	1158
PYLE JOHN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$110.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$923.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	LDP EXCAVATING	\$1107.53	1158
SILVER CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$582.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1044.51	1158
TURKEY CREEK	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$570.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$440.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$780.00	1158
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$831.00	2700

**10/16/2018**

ALSPAUGH HAINES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$472.50	1158
BEYER BRADY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$290.00	2700
ELDER	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$2607.44	2700
FLEUGLE	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$845.00	2700
FUNK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$319.06	1158
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
POLK GEORGE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$966.25	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3214.00	1158
SILVER CREEK	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
SMITH MARK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$55.43	1158
SMITH MARK	HAMBY & SON	\$884.57	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$778.03	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$106.97	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$440.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$440.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1337.25	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700

**10/30/2018**

FLEUGLE	HOENE TILING	\$76.15	2700
FLEUGLE	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$85.00	2700
FUNK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$85.37	1158
GOSHERT	HOENE TILING	\$197.08	1158



GOSHERT	SWANSON EXCAVATING	\$1590.25	1158
KEEFER EVANS	LDP EXCAVATING	\$2005.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1771.86	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$900.00	2700
PETERSON MARTIN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2171.98	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$440.00	2700
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1140.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6339.20	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	SWANSON EXCAVATING	\$966.25	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3400.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GILBERT DRAINAGE	\$3500.00	1158

OCTOBER TOTALS  
MAINTENANCE: \$22,157.30  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$29,161.82

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
MIKE LONG – VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT  
DENNIS DARR

**NOT PRESENT:**

STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES AS PRESENTED FROM THE OCTOBER 25, 2018 MEETING, SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**H C KELLY VARIANCE:**

STEVE SAVAGE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE ON THE H C KELLY DRAIN TO PUT A BERM WITHIN THE DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY ALONG OLD ROAD 30 ON THE EAST SIDE OF WARSAW. THE BERM WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET HIGH WITH A 1-4 SLOPE. THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS CAME OUT TO THE SITE AND MARKED THE WETLANDS AREA. SAVAGE HAS REQUESTED A 30 FOOT VARIANCE FROM THE CENTER OF THE TILE TO THE TOE OF THE BERM. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**LEFFELL HEARING:**

THERE WERE NO LANDOWNERS PRESENT FOR THE HEARING AND NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED. KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN OCTOBER 1969. THE DRAIN WAS RAISED 25% IN DECEMBER 1980. THERE IS 1.4 MILES OF TILE AND 1.1 MILES OF OPEN DITCH. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$5048.91~~. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN IS \$2000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$2.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SILVEUS DISCUSSION – JOINT BOARD:**

FULTON COUNTY DID NOT WAIVE RIGHTS TO THIS HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE. WABASH COUNTY DID WAIVE THEIR RIGHTS. WE WILL NEED TO FORM A JOINT BOARD. WE WILL NEED 2 MEMBERS FROM KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, 2 FROM FULTON COUNTY AND 1 PERSON THAT IS NOT FROM ANY OF THE 3 COUNTIES THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THIS DRAIN. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DRAINAGE



BOARD MEMBERS CARY GRONINGER AND JIM SCOTT FOR THE JOINT BOARD. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 24, 2019 AT 10AM.

**DANNER VACATION REQUEST:**

NRCS PRESENTED PLANS AND ALL SIGNATURES FOR THE VACATION REQUEST. THIS REQUEST WAS TABLED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING. MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VACATION REQUEST WITH THE DESIGN THAT WAS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS.

- \*\*THE WATER BE KEPT 100 FEET BACK FROM THE WEST PROPERTY LINE***
- \*\*THE TOE OF THE BERM BE KEPT BACK 50 FEET FROM SAID PROPERTY LINE***
- \*\*A DOUBLE WALLED NON-SOCKED TILE BE INSTALLED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BERM***

JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION:**

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON A RECONSTRUCTION ON AN ARM OF THE SILVEUS DRAIN. THIS TILE WILL BE UPSIZED TO A 36 INCH TILE (LARGEST SIZE). THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 600 ACRES IN THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL DUE TO THE ESTIMATED COST LIKELY BERIN GREATER THAN \$50,000.00 HAVE TO BE ADVERTISED PER THE STATUTE. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD BE FINALIZING THE PROFILE AND THE ESTIMATE FOR THE COST OF RECONSTRUCTION AT A LATER DATE.

**NEW DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER TO REPLACE MIKE LONG: (ELECTED TO COUNCIL)**

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SOME NAMES OF PERSONS THAT HAVE AGREED TO BE APPOINTED TO THE OPEN POSITION. CARY GRONINGER SUGGESTED THAT KISSINGER PRESENT 3 POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

**NEVIN McCONNELL DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER IS RESEARCHING TO SEE WHAT PERMITS HE NEEDS TO APPLY FOR TO GET THIS PROJECT UNDERWAY.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MIKE LONG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

**11/13/2018**

BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1534.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$180.00	2700
PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$774.42	1158
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$310.00	1158
PLYE JOHN	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$205.17	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$546.78	1158



TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$12000.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	HAMBY & SON	\$1350.00	2700

**11/27/2018**

BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$11087.69	2700
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$330.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$730.78	2700
POLE RUN	ELKHART CO GRAVEL	\$101.02	2700
POLE RUN	HOENE TILING	\$216.61	2700
PYLE JOHN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$1403.75	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$840.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$6000.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	HOENE TILING	\$348.61	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1140.00	2700

MAINTENANCE - \$36,789.02

GENERAL DRAIN - \$2,309.81

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
DECEMBER 27, 2018**

**THE DECEMBER DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA.**

**CLAIMS:**

12/11/2018

FLEUGLE	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$475.00	2700
HOOPENGARNER	ELKHART CO GRAVEL	\$1521.15	1158
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$860.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	THADDEUS DuBOIS	\$120.00	2700
OLDFATHER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$210.00	1158
POLE RUN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$610.00	2700
REED JB	DOUG PARIS	\$160.00	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6790.68	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$675.00	2700
WATKINS ENOCH	BEECHYS BACKHOE & DOZER	\$851.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$577.50	1158

12/26/2018

BIERCE	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$1292.65	2700
BIERCE	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$727.80	2700
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$695.95	2700
CAUFFMAN	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$8000.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	1158
DANNER	DIRTWORK	\$3005.00	2700
DAVISSON	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$787.50	2700
EATON LEVI	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$202.50	2700
FUNK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$135.00	1158
GILLIAM WILLIAM	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$608.00	1158
GILLIAM WILLIAM	HOENE TILING	\$110.25	1158
HOOPENGARNER	ELKHART CO GRAVEL	\$1919.04	1158
HOOPENGARNER	HOENE TILING	\$280.79	1158
HOOPENGARNER	GILBERT DRAINAGE & EXC	\$336.20	1158
PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$13.63	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$13515.38	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HOENE TILING	\$1050.34	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$155.40	2700
TEEGARDEN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$715.00	1158
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$400.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$10575.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$1137.50	2700
WELCH JAMES	LDP EXCAVATING	\$7960.00	1158
WELCH JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$850.00	1158

MAINTENANCE - \$21,870.30

GENERAL DRAIN - \$46,262.96

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
January 24, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
JOE IRWIN

**NOT PRESENT:**

STEVE METZGER

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**NOVEMBER CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2018 AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**DECEMBER CLAIMS:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS FROM DECEMBER 2018 AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**APPOINT VICE CHAIRMAN:**

DENNIS DARR NOMINATED AND MADE A MOTION FOR JIM SCOTT TO BE APPOINTED AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – ADALINE ANGLIN DRAIN:**

BRIAN YODER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST A VARIANCE FOR A SEPTIC SYSTEM. THE SEPTIC SYSTEM HAS ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED AND IS AS CLOSE AS 25 FEET TO THE DRAIN. THIS LOCATION IS AT THE UPPER LIMITS OF THIS NON-ASSESSED COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN. PAUL PARKS (LANDOWNER ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 850 NORTH AND THE ONLY LANDOWNER WHO WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS DRAIN IN THIS LOCATION) STATED THAT ALL HIS WATER HAS BEEN TILED TO THE EAST THEN NORTH AROUND A WOODS BACK INTO THE ADALINE ANGLIN DRAIN. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE VARIANCE REQUEST. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 25 FEET. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – ARMEY DRAIN:**

ALPHA BUILDING CENTER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN REZONED FOR COMMERCIAL USE. THE REQUEST IS FOR A 25 FOOT VARIANCE ON BOTH SIDES OF DITCH FOR BUILDINGS, SEPTIC SYSTEM AND RETENTION POND. THE TILE SIZE IS 24 INCH AND IS APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET DEEP. THERE WAS ALSO SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT RELOCATING THE TILE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AT 40 FEET ON BOTH SIDES OF



THE DITCH FOR ANY LOCATION ON THE PROPERTY THAT IS FIRST APPROVED BY THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION:**

MIKE KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT FOR A PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF THE SILVEUS DRAIN. THERE ARE TWO TILES THAT COME TOGETHER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 1150 SOUTH AND DRAIN INTO THE OPEN DITCH. THE PROPOSAL FOR RECONSTRUCTION HAS TWO SEPARATE WATERSHED AREAS (DUE TO THE BENEFIT FACTOR) THAT DRAIN INTO THE OPEN. THE PROPOSED COST OF AREA 1 WATERSHED IS \$202.01 PER ACRE. THE PROPOSED COST OF AREA 2 WATERSHED IS \$31.60 PER ACRE. AREA 1 WILL BE REPLACING 3150 FEET WITH TILE RANGING FROM 12 – 18 INCH. AREA 2 WILL BE REPLACING 510 FEET WITH 30 INCH TILE. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD - ADVERTISE AS PROPOSED. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

DENNIS DARR REPORTED AN ISSUE WITH THE DRAIN AT WAWASEE MIDDLE SCHOOL. THIS IS A PRIVATE DRAIN ISSUE THAT THE SURVEYORS OFFICE MAY OFFER SOME ADVICE AND OR ASSISTANCE.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JOINT BOARD MEETING – FULTON COUNTY – SILVEUS DRAIN:**

WABASH COUNTY WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO THIS JOINT BOARD.

**PRESENT:**

STEVE SCHWEISBERGER – ELKHART COUNTY (5<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEMBER)  
CARY GRONINGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
JIM SCOTT – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
STEVE METZGER – FULTON COUNTY  
RICK RANSTEAD – FULTON COUNTY

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY SURVEYOR  
SETH WHITE – FULTON COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KASEY HENSLEY – FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY/DEPUTY SURVEYOR  
KRISTA BAKER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

STEVE SCHWEISBERGER CALLED THE JOINT MEETING TO ORDER.

CARY GRONINGER WAS NOMINATED TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION. RICK RANSTEAD SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

MIKE KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE SILVEUS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 5 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 9 ½ MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$3.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$20.00 MINIMUM. THE DRAIN IS CURRENTLY IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN **\$55,623.78**. THE LAST HEARING ON THE SILVEUS DRAIN WAS IN JULY 1992.

KISSINGER PRESENTED SEVERAL DIFFERENT ASSESSMENT RATES FOR THIS DRAIN. THERE IS A NEW WATERSHED FOR THIS DRAIN DUE TO LIDAR DATA. KOSCIUSKO COUNTY HAS APPROXIMATELY 3080 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED, FULTON COUNTY HAS APPROXIMATELY 350 ACRES AND WABASH COUNTY HAS APPROXIMATELY 340 ACRES. (WABASH COUNTY WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE JOINT BOARD.) THE JOINT BOARD DISCUSSED SEVERAL DIFFERENT RATE SCENARIOS AND DECIDED TO ADVERTISE THE RATE OF \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF DECREASING THE ASSESSMENT AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO SET THE RATE AT \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM. THE NOTICE WILL ALSO INCLUDE A LETTER EXPLAINING THAT THE RATE AND MINIMUM COULD VERY WELL BE REDUCED AT A LATER DATE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 28, 2019 AT 10AM.

#### ADJOURN:

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. RICK RANSTEAD SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### CLAIMS:

1/8/2019

BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4276.34	1158
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5029.80	2700
CAUFFMAN	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$1860.00	1158
DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$281.79	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$83.16	1158
McCLAIN PETER	RANSBOTOM EXC	\$3127.57	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2060.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	RANSBOTOM EXC	\$1086.25	2700
POLE RUN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1698.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$830.00	2700
TEEGARDEN	HOENE TILING	\$330.75	1158
VANCUREN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$810.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	RANSBOTOM EXC	\$3584.92	2700
WALNUT CREEK	RANSBOTOM EXC	\$8812.94	2700
WALNUT CREEK	RANSBOTOM EXC	\$362.50	2700
WELCH JAMES	HOENE TILING	\$220.50	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$877.50	2700

1/22/2019

BLUE AUSTIN	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$3461.50	2700
CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$102.69	1158
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$675.00	1158
DANNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$8009.30	2700
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$1020.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1884.62	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$945.00	2700
HUFFER DAVID	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$270.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$180.00	1158
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	GARY DANT	\$540.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700
SILVER CREEK	GARY DANT	\$510.00	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1835.00	1158



STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HOENE TILING	\$573.82	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
WETLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700

**TOTALS:**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$14,884.83**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$41,624.12**



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM JANUARY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – SARAH WILLIAMSON DRAIN:**

JAMES HARRELL (H & H RESTORATION) AS AGENT FOR HP HOME RESCUE LLC CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PLACE A MODULAR HOME AND A SEPTIC SYSTEM ON LOT 21 IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF BURKET. THEY WILL TEAR THE EXISTING STRUCTURE DOWN AND REPLACE IT WITH A MODULAR. PLANS ARE FOR A 900 SQUARE FOOT ABOVE EXISTING GRADE SEPTIC SYSTEM. THE SURVEYOR SAID THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WILL GO TO THE PROPERTY AND LOCATE THE TILE SO THE LANDOWNER CAN PREPARE A SITE PLAN WITH THE DISTANCE FROM THE CENTER OF THE TILE TO THE SEPTIC SYSTEM AND THE STRUCTURE. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE VARIANCE UNTIL THE MARCH MEETING. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ST. JOSEPH RIVER BASIN COMMISSION:**

MATT MEERSMAN FROM THE COMMISSION CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO INFORM THE DRAINAGE BOARD THAT RECENTLY A STATUTORY CHANGE WAS MADE WHERE THE SURVEYORS FROM THE COUNTIES THAT HAVE LAND THAT DRAINS INTO THE ST. JOSEPH RIVER SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. MEERSON COMMENDED KOSCIUSKO COUNTY AND BILL HOLDER (GIS DIRECTOR) ON HOW IMPRESSIVE THE GIS DATA IS FOR WHERE THE TILES AND DITCHES ARE LOCATED.

**ARMEY DRAIN – FLOWERS ARM PROPOSED REROUTE/RECONSTRUCTION:**

KEVIN YODER FROM ALPHA BUILDING CENTER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD WITH A REROUTE/RECONSTRUCTION AT THE LANDOWNER'S REQUEST. THE LANDOWNER WILL BEAR THE ENTIRE COST OF THE PROPOSED REROUTE/RECONSTRUCTION. MR. YODER WAS QUESTIONING ABOUT NEIGHBORS POSSIBLE LATERALS ON THE WEST PROPERTY LINE AND WHETHER THEY COULD RUN THEM INTO A SINGLE TILE AND RUN THE TILE INTO A DETENTION POND. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAIN ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AS DRAWN AND THE WEST PROPERTY LINE TILE TO BE THE SAME SIZE AS WHERE IT ENTERS THE PROPERTY, CONNECT ANY AND ALL LATERALS, BYPASS THE DETENTION POND AND TIE INTO THE COUNTY DRAIN. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PLUNGE CREEK RECONSTRUCTION – DISCUSSION:****LANDOWNERS IN ATTENDANCE:****GWEN OSTROM****BRENT WOOD****BRIAN WOOD**

LOCATION IS WEST OF SIDNEY. COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST, NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 900 SOUTH CURRENTLY HAS APPROXIMATELY 13 INCHES OF WATER STANDING OVER IT. THE COUNTY HAS WORKED ON THE TILE AT THIS LOCATION NUMEROUS TIMES. THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP 2 TIMES BEFORE AND THE LANDOWNERS DID NOT WANT THE PROJECT TO PROCEED. THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE HAS INSPECTED THE TILE AND IT IS RUNNING AS FAST AND HARD AS IT COULD RUN. PRIOR SURVEYOR REPORTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION STATED THAT THE TILE IS UNDERSIZED. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. THE RAILROAD RUNS TO THE NORTH AND THE TRAINS SOMETIMES BLOCK THE TRACKS AT THIS LOCATION. WITH THE ROAD CLOSED DUE TO HIGH WATER AND THE TRACKS BLOCKED WE HAVE A SCHOOL BUS THAT CANNOT GET THROUGH TO DELIVER CHILDREN HOME. GWEN OSTROM – BUS DRIVER SPOKE OF THE SITUATION TO THE BOARD. KISSINGER ASKED COMMISSIONER CARY GRONINGER IF HE WOULD LOOK INTO WHETHER THE COUNTY HAS SOME RESOURCES TO HELP WITH THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION DUE TO THE COUNTY ROAD FLOODING. BRENT WOOD INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE ROAD HAS BEEN RAISED A COUPLE OF TIMES IN THE LAST 30 YEARS. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SURVEY OF THIS AREA OF PLUNGE CREEK WILL START IMMEDIATELY.

**SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION:****LANDOWNERS IN ATTENDANCE:****MATT SMITH**

THE SILVEUS DRAIN IS SCHEDULED FOR A MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT INCREASE HEARING ON MARCH 28, 2019. THERE IS A SECTION OF THIS DRAIN THAT IS IN NEED OF A RECONSTRUCTION. THE BOARD DISCUSSED WHETHER TO DIVIDE THE RECONSTRUCTION IN TWO DIFFERENT PROJECTS OR TO CONTINUE AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE WHOLE PROJECT WITH A MAY 23, 2019 HEARING DATE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:****CAUFFMAN – TIF DISTRICT PROJECT:**

IN 2017 THE RAILROAD PUT A NEW PIPE IN AND FLOODED THE PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RAILROAD NEAR CLAYPOOL. THIS PROPERTY WENT FROM AGRICULTURAL TO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (LOUIS DREYFUS). THE COUNTY DRAIN WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH FOR THE NEW INFRASTRUCTURE. THE LAND USE CHANGE REQUIRED US TO UPGRADE THE COUNTY TILE. KISSINGER TALKED TO AN ENGINEER THAT CAME UP WITH AN ESTIMATE INCLUDING THEIR FEES. KISSINGER OFFERED TO SURVEY THE PROJECT TO SAVE THE COUNTY SOME MONEY. KISSINGER SENT ALL THE DATA TO THE ENGINEER FROM THE SURVEY AND NOW THE ESTIMATE HAS INCREASED 50%. KISSINGER ASKED FOR THE BOARDS SUPPORT TO CONTINUE TO SEEK TIF MONEY TO UPGRADE THIS COUNTY TILE THAT NEEDS TO BE ENLARGED BECAUSE OF A LAND USE CHANGE. WITH THE NEW DATA THE TILE WAS INCREASED IN SIZE. ALSO, THE TOWN DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO FIX THE ROADS WHERE THE PIPES WOULD GO THROUGH AND WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE PART OF THE TIF PROJECT. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE SURVEYOR WITH THE REQUEST FOR TIF MONEY. JOE IRWIN

SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. KISSINGER GOES BEFORE THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON MARCH 14, 2019.

**MAINTENANCE NON-REPAYABLE:**

THERE ARE DITCHES IN THE COUNTY THAT ARE COUNTY REGULATED THAT HAVE NEVER HAD A MAINTENANCE FUND SET UP. WE ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. BY STATUTE IF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OPINION IS THAT THE COST TO MAINTAIN ONE OF THESE DRAINS IS \$1500.00 OR LESS, IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO SET UP A MAINTENANCE FUND FOR THE DRAIN. THE COUNCIL CAN APPROPRIATE A NON-REPAYABLE FUND. THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED CANNOT EXCEED \$10.00 FOR EVERY MILE OF COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN IN THE COUNTY. FROM 1992 UNTIL 2009 THE COUNCIL APPROPRIATED THESE FUNDS. IF THE COST IS TO BE MORE THAN \$1500.00 THEN A MAINTENANCE FUND SHOULD BE SET UP ON THE DRAIN. KISSINGER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE COUNCIL START APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE NON-REPAYABLE. IF THE MONIES ARE NOT USED IN THE YEAR IT IS APPROPRIATED, THE MONEY WOULD GO BACK INTO THE GENERAL DRAIN. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE SURVEYOR IN ASKING THE COUNCIL FOR THE MAINTENANCE NON-REPAYABLE TO BE ESTABLISHED AGAIN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

2/5/2019

ARMEY	MOR CUSTOM LLC	\$775.00	2700
BIERCE	SHANKSTER BROS	\$170.10	1158
BLUE AUSTIN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$733.14	2700
DANNER	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$873.00	2700
DANNER	SHANKSTER BROS	\$267.15	2700
DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$2151.04	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	THADDEUS DUBOIS	\$465.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$92.39	2700
POLE RUN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$48.00	2700
POLE RUN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4147.21	2700
POLE RUN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$3647.65	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$495.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$13,694.58**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$170.10**

2/19/2019

CAUFFMAN	JONES & HENRY ENGINEER	\$3144.00	1158
DORSEY WILLIAM	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$309.60	1158
DORSEY WILLIAM	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$585.40	2700
MAISH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1079.00	2700
POLE RUN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2861.70	2700
PYLE JOHN	KOLESIK CONST	\$16725.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	KOLESIK CONST	\$525.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	2700
WYLAND	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$1137.50	2700



MAINTENANCE: \$23,318.60  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$3,453.60

FEBRUARY TOTALS:  
MAINTENANCE: \$37,013.18  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$3,623.70

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – SARAH WILLIAMSON DRAIN:**

THIS VARIANCE WAS TABLED FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING. THIS VARIANCE IS FOR AN ABOVE GROUND SEPTIC SYSTEM. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WENT TO THE PROPERTY AND LOCATED AND MARKED THE TILE. KISSINGER MADE A SUGGESTION TO THE AGENT (JAMES HARRELL) THAT THE LANDOWNER RE-ROUTES THE TILE TO REMOVE IT FROM THE LOT. THE AGENT AGREED WITH THE SUGGESTION AND WAS GOING TO SPEAK WITH THE LANDOWNER. THE DRAINAGE BOARD APPROVED THE VARIANCE CONTINGENT UPON THE LANDOWNER RE-ROUTING THE TILE. THE VARIANCE WILL BE FOR A 20 FOOT SETBACK FROM THE SOUTH AND WEST CENTER LINE OF THE NEW TILE AND 50 FOOT SETBACK FROM THE NORTH AND EAST CENTER LINE OF THE NEW TILE. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PLUNGE CREEK RECONSTRUCTION:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY DUG A TRENCH TO TEMPORARILY GET THE WATER OFF OF COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST WHERE THERE HAS BEEN A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE DUE TO THE WATER OVER THE ROAD AND THE TRAINS BLOCKING THE TRACKS IN THIS AREA. KISSINGER SURVEYED THE DITCH AND PREPARED AN ESTIMATE FOR THIS RECONSTRUCTION. THE SURVEYOR'S ESTIMATE FOR THIS RECONSTRUCTION IS \$168,400.00. KISSINGER ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER SOME FINANCING TO HELP WITH THE RAISING OF THE ROAD DUE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. THE COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO HELP WITH THE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,820.00. THIS LEAVES A BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$75,600.00. CARY GRONINGER – COMMISSIONER WANTED THE DRAINAGE BOARD TO KNOW THAT THIS DOES NOT SET A PRECEDENT AS FAR AS RECONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS. THIS IS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE AND THEREFORE THE COMMISSIONERS ARE HELPING WITH THE COST OF RAISING THE ROAD DUE TO THIS FACTOR. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING DATE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN SET FOR MAY 23, 2019.



**CAUFFMAN – TIF PROJECT:**

THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROVED THE TIF FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN NEAR CLAYPOOL. THE BID PACKETS WILL BE SENT OUT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE COUNTY WILL HOLD A PRE BID MEETING FOR CONTRACTORS AT 10AM ON THURSDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR. BIDS WILL BE DUE BY 8:30 AM, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR. THE SURVEYOR HAS REQUESTED A SPECIAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM TO OPEN AND AWARD THE BID. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR. ALL DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS AGREED TO THE SPECIAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING.

**MARTIN PETERSON DRAIN – PROPOSED MAINTENANCE INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ON THE MARTIN PETERSON DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$14,594.56 PER YEAR. THIS DRAIN IS ~~-\$18,001.82~~ IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.88 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS FEBRUARY 1984. IT WAS RAISED 25% IN SEPTEMBER 1997. THE PROJECTED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST PER KISSINGER'S ESTIMATE IS \$20,000.00. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT \$3.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 23, 2019.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SILVEUS JOINT BOARD HEARING:****PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
 JIM SCOTT – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
 RICK RANSTEAD – FULTON COUNTY  
 STEVE METZGER – FULTON COUNTY  
 STEVE SCHWEISBERGER – 5<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEMBER – ELKHART COUNTY

MIKE KISSINGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY SURVEYOR  
 SETH WHITE – FULTON COUNTY SURVEYOR  
 MARK MONTEL – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
 KASEY HENSLEY – FULTON COUNTY DEPUTY SURVEYOR  
 KRISTA BAKER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

DAVID FELDMAN  
 RICHARD HARROLD  
 TIFFANY ADAMS

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE JOINT MEETING TO ORDER.

MIKE KISSINGER READ A STATEMENT FROM WABASH COUNTY WHO WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS:

*WABASH COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD, OUT OF THE RESPECT OF THE MAJORITY COUNTY THAT MAINTAINS THE SILVEUS DRAIN HAS WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO BE REPRESENTED*



ON THE BOARD AND IS CONFIDENT IN THE DECISION REACHED BY THE FORMED JOINT BOARD AND THAT THEIR DECISIONS ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE LANDOWNERS AND THE DRAIN.

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS SURVEYOR’S REPORT. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS JULY 1992. THIS DRAIN WAS RAISED 25% IN 1980. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 9 ½ MILES OF TILE AND 5 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$3.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$20.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$51,474.32~~. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY SURVEYOR’S OFFICE RECEIVED 2 REMONSTRANCES.

MR. FELDMAN ASKED HOW THE DRAIN GOT INTO THE FINANCIAL DEBT THAT IT IS CURRENTLY IN. KISSINGER EXPLAINED THE WORK TO HIM AND LET HIM KNOW THE LEDGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE SURVEYORS OFFICE. TIFFANY ADAMS SPOKE BEFORE THE BOARD ABOUT THE WATERSHED AND WHICH WAY HER WATER DRAINS. KISSINGER EXPLAINED THE NEW LIDAR TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN DETERMINE THE WATERSHED AREA. KISSINGER INFORMED MS. ADAMS THAT HE WILL GO OUT AND CHECK HER PROPERTY TO MAKE SURE IT DRAINS INTO THE SILVEUS WATERSHED AREA.

KISSINGER SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE 2 REMONSTRANCE LETTERS THAT WERE RECEIVED (FLOYD JOHNSON AND LURANNIE HOSKINS).

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO SET THE RATE AT \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM FOR A 3 YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING IN 2020, THEN REDUCE THE RATE TO \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. RICK RANSTEAD SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, STEVE SCHWEISBERGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

**3/5/2019**

CAUFFMAN	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$2400.00	1158
HOOPENGARNER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$850.00	1158
HOOPENGARNER	HOENE TILING	\$220.50	1158
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$5610.00	2700
KIMES LOGAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1120.00	2700
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1080.00	1158
POLE RUN	HOENE TILING	\$334.97	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1865.50	1158
WALNUT CREEK	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$2958.88	2700

**MAINTENANCE TOTAL: \$10,428.85**  
**GENERAL DRAIN TOTAL: \$6,416.00**

**3/19/2019**

CAUFFMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$10,845.26	1158
CAUFFMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2660.75	1158
CAUFFMAN	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$375.00	1158

HOOPENGARNER	SAWYER EXC	\$400.00	1158
KIMES LOGAN	HOENE TILING	\$207.66	2700
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$810.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1967.50	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$232.50	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$707.50	1158
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXC	\$3525.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2470.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1187.50	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$202.50	2700

MAINTENANCE TOTAL: \$9,560.16  
GENERAL DRAIN TOTAL: \$16,031.01

MARCH TOTALS:  
MAINTENANCE: \$19,989.01  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$22,447.01



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM MARCH AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – NEVIN McCONNELL DRAIN – DAN ROBINSON**

DAN ROBINSON CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ON BEHALF OF WSLCC PROPERTIES (MAIN CHANNEL MARINA) REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A DETENTION POND ON THE NEVIN McCONNELL DRAIN (40 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK TO THE TOE OF THE EMBANKMENT OF THE DETENTION POND). THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WENT TO THE SITE AND MARKED THE TOP OF THE BANK. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AS REQUESTED. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – DANNER DRAIN - HERMAN MILLER**

HERMAN MILLER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PLACE A 10X45 ADDITION ON AN EXISTING BUILDING ON STATE ROAD 19. THIS ADDITION WILL SQUARE OFF THE BUILDING. THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUT A SPAN CULVERT AT THIS LOCATION. THE EXISTING BUILDING WAS THERE WHEN THE STATE HIGHWAY PUT THE CULVERT IN AT THIS LOCATION. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 16 FEET. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

KISSINGER REMINDED THE BOARD THAT WE HAVE 2 HEARINGS COMING UP IN MAY. THOSE HEARINGS INCLUDE A MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING FOR THE MARTIN PETERSON DRAIN AND A RECONSTRUCTION HEARING ON PLUNGE CREEK.

THE CLAYPOOL LOUIS DREYFUS PROJECT (TIF) HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN 2 NEWSPAPERS. WE HAVE ALSO SENT IT TO SEVERAL CONTRACTORS. THIS AD WILL RUN A SECOND TIME IN BOTH NEWSPAPERS.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.



**CLAIMS:****4/2/2019**

CAUFFMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1596.51	1158
CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$544.13	1158
CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2342.14	1158
COPPESS	HAMBY & SON	\$135.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	HAMBY & SON	\$295.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$330.00	1158
MILLER JB	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2459.06	2700
PYLE JOHN	GARY DANT	\$480.00	2700
ROBINSON GA	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1586.88	2700
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$850.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$450.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	SHANKSTER BROS	\$578.92	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	SHANKSTER BROS	\$219.31	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
WYLAND	SHANKSTER BROS	\$503.58	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$7,228.83****GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,986.70****4/16/2019**

ARMEY	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$1245.00	2700
BEYER BRADY	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$1908.50	2700
BOCKMAN	HOENE TILING	\$152.29	1158
BOCKMAN	GEIGER TRENCHLESS SOLUTIONS	\$750.00	1158
BOCKMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$232.57	2700
BOCKMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$1522.43	1158
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$110.25	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
MILLER JB	HAMBY & SON	\$1215.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$155.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
ROBINSON GA	HOENE TILING	\$457.17	2700
ROBINSON GA	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1421.88	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	HAMBY & SON	\$565.00	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$980.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2337.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3942.75	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING	\$222.44	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$3400.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2608.63	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$630.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$330.00	1158
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$21,155.94**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$4,529.97**

**4/30/2019**

ALEXANDER LUHR	HAMBY & SON	\$202.50	1158
ARMEY	HOENE TILING	\$489.92	2700
BLUE AUSTIN	HAMBY & SON	\$12.18	2700
BLUE AUSTIN	HAMBY & SON	\$190.32	1158
BOCKMAN	NEIDLINGER FARM DRAINAGE	\$525.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
DANNER	LDP EXCAVATING	\$5200.00	2700
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$92.62	1158
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$177.38	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	GOOD EXC	\$2520.00	1158
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	EVEREST EXC	\$227.50	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$675.00	2700
POLE RUN	GOOD EXC	\$2310.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$490.00	2700
REED JB	CARL HEPLER	\$320.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$34.02	1158
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$149.10	1158
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$675.00	1158
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$290.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$149.10	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	HAMBY & SON	\$540.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	BOYNES CRITTER CONTROL	\$225.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$10443.63	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$5177.96	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$308.07	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$580.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2374.48	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$30,643.62**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,255.16**

**APRIL TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$59,028.39**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$17,771.83**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 23, 2019**

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD EVEN THOUGH THE COUNTY OFFICES WERE CLOSED DUE TO NO POWER. THE MEDIA WAS NOTIFIED THAT OFFICES WOULD BE CLOSED BUT THE DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING WOULD STILL BE HELD.**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM APRIL AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CAUFFMAN TIF PROJECT – BID OPENING:**

WE RECEIVED 3 BIDS FOR THE LOUIS DREYFUS CAUFFMAN DRAIN TIF PROJECT. THE CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED AT A SPECIAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 6, 2019 AT 9 AM IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

**LDP EXCAVATING - \$154,595.00  
EVEREST EXCAVATING - \$233,189.00  
KRAFFT WATER SOLUTIONS - \$229,989.00**

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TAKE THE BIDS UNDER ADVISEMENT FOR THE ENGINEER AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO LOOK AT THE BIDS AND MAKE SURE ALL IS IN ORDER. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ESSIG DRAIN VARIANCE – LAWRENCE & NORMA PHENEGAR TRUST:**

NEAL SHERK CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REPRESENTING THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY REQUESTING A VARIANCE IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF 14-33-6 TO PLACE A HOME ON THIS TRACT OF GROUND ADJACENT TO THE OPEN PORTION OF THE ESSIG DRAIN WHICH IS THE VERY LOWER END. BEV GANSHORN WAS ALSO PRESENT REPRESENTING THE SELLER AND THE TRUST FOR THIS PROPERTY. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE FOR 45 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JAMES WELCH DRAIN VARIANCE – MORRIS FAMILY FARM HOMES LLC:**

RYAN MORRIS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING TO REDUCE THE 75 FOOT DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY DOWN TO 40 FEET. THIS PROPERTY IS IN THE SE QUARTER OF 22-32-4. THEY WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A HOME ON THIS PROPERTY. JOE IRWIN



MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 40 FEET. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PETERSON, MARTIN MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING:**

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

BRENDA GANSHORN  
JERRY BAKER

**REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED:**

CARMEN HOENIE  
REX & TAMMY ALLEN  
BOB & RUTHIE FRANTZ  
KONDA KOOREY  
ROGER & BERNADINE BLAIR

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS FEBRUARY 1984. THE ASSESSMENT WAS RAISED 25% IN SEPTEMBER 1997. THERE IS 15 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 14 ½ MILES OF TILE IN THIS DRAIN. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$18,001.82. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN IS \$20,000.00. THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT IS \$3.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS ADVERTISED. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PLUNGE CREEK – RECONSTRUCTION HEARING:**

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

JERRY HAND  
EDDIE WOOD  
KRAIG HAND  
BRENT WOOD  
1 NAME ILLEGIBLE

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS RECONSTRUCTION IS ON THE ZAC GUNTER ARM OF PLUNGE CREEK. THIS RECONSTRUCTION IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE NORTH OF THE RECONSTRUCTION AND ALLEVIATE THE FLOODING ISSUES ON COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST, NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 900 SOUTH. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE 1980'S. THIS AREA HAS BEEN DEEMED A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE DUE TO THE FLOODING ISSUES. AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE DUG A TRENCH TO ALLEVIATE THE FLOODING OVER THE ROAD. IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS RECONSTRUCTION. THEIR CONTRIBUTION IS \$92,820.00 OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION. THAT AMOUNT REPRESENTS THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE COUNTY HIGHWAY IF THEY WERE TO RAISE THE ROAD SURFACE TWICE. THE BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$75,589.80 WILL BE PAID BY THE LANDOWNERS WITHIN THIS PARTICULAR WATERSHED AREA. . THE RATE PER ACRE IS \$111.24. THE NEW TILE WILL BE A 30 INCH PERFORATED TILE FOR APPROXIMATELY 3300 FEET THEN IT WILL DOWNSIZE TO A 24 INCH. THE VERY UPPER END OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL BE THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST, NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 900 SOUTH. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECONSTRUCTION AS ADVERTISED. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**DEEDS CREEK – NRCS PETITION FOR VACATION – PHILLIPS/COLLIER PROPERTIES**

CHAD FROM NRCS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING TO VACATE THE BAILEY ARM OF DEEDS CREEK. THIS IS A 120 ACRE WETLAND PROJECT. THIS WETLAND PROJECT HAS BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE PAST. THE BOARD APPROVED IT AT THAT TIME WITH THE STIPULATION OF STAYING BACK 100 FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE. AT THIS TIME THE ADJOINING LANDOWNER WILL ALSO BE A PART OF THE WETLAND PROJECT. ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES FROM LANDOWNERS WERE PROVIDED TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD. THERE WILL BE NO FILL OR WETLANDS WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY ON EITHER SIDE OF THE OPEN DITCH. PLANS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VACATION. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **NIPSCO – WAIVER FOR BORING UNDER DEEDS CREEK – COUNTY ROAD 225 EAST**

NIPSCO WANTS TO BORE WITH A GAS LINE UNDER DEEDS CREEK. NORMAL REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR NIPSCO TO CONTACT THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD. THE COUNTY SHEET HAS SPECIFICATIONS ON IT THAT REQUIRE INSTALLATION TO BE 3 FEET BELOW THE BOTTOM OF TILE OR OPEN DITCH AND ENCASED IN A PLASTIC OR STEEL SLEEVE. NIPSCO PROPOSED TO GO 5 FEET AND NOT USE A SLEEVE. WE WILL REQUIRE UTILITY MARKINGS ON EACH SIDE OF DITCH ALONG WITH A LOCATE WIRE AT THE POST.

THE DRAINAGE BOARD WILL APPROVE A DIRECTIONAL DRILL OF GAS LINE WITHOUT A SLEEVE – A MINIMUM OF 8 FEET BELOW BOTTOM OF DITCH WITH A LOCATE WIRE ON THE MAIN AND IDENTIFICATION PLACARDS AT THE TOP OF EACH BANK WITH ACCESS TO THE LOCATE WIRE TO BE ACCURATELY ABLE TO LOCATE. THE PLACARD WILL NEED TO HAVE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE UTILITY COMPANY. WE WOULD ALSO REQUEST SOMEONE FROM THE UTILITY COMPANY BE ON SITE IF WE NEED TO DIP THE DITCH.

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH OUR REQUIREMENTS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **SYRACUSE DAM UPDATE: TURKEY CREEK**

A CONSERVANCY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO REPAIR THE DAM. THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD WILL STABILIZE THE BANKS OF TURKEY CREEK DOWNSTREAM OF THE DAM. WE WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR PERMITS. THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 80 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE AND APPROXIMATELY 25 FEET ON THE NORTH SIDE THAT NEEDS STABILIZED. THE NORTH BANK WILL BE STRICTLY RIP RAP. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD HE WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT AN ENGINEER FOR PLANS ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE SHEET PILING ON THE SOUTH SIDE. THE BOARD REQUESTED THAT KISSINGER CONTACT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR APPROVAL ON THIS PROJECT. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION FOR KISSINGER TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY AND THE ENGINEER AND CONFIRM THAT THIS IS WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

MAX DEATSMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER SOME OF THE DRAINS THAT HIS PROPERTIES DRAIN INTO NEEDING MAINTENANCE.

#### **ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

5/14/2019

CAUFFMAN	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$2340.00	1158
COPPESS	HOENE TILING	\$487.74	2700
COPPESS	HAMBY & SON	\$420.00	2700
DORSEY WILLIAM	HOENE TILING	\$52.49	1158
GAY EAST ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$561.88	1158
KEEFER EVANS	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$984.41	1158
KEEFER EVANS	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$660.43	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	2700
POLE RUN	HOENE TILING	\$57.82	2700
PYLE JOHN	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$900.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2846.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$219.57	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1973.19	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$451.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HOENE TILING	\$434.60	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$600.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$9,271.35****GENERAL DRAIN: \$3,938.78**

ARMEY	BEECHYS BACKHOE	\$118.00	2700
BOCKMAN	ACE HARDWARE NORTH WEBSTER	\$42.97	1158
BOCKMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$135.00	1158
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS	\$330.00	1158
FLEUGLE	EVEREST EXC	\$5870.00	2700
FLEUGLE	HAMBY & SON	\$310.00	2700
FLEUGLE	HOENE TILING	\$110.25	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$202.50	1158
HALL ISAAC	HAMBY & SON	\$295.00	1158
HALL ISAAC	HOENE TILING	\$162.58	1158
HOOPENGARNER	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
HUFFER DAVID	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2519.69	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	EVEREST EXC	\$2540.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	SUPERIOR LANDSCAPE	\$187.50	1158
METZGER JOSEPH	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HAMBY & SON	\$850.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$8334.65	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	2700
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$445.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	ERIC BOSTWICK EARTHWORKS	\$507.95	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HOENE TILING	\$88.98	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$5132.61	2700
VANCUREN	HAMBY & SON	\$405.00	1158
VANCUREN	HOENE TILING	\$34.39	1158
WALLACE EARL	HAMBY & SON	\$850.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2252.50	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$580.00	2700
YEAGER ANDREW	HAMBY & SON	\$135.00	2700



**MAINTENANCE: \$26,887.70**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,036.87**

**MAY TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$36,159.05**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$10,975.65**

June 6, 2019

Present

Cary Groninger: Chairman  
Jim Scott: Vice Chairman  
Joe Irwin: Member  
Mike Kissinger: Surveyor  
Mark Montel: Drainage Inspector  
Sue Gladieux: GIS Tech in for Krista Baker

Absent

Steve Metzger: Member  
Dennis Darr: Member  
Krista Baker: Drainage Board Secretary

Cauffman Bid Discussion

At the may 23, 2019 Drainage Board meeting we received 2 bids on the Cauffman ditch project at Claypool. All bids were opened and reviewed by Jones and Henry. A mathematical error was found in the bid of LDP Excavating, which raised it about \$11,000. Cary Groninger explained that if a mathematical error occurred the unit price still stands. The made all 3 bids all over the 10% allowed by "IC36-9-27-77 Contracts: restriction" and exceeded the 2/27/19 preliminary estimate provided by Jones and Henry to the Surveyors office on that date.

Mike Kissinger explained the next step is to re-advertise. Mike has concerns about that next step, such as the advantage of the initial closed bid will no longer exist; and the contractors who have already bid are not going to lower their bid, making re-advertising at this time probably unproductive. Mike is also thinking of the possibility of adjusting the estimate and that it may have been unrealistic. Therefore, Mike has a meeting set up with the Drainage Board Attorney Richard Helm for June 19<sup>th</sup> and is also going to speak to James Emans, Warsaw city engineer, to discuss, and get some insight on, some of the projects Emans has worked on to get a handle on what can be done now. Mike states if you look at the law it says: After you have advertized twice and you don't have a bid come in less than 10% it is as follows:

If on the re-advertisement the Board does not receive a bid that complies with subsection B the Board shall dismiss the proceedings unless it received a bid that does not exceed the benefits assessed against the affected lands.

Mike continues, we didn't assess anyone within the shed area because TIF money is going to be used on this project, so of course the bid is going to be higher. I would rather than reject the bids this morning, table until the next Drainage Board meeting on June 27, 2019 which will give me a chance to talk to our Attorney and Emans. The other thing is we have one \$186,300.00 total from the TIF that will cover the engineering cost of \$16,300.00 and the low bid from LDP of \$166,000 for the Claypool Town portion of the project, which is from Clay Street then East to Railroad Street then North to Section Street in the city of Claypool. The extension portion from Clay Street then West to where the Louie Dreyfus private arms comes in (which TIF intended their finances to cover as well), we will have to do a separate reconstruction on the stretch. Mike goes on to say that if the redevelopment committee understands that we couldn't go all the way as we had hoped with the TIF money and that we can advertise the extension portion as a separate reconstruction then we can continue with the portion through Town and not have to wait on the reconstruction hearing process. And the third section of this ditch is from the railroad North and ties into the South end of the arm of the extension portion. This railroad portion repair necessary due to a newly installed 24" pipe under the railroad and could be done out of the Cauffman drain maintenance. Joe Irwin asks, because of his concerns for the debt that the Cauffman drain is already in, about the possibility of combining the extension portion and the railroad portion together as one reconstruction. Mike explains that if a land use change causes a reconstruction then the Board can assess a higher percentage of the cost to the landowner who changed the land use. In this case Louie Dreyfus. And even though the railroad portion is adjacent to the extension portion, most of Dreyfus's water is going through the extension portion and not the railroad portion. Joe states that if we did combine the two we could still assess Louie Dreyfus the higher percentage. Mike agrees that is true but kept them separate to get this done

quickly to give them a vital outlet. Joe says that doing this work out of maintenance and continuing to do other maintenance work will put eh drain further in debt. Cary Groninger explains, that this is in a TIF district and the whole idea of a TIF district is the money that's going in there, from their taxes, pays for things like this. And from their eyes it should be spent on infrastructure improvements. Joe asked, is it possible to ask for more money from the redevelopment committee? Mike commented that they have already given everything but about \$3000, so he doubted it.

A discussion began about what work has been done on the Cauffman drain in 2019 and the Board members reviewed the ledger. Joe Irwin doesn't want regular maintenance on the drain to have to stop because of this project. Mike reassured Joe that we would do maintenance repairs if needed. Change orders were discussed and how they would be handled. Mike states that if a utility issue comes up the town would be responsible to pay for that statute. Cary says that Jones & Henry figures their estimate very accurately, if the contractor deviates from their plans then that increase in cost is on the contractor. Mike agrees and feels that the estimated costs should be fairly safe and that Jones & Henry did allow for a 10% contingency increase, but now that all the bids are over that 10%, there may be a change in the estimate after he talks to them. Cary is also concerned about going over 10% with the State Board of Accounts. Mike says that all these concerns are going to be discussed with the Attorney. Cary Groninger made a motion to table this project until Mike can talk to the Drainage board Attorney, James Emans and Jones & Henry and we can revisit this at the next meeting on June 27, 2019. Jim Scott seconded the motion and all were in favor.



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 27, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM MAY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CAUFFMAN TIF PROJECT – BID AWARDED:**

JOHN MAGSAM FROM JONES AND HENRY ENGINEERS WAS PRESENT FOR THE AWARDING OF THE BID. MIKE KISSINGER REPORTED TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE 3 BIDS THAT WERE RECEIVED.

**EVEREST EXCAVATING: \$233,189.20**  
**KRAFFT WATER SOLUTIONS: \$229,989.00**  
**LDP EXCAVATING: \$166,095.00**

THE ENGINEER SENT A RECOMMENDATION LETTER TO THE SURVEYOR’S OFFICE TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FOR THE CAUFFMAN TIF PROJECT. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE PROJECT TO LDP EXCAVATING. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION FOR CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN – TO SIGN THE NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR THE DRAINAGE BOARD. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE IS A PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING AT THE JOB SITE AT NOON 6/27/19.

**PLUNGE CREEK RECONSTRUCTION:**

ONE BID WAS RECEIVED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR PLUNGE CREEK. PRIOR TO OPENING THE BID, THE CONTRACTOR (LDP) WITHDREW HIS BID. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AGAIN FOR THE JULY MEETING. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION HEARING:**

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

KEVIN MILLER  
STAN MILLER  
MAX CUMBERLAND

MATT MILLER  
DEVON SMITH  
TIFFANY ADAMS  
RICHARD HARROLD

**REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED:**

KEVIN MILLER

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. PROPOSAL IS TO RECONSTRUCT A PORTION OF THE SILVEUS DRAIN FROM WHERE IT EMPTIES INTO THE OPEN DITCH JUST SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD 1150 SOUTH. THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT RATES FOR THIS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, ONE FOR THE MAIN AND ONE FOR THE ARM. THE TILE ON THE ARM IS UNDERSIZED. WE WILL BE REPLACING SOME OF THIS TILE WITH 12, 15 AND 18 INCH TILE. WE WILL REPLACE THE PORTION OF THE MAIN WITH 30 INCH TILE. THIS TILE IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN THE LATE 1800'S OR THE EARLY 1900'S.

STAN MILLER AND KEVIN MILLER BOTH SPOKE TO THE BOARD AGAINST THE PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION. THEY BOTH DO NOT DEEM IT NECESSARY AS THEY STATED THAT THEY HAVE NO DRAINAGE ISSUES ON THEIR PROPERTIES.

KEVIN MILLER STATED, "I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP YOU GUYS FROM DIGGING ON MY PROPERTY". "IF IT HAS TO BE DONE, LET IT GO ACROSS HIS (SMITH) PROPERTY – PUT A NEW ONE IN – I JUST DON'T WANT IT DONE"

MATT SMITH SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. HE SEES A BENEFIT WITH HIS WHOLE FIELD – NOT JUST THE AREA THAT IS REFERRED TO AS THE DUCK POND. HE DOES HAVE LATERALS THAT GO INTO THE COUNTY TILE.

DEVON SMITH SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT. HE DISAGREES WITH OTHERS AS FAR AS THE DRAINAGE ISSUES WITH THE PROPERTIES IN THE AREA.

RICHARD HARROLD SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT. HE SEES A LONG TERM BENEFIT WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT BEING COMPLETED.

TIFFANY ADAMS SPOKE TO THE BOARD NOT REMONSTRATING OR IN FAVOR. SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO FIND A MIDDLE GROUND. KISSINGER EXPLAINED THE STATE CODE AS FAR AS MAINTENANCE VERSUS RECONSTRUCTION. KISSINGER STATED THAT WE TRY TO DO AS MUCH OUT OF THE MAINTENANCE FUND AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS REQUIRED AND NECESSARY.

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN THANKED ALL THE LANDOWNERS FOR ATTENDING THE HEARING.

JOE IRWIN ASKED THE MILLER'S IF THAY HAD ANY LATERALS GOING INTO THE COUNTY DRAIN. THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY. MR. HARROLD INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE DID HAVE SOME LATERALS GOING INTO THE COUNTY DRAIN.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE BOARD MEMBERS, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PETITION TO ACCEPT NEW DRAIN INTO SWICK MEREDITH SYSTEM:**

HECKAMAN FAMILY LP HAS REQUESTED FOR THE COUNTY TO ACCEPT A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED DRAIN INTO THE SWICK MEREDITH SYSTEM. THIS DRAIN WILL PROVIDE

AN OUTLET TO SOLVE A DRAINAGE PROBLEM NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 900 SOUTH AND COUNTY ROAD 425 WEST. THE TILE SIZE IS 8 INCH, DUAL WALLED AND IS APPROXIMATELY 575 FEET IN LENGTH. THE TILE IS GENERALLY A 2% GRADE WITH AVERAGE 4 FOOT DEPTH. KEVIN HOHMAN EXCAVATING INSTALLED THE TILE. THE COST OF INSTALLATION WAS FUNDED ENTIRELY BY THE LANDOWNER. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NEW TILE INTO THE SWICK MEREDITH SYSTEM. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**TURKEY CREEK – LAWSON-FISHER ENGINEERING FIRM ESTIMATE FOR SERVICES OF BANK STABILIZATION NEAR DAM:**

LAWSON FISHER PROVIDED KISSINGER AN ESTIMATE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF BANK STABILIZATION FOR TURKEY CREEK NEAR THE DAM OF APPROXIMATELY \$22,000.00. THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 50 – 60 FEET OF SHEET PILING AS WELL AS SOME RIP RAP THAT NEEDS PLACED ON THE BANKS OF TURKEY CREEK DOWNSTREAM OF THE DAM. KISSINGER SAID HE SEES NO SIGNS OF IMMINENT DANGER. DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO DEFINITIVE DESIGNS YET IN PLACE FOR THE REPAIRS ON THE DAM, THE BOARD DECIDED TO NOT ACCEPT THE ENGINEERS OFFER OF SERVICES AT THIS TIME. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO TABLE FOR MORE INFORMATION. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. KISSINGER WILL KEEP THE DRAINAGE BOARD UPDATED WITH ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS OR CHANGES.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

6/11/2019

ARMEY	BEECHY'S BACKHOE	\$150.00	2700
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$465.00	1158
DANNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2332.93	1158
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$210.00	1158
DORSEY MILTON	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$10000.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
GAY EAST ROBINSON	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$4302.00	1158
HALL ISAAC	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$337.50	1158
HOOPENGARNER	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$5000.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$39.48	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	GARY DANT	\$630.00	2700
KUHN ISAIAH	ELKHART CO GRAVEL	\$116.13	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$74.55	1158
LONG CY	GARY DANT	\$254.44	2700
LONG CY	GARY DANT	\$45.56	1158
MAISH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$326.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HOENE TILING	\$152.29	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$557.13	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$4025.75	2700
POLE RUN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1155.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$850.00	2700
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$194.46	1158
RUPLE ALLEN	ART & SONS EXC	\$450.00	1158
RUPLE ALLEN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$410.00	1158
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$540.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOHMAN EXC	\$919.56	2700



SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$773.70	2700
TURKEY CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$850.00	2700
WALLACE EARL	HOENE TILING	\$339.17	1158
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$1930.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$343.75	2700
WELCH JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$540.00	1158
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$480.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$393.75	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$715.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$24,562.50**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$15,760.65**

6/25/2019

ALSPAUGH HAINES	HAMBY & SON	\$1360.00	1158
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2108.89	1158
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1465.78	2700
BURKHOLDER	HOENE TILING	\$162.58	2700
BURKHOLDER	HAMBY & SON	\$1255.00	2700
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
MAISH	D2 LAND & WATER RESCOURS	\$1970.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
POLE RUN	SAWYER EXC	\$1244.10	2700
POLE RUN	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HOENE TILING	\$412.78	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1079.75	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$135.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$496.00	2700
VANCUREN	HAMBY & SON	\$810.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HOENE TILING	\$309.88	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	HAMBY & SON	\$705.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	HOENE TILING	\$35.28	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$810.50	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$10,921.90**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,138.64**

**JUNE TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$35,484.40**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$21,899.29**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 25, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM MAY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**PLUNGE CREEK RECONSTRUCTION BID:**

FOUR BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT. WE ADVERTISED THAT THE BIDS WOULD BE OPEN AT A PUBLIC MEETING. THE ESTIMATE FOR THE PROJECT IS \$168,409.80. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE CONTRIBUTING \$92,820.00 TO THIS PROJECT DUE TO THE FLOODING ACROSS COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST. THE COMPLETION DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2019.

**INGRAM EXCAVATING - \$136,950.00  
WERTENBERGER TILING & EXCAVATING - \$160,000.00  
LDP EXCAVATING - \$185,240.00  
EVEREST EXCAVATING - \$249,500.00**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO INGRAM EXCAVATING. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN – SUGGESTED CONTACTING LEGAL COUNSEL TO SEE IF A PERFORMANCE AND MAINTENANCE BOND IS REQUIRED.

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PLUNGE CREEK. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JAMES STONEBURNER PETITION:**

A PETITION WAS RECEIVED FROM BOB BISHOP TO RECONSTRUCT THE JAMES STONEBURNER DRAIN. THIS IS A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE EARLY 1900'S. THIS DRAIN HAS NEVER BEEN SET UP WITH A MAINTENANCE FUND. MR. BISHOP DOES REPRESENT MORE THAN 10% OF LAND IN THE DRAINAGE SHED AREA. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WILL CONTACT MR. BISHOP BY CERTIFIED MAIL THAT HE HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD CONTACT SOME AFFECTED LANDOWNERS TO LET THEM KNOW OF THE PETITION PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO

SCHEDULE MR. BISHOP FOR THE NEXT MEETING. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**WAIVE RIGHTS TO MISHLER HEARING FOR WHITLEY COUNTY:**

WHITLEY COUNTY HAS REQUESTED A WAIVER OF OUR RIGHTS FOR A HEARING TO RAISE THE MAINTENANCE ON THE MISHLER DRAIN. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO WAIVE OUR RIGHTS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**TURKEY CREEK DAM UPDATE – DAM STABILIZATION:**

DENNIS DARR ATTENDED A MEETING RECENTLY. THE ENGINEERS WOULD LIKE TO TREAT THIS AS A WHOLE PROJECT INSTEAD OF IN SEPARATE AREAS AND ENTITIES AND THE COUNTY WOULD PAY THEIR PORTION FOR THE BANK STABILIZATION. THE BOARD DECIDED TO HAVE THE DRAINAGE BOARD ATTORNEY DRAFT A LETTER STATING THIS CAN STILL BE A MUTUAL PROJECT BUT THE COUNTY IS PAYING NO PORTION OF UPSTREAM OF THE DAM AND NO PORTION OF THE DAM.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**AQUATIC GROWTH IN DITCHES:**

MIKE LONG CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ABOUT AQUATIC GROWTH IN THE DANNER AND GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON DITCHES. HE IS REQUESTING THESE DITCHES BE PUT ON AN ANNUAL AQUATIC GROWTH SPRAY PROGRAM. THIS IS A VERY DENSE GRASS THAT CHOKES OFF THE DRAIN. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WILL GATHER MORE INFORMATION FROM THE CONTRACTOR (TYPE OF GROWTH, PRICE, CHEMICAL USED) AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD. JIM SCOTT ASKED KISSINGER TO CHECK WITH THE CONTRACTOR ABOUT SPRAYING SOME OF THE NOXIOUS BROADLEAF THAT IS GROWING ON THE DITCH BANKS.

**FLOYD MILLER DAMAGE CLAIM – KINNEY DRAIN:**

FLOYD MILLER CONTACTED THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE ABOUT A DAMAGE CLAIM (COST OF REPAIR). APPROXIMATELY 3 YEARS AGO WE CLEANED THE KINNEY DITCH. THIS PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN 2017. MR. MILLER CLAIMS WE BROKE THE OUTLET OF THE PRIVATE TILE INCLUDING THE ANIMAL GUARD. ANY TIME WE CLEAN A DITCH WE CONTACT THE LANDOWNERS AND HAVE THEM MARK THEIR LATERALS THAT COME INTO THE COUNTY DRAIN. THE OUTLET IS ON AN ADJOINING LANDOWNERS PROPERTY. MR. MILLER HAD WATER IN HIS BASEMENT AND HIRED A CONTRACTOR TO JET OUT HIS PRIVATE TILE RUNNING TO THE EAST. THE CONTRACTOR FOUND SOME MUSKRAT IN THIS PRIVATE TILE THAT RUNS INTO THE KINNEY DITCH. MR. MILLER'S PERIMETER DRAIN RUNS INTO THE PRIVATE TILE. IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD THAT WE HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR THESE REPAIRS.

**BEDDING TILE:**

THE SPECIFICATIONS ON DUAL WALLED TILE IF SO DEEP (MORE THAN 8 FEET) IS BEDDED IN STONE. SOME COUNTIES ARE BEDDING EVERYTHING IN STONE. THE BOARD DISCUSSED WHETHER WE SHOULD BED ALL TILE IN STONE. NO DEFINITE DECISION WAS REACHED.

**WAWASEE MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAINAGE ISSUE:**

KISSINGER MET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOLS. KISSINGER SUGGESTED JETTING THE TILE. THIS DROPPED THE DETENTION POND APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET AND EXPOSED THE OUTLET PIPE. THE SCHOOL IS GOING TO REDO THE END OF THE OUTLET. THIS IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN.



**NEVIN McCONNELL:**

WE HAVE RECENTLY TRAPPED MORE BEAVERS AT THE DOWNSTREAM SIDE OF MUD LAKE. THE CONTRACTOR MADE SURE THERE WERE NO OBSTRUCTIONS DOWNSTREAM. THIS DRAIN NEEDS SURVEYED.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:****7/9/2019**

BIERCE	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1030.00	1158
BIERCE	SHANKSTER BROS	\$508.51	1158
BOCKMAN	KOSCIUSKO REMC	\$289.00	1158
ELDER	N.E.W. PLUMBING	\$455.00	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$980.00	1158
MAISH	BIG R	\$74.99	2700
MAISH	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$41.53	2700
MILLER J B	SHANKSTER BROS	\$654.37	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$120.34	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1672.07	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	HOENE TILING	\$336.85	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$985.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$735.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$718.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$874.42	2700
WYLAND	SHANKSTER BROS	\$135.69	2700

**TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$3,809.67****GENERAL DRAIN: \$5,801.43****7/23/2019**

ARTHUR J L	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$303.92	1158
ARTHUR J L	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$236.08	2700
DANNER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$270.00	2700
DANNER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$270.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4380.64	2700
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$540.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
O'CONNELL J J	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$944.75	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$5826.27	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1504.50	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$144.03	2700

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$15,301.27**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$303.92**

**JULY TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$19,110.94**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,105.35**



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**NOT PRESENT:**

STEVE METZGER  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM JULY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – HICKMAN DRAIN – TIM McCULLOUGH:**

TIM McCULLOUGH CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A STORAGE BUILDING WITHIN 40 FEET OF THE HICKMAN DRAIN. THE BUILDER WOULD LIKE TO PLACE THE NEW BUILDING IN LINE WITH EXISTING STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE AREA. KISSINGER – SURVEYOR INFORMED McCULLOUGH THAT THE HICKMAN DITCH WILL BE CLEANED OUT SOMETIME IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND REMINDED HIM THAT ANY DRIVE INCLUDING STONE WILL BE AT RISK. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE DETENTION POND THAT WILL ALSO BE PUT AT THIS LOCATION. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 40 FOOT SETBACK FOR THE BUILDING AND THE DETENTION POND. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**BOB BISHOP – STONEBURNER DRAIN PETITION FOR RECONSTRUCTION:**

THIS PETITION WAS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IN JULY. MR. BISHOP WAS CONTACTED BY CERTIFIED MAIL OF THIS MEETING AND HE INFORMED KISSINGER THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. THIS IS A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE EARLY 1900'S THAT NEVER HAD A MAINTENANCE FUND SET UP FOR IT. KISSINGER WAS ASKING THE BOARD ABOUT THE SCHEDULE OF THIS PARTICULAR RECONSTRUCTION. THERE ARE 5 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT ARE IN FRONT OF THIS ONE. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADD IT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE CURRENT RECONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**STONEBURNER PUTNEY – 25% INCREASE:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE STONEBURNER PUTNEY DRAIN. THERE IS 3.5 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 9.5 MILES OF TILE ON THIS DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$3.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. THE TILE ON THIS DRAIN IS LARGE TILE AND NEEDS WORK. THIS DRAIN IS OVER 1 ½ YEARS IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 2015. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER



MEETING FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM THE SURVEYOR. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CAUFFMAN – TIF PROJECT UPDATE:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A MAP OF THE CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND EXPLAINED HOW THE PROJECT IS PROCEEDING. KISSINGER EXPLAINED THAT THERE WILL BE SOME OVERAGES ON THE PROJECT WITH ISSUES THAT HAVE ARISED. THESE OVERAGES WILL NEED TO COME OUT OF GENERAL DRAIN. THE BOARD AGREED TO HAVE CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN ALONG WITH KISSINGER APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDERS AND OVERAGES FOR THIS PROJECT.

**SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION – BID LETTING:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE SHOULD BE LETTING THE BID IN NOVEMBER FOR THIS PROJECT.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

**AUGUST 6, 2019**

CAUFFMAN	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1325.87	1158
COPPESS	DALTONS INC	\$3425.00	2700
DANNER	DALTONS INC	\$411.00	2700
DANNER	DALTONS INC	\$411.00	2700
DANNER	DALTONS INC	\$411.00	2700
DANNER	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$2437.50	2700
DAUSMAN	DALTONS INC	\$2466.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1741.35	2700
DORSEY MILTON	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$6804.00	2700
FUNK	DALTONS INC	\$685.00	2700
HEPLER SAMUEL	DALTONS INC	\$2740.00	2700
HUFFER DAVID	DALTONS INC	\$2055.00	2700
KIMES LOGAN	HAMBY & SON	\$1017.50	2700
KINNEY	DALTONS	\$548.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$2820.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$435.80	1158
MAISH	DALTONS INC	\$411.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	DALTONS INC	\$3699.00	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	DALTONS INC	\$411.00	2700
NICKLER ARM DAUSMAN	DALTONS INC	\$822.00	2700
POLE RUN	DALTONS INC	\$137.00	2700
PRESTON MILES	DALTONS INC	\$685.00	2700
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$660.00	1158
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON	\$574.77	1158
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON	\$302.73	2700
SHANTON	HOENE TILING	\$504.21	1158
TRUEX ABE	DALTONS INC	\$1233.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DALTONS INC	\$685.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$900.00	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6904.44	2700
WYLAND	DALTONS INC	\$137.00	2700

**TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE - \$41,479.52**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,320.65**

**8/20/2019**

DANNER	HAMBY & SON	\$660.00	2700
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6239.73	1158
DORSEY MILTON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1142.77	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	D2 LAND & WATER	\$818.00	1158
MAISH	GOOD EXC	\$5479.95	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
MILLER JB	HAMBY & SON	\$850.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$705.49	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6412.26	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$165.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$2332.50	2700
TURKEY CREEK	DON'S EXC	\$660.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$660.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$660.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$240.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$440.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700

**TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$21,292.48**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$8,003.22**

**AUGUST TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$62,772.00**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$14,323.87**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**NOT PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM AUGUST AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – DEEDS CREEK – MICHAEL SOUTH:**

MICHAEL SOUTH CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PLACE A BUILDING WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. THE TRACT OF GROUND IS 7.79 ACRES. THE BOARD ASKED IF THE BUILDING COULD BE MOVED, TWISTED OR REDUCED IN LENGTH TO NOT NEED A VARIANCE. MR. SOUTH SAID ALL OF THOSE SUGGESTIONS ARE POSSIBLE. KISSINGER ASKED ABOUT MOVING THE BUILDING TO THE WEST AND STAYING OUT OF THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. MR. SOUTH INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE AREA HE WANTED TO PLACE THE BUILDING WAS THE HIGHEST POINT ON THE LAND. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE VARIANCE. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – WILL TUCKER – STEVEN SHANKSTER:**

STEVEN SHANKSTER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AS AGENT FOR CARL SHANKSTER REQUESTING A VARIANCE OF 30 FEET TO PLACE A SEPTIC SYSTEM. MR. SHANKSTER BROUGHT IN A DETAILED SITEPLAN OF THE SEPTIC SYSTEM. THE NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE A SET ASIDE AREA FOR FUTURE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AS PRESENTED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION BID OPENING:**

THERE WERE TWO BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

**LDP EXCAVATING - \$63,100.00  
WERTENBERGER TILING - \$55,000.00**

THE COUNTY SURVEYOR RECEIVED QUOTES FOR THE MATERIAL AND THE CONTRACTORS BIDS WERE JUST FOR THE INSTALLATION. BOTH BIDS ARE OVER THE ESTIMATE FOR THE PROJECT. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BIDS AND TAKE THEM UNDER ADVISEMENT TO BE REVIEWED AT THE NEXT DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.



**STONEBURNER PUTNEY 25% INCREASE:**

THIS DRAIN HAS 3.3 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN AND 9.6 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS -\$16,574.97. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$3.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND TOTAL COLLECTION OF \$9854.56. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD JANUARY 2015. THE ESTIMATED YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST IS \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00 PER YEAR. THE PROPOSED INCREASE WOULD RAISE THE YEARLY TOTAL COLLECTION TO \$12,198.00. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE RATE BY 25%. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION. STEVE METZGER WAS IN FAVOR. JIM SCOTT ABSTAINED DUE TO OWNING LAND IN THE WATERSHED AREA.

**TURKEY CREEK DAM – LETTER FROM ATTORNEY:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN BY THE DRAINAGE BOARD ATTORNEY TO THE TOWN OF SYRACUSE STATING THE DRAINAGE BOARD WILL ONLY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE BANK STABILIZATION DOWNSTREAM OF THE DAM. THE DRAINAGE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO USE THE SAME ENGINEERING COMPANY AS THE TOWN OF SYRACUSE FOR THE REPAIRS OF THE DAM AND PAY FOR ONLY THOSE ENGINEERING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DOWNSTREAM BANK STABILIZATION. THE SURVEYORS OFFICE AND THE DRAINAGE BOARD WILL STILL BE INVOLVED IN THE ACCEPTING THE BID. THE BID WILL BE IN 2 PORTIONS, ONE FOR THE CITY OF SYRACUSE AND ONE FOR THE DRAINAGE BOARD. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LETTER AND HAVE CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN, SIGN THE LETTER AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:****CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE WORKMANS COMP:**

KISSINGER DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD ABOUT HAVING THE CONTRACTORS HAVE THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY CHECK THE BOX WITH THE WORKMANS COMP ON THEIR CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FORM. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THEY REQUIRE THIS INFORMATION FROM THEIR CONTRACTORS. HE WILL ALSO CHECK WITH THE DRAINAGE BOARD ATTORNEY TO SEE IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD NEED TO REQUIRE.

**PLUNGE CREEK – RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

THIS PROJECT HAS ABOUT 2000 FEET OF 3600 FEET ALREADY INSTALLED. THE CONTRACTOR IS APPROACHING THE DEEP CUT THAT HAS TO BE MADE. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY A 13-14 FOOT CUT.

**CAUFFMAN – TIF PROJECT UPDATE:**

THE FIRST PHASE IS COMPLETED. THE SECOND PHASE WILL NEED TO BE A CONVENTIONAL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITH THE LANDOWNERS PAYING FOR THE PROJECT. KISSINGER REPORTED THAT THE JOB LOOKS FANTASTIC THROUGH THE TOWN OF CLAYPOOL. KISSINGER EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE ENGINEER BUMPING UP THE ESTIMATE OF THE TIF PROJECT AFTER THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS WAS MADE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THE PROJECT HAS GONE OVER THE AMOUNT OF TIF MONEY THAT WAS GIVEN FOR THE ENTIRE (PHASE 1 & 2) PROJECT. KISSINGER SPOKE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS ABOUT THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. KISSINGER WAS INFORMED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS THAT HE COULD REQUEST MORE FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO PAY THE OVERAGE OR ADD IT INTO THE RECONSTRUCTION COST AS IT WAS REQUIRED TO LOWER THE TILE

FOR THE EXTENSION. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD RESEARCH WHICH WAY IS THE BEST. HE WOULD REQUEST A DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER ATTEND THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING WITH HIM IF THAT IS THE DIRECTION THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO GO. THE NEXT REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING IS IN DECEMBER.

**OMAR NEFF JEFFERSON:**

THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 55,000 FEET OF OPEN DITCH THAT NEEDS TO BE DIPPED. KISSINGER WOULD LIKE TO DIP APPROXIMATELY 25,000 FEET OF THIS DITCH IN 2019, WITH THE REMAINING STRETCH TO BE DONE IN EARLY 2020. THE LANDOWNERS THAT LIVE ON THE DITCH HAVE A CONTRACTOR THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO THE WORK. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE BOARD DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE SURVEYORS OFFICE TO SEND OUT INFORMATION TO 2 OR 3 CONTRACTORS AND RECEIVE QUOTES FOR THIS PROJECT.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

**9/3/2019**

ALSPAUGH HAINES	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$537.50	1158
CAUFFMAN	ALL-SAW CONCRETE	\$740.75	1158
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$2780.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1657.08	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
FLUKE HANSEN	HAMBY & SON	\$550.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$363.43	1158
SMITH MARK	HAMBY & SON	\$220.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1061.02	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$140.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SCOTT'S COVER CROPS	\$145.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$5,886.02**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$3,418.76**

**9/17/2019**

CAUFFMAN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$2590.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$2052.50	1158
CAUFFMAN	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$1711.68	1158
CAUFFMAN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$850.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$840.00	1158
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4162.50	2700

DEEDS CREEK	BIG R STORE	\$69.99	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6288.50	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON	\$540.00	2700
GAY EAST ROB	HAMBY & SON	\$430.00	1158
GAY EAST ROB	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$129.60	1158
SHILLING WILLIAM	HELTZEL CONSTRUCTION	\$1173.00	1158

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$11,060.99**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$9,776.78**

**SEPTEMBER TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$16,947.01**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$13,195.54**



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT - VICE CHAIRMAN  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER - COUNTY SURVEYOR  
KRISTA BAKER - DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**NOT PRESENT:**

DENNIS DARR  
MARK MONTEL - DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND STEVE METZGER WAS IN FAVOR. CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN ABSTAINED DUE TO BEING ABSENT FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

**SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION BIDS:**

KISSINGER - SURVEYOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HIS ESTIMATE ON MATERIALS WAS HIGH AND THE BID CAME IN SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER. HE ALSO INFORMED THEM THAT HIS INSTALLATION ESTIMATE WAS LOW AND THE BID CAME IN HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED. THE TOTAL OF THE MATERIALS AND INSTALLATION IS WITHIN THE 10 PERCENT THRESHOLD (PER STATUTE) OF AWARDING THE PROJECT. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TO USE SOME SOCKED TILE THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ESTIMATE. WE WILL ALSO BE ASKING FOR UPDATED QUOTES FROM THE LOW BID SUPPLIER. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM WERTENBERGER TILING FOR THE INSTALLATION. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW KISSINGER - SURVEYOR AND CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY OF ACCEPTING THE BID FROM THE MATERIAL SUPPLIER AFTER GETTING AN UPDATED QUOTE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OMAR NEFF JEFFERSON - QUOTES:**

THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 54,000 FEET TO CLEAN. TWO QUOTES WERE RECEIVED FOR DEBRUSHING AND DIPPING THE OMAR NEFF DITCH IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP. SAWYER EXCAVATING'S QUOTE WAS \$0.995 PER FOOT, EVEREST EXCAVATING'S QUOTE WAS \$1.29 PER FOOT. THE BOARD AGREED TO ACCEPT SAWYER EXCAVATING'S QUOTE FOR THIS PROJECT.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

KISSINGER INTRODUCED ROBERT BITTING TO THE BOARD. ROBERT IS A NEW HIRE IN THE OFFICE AND IS TRAINING TO TAKE SUE GLADIEUX'S POSITION WHEN SHE RETIRES AT THE END OF THE YEAR AFTER 45 YEARS IN THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

**CAUFFMAN – TIF PROJECT UPDATE:**

THIS PROJECT IS FINISHED. THERE HAS BEEN SOME SETTLING AROUND SOME MANHOLES THAT WILL NEED TO BE FIXED. LDP EXCAVATING WILL BE REPAIRING THESE MANHOLES AND THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED SOON. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING IN DECEMBER TO LET THEM KNOW THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETE.

**PLUNGE CREEK RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETE AS OF THIS WEEK EXCEPT FOR SOME LEVELING. CHANGE ORDERS SHOULD BE LESS THAN \$10,000.00.

**CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY WORKMAN'S COMP:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT MIKE HALL (INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE) WILL BE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING TO DISCUSS THE WORKMAN'S COMP LIABILITY ON THE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE.

**VARIANCES FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS:**

JIM SCOTT QUESTIONED A VARIANCE THAT WAS ISSUED FOR A SEPTIC SYSTEM. FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, GRANTING VARIANCES FOR CONTINGENT SEPTIC SYSTEMS, THE BOARD HAS INSTRUCTED THE SURVEYOR TO SEEK MORE INPUT FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO CONSIDERING GRANTING VARIANCES.

**MOWING VERSUS SPRAYING:**

JIM SCOTT WANTED TO KNOW THE COST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MOWING AND SPRAYING. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SOME LANDOWNERS REQUEST TO NOT HAVE THEIR DITCH AREA SPRAYED DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES. WE NOTIFY ALL LANDOWNERS WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO SPRAY OR MOW THE DITCH AREA OF THEIR PROPERTY. SOME PROPERTY OWNERS THAT GET NOTIFIED OF A MOWING WORKORDER GO AHEAD AND MOW THE AREA BEFORE THE CONTRACTOR EVER ARRIVES. DITCH SPRAYING IS ON A 3 YEAR CYCLE.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:**

10/1/2019

CAUFFMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$465.00	1158
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$7256.50	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$717.50	1158
POLE RUN	HOENE TILING	\$182.59	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158



SHANTON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$3950.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$3120.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$180.00	1158

**MAINTENANCE: \$11,249.09**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$5,552.50**

**10/15/2019**

CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$618.66	1158
DORSEY MILTON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1388.81	1158
ELDER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$7932.89	2700
FLUKE HANSEN	COLLIER EXCAVATING	\$4000.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1355.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$51.76	1158
KOONTZ MARY	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$2370.00	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$815.95	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$966.34	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$160.00	1158
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$360.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$12,622.89**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$8,086.52**

**10/29/2019**

CAUFFMAN	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$718.40	1158
CAUFFMAN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$4784.00	1158
ELDER	RIGHT OF WAY MGMT	\$680.17	2700
ELDER	HOENE TILING	\$465.40	2700
ELDER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6498.25	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	SWANSON EXC	\$765.00	1158
POLE RUN	SWANSON HAULING & EXC	\$962.44	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1060.00	2700
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1456.25	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS INC	\$274.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$5264.05	2700
TURKEY CREEK	APEX PROPERTY SERVICE	\$18500.00	2700
PLUNGE CK RECONSTRUCTION	INGRAM EXC	\$44130.00	1158

**MAINTENANCE: \$33,704.31**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$51,853.65**

**OCTOBER TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$57,576.29**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$65,492.67 (including Plunge Creek Reconstruction)**



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR  
JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM OCTOBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CAUFFMAN DRAIN – HAL HUFFMAN (CO RD 800 SOUTH AND CO RD 200 WEST)**

KISSINGER GAVE THE BOARD A HISTORY OF THE DRAIN IN THIS AREA. IN 2007 THE COUNTY REPLACED 1600 FEET OF 14" CLAY TILE WITH 15" N-12. THE CUTS WERE ANYWHERE FROM 4 TO 12 FOOT DEEP. IN 2012 THE COUNTY REPLACED 900 FEET OF 12 INCH TILE ON THE WEST SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD 200 WEST. MR. HUFFMAN CONTACTED THE COUNTY SURVEYOR ABOUT WATER STANDING IN THE RISERS AT COUNTY ROAD 200 WEST. THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE HIRED HOHMAN EXCAVATING TO GO INTO THE FIELD AND DIG A COUPLE OF TEST HOLES AND HE CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS ABOUT A 7 INCH RISE (HUMP) IN THE TILE. KISSINGER MADE AN ESTIMATE TO REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 425 FEET OF 15 INCH TILE IN THIS AREA. THIS ESTIMATE IS BETWEEN \$10,000.00 AND \$11,000.00. CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION AS FAR AS THE OTHER REPAIRS THAT NEED DONE ON THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN SO THAT WE CAN PRIORITIZE THEM. THE BOARD AGREED THAT THIS REPAIR NEEDS TO BE DONE AT SOME POINT. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE WILL HAVE THE INFORMATION NEEDED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

**INSURANCE DISCUSSION – MIKE HALL – HALL & MAROSE SILVEUS:**

MR. HALL WAS INVITED TO THE MEETING TO DISCUSS WHETHER WORKMANS COMPENSATION INSURANCE IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONTRACTORS THAT THE DRAINAGE BOARD HIRES. IF THE CONTRACTOR IS A CORPORATION THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE WORKMANS COMP ON THEIR CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FORM. IF THEY ARE NOT A CORPORATION OR A LIMITED LIABILITY CORP THEY CAN FILE WITH THE STATE OF INDIANA FOR AN APPLICATION FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE. BY LAW, CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE EITHER WORKMANS COMPENSATION ON THEIR CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY OR THE AFFIDAVIT FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA FOR COMPENSATION CLEARANCE. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, THE DRAINAGE BOARD WILL BE REQUIRING ALL CONTRACTORS THAT WISH TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY TO CARRY WORKMANS COMPENSATION INSURANCE OR HAVE THE AFFIDAVIT FROM THE STATE FOR THE CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE.

MINIMUM FOR EACH OCCURRENCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE \$1,000,000.00 GENERAL LIABILITY AND THE WORKMANS COMPENSATION IS REQUIRED TO BE \$500,000.00, \$500,000.00, AND \$500,000.00.

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 ALL CONTRACTORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FORM ON FILE IN THE SURVEYORS OFFICE WITH THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED AND THE ADDITIONALLY INSURED BOX CHECKED ON THE FORM.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT A CURRENT RECONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH A CONTRACTOR THAT DOES NOT CURRENTLY CARRY WORKMANS COMP. THIS CONTRACTOR WILL NEED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF WORKMANS COMP INSURANCE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2020.

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION FOR A LETTER TO BE DRAFTED TO INFORM THE CONTRACTORS OF THE UPCOMING CHANGES. ALL CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY WITH WORKMANS COMP OR THE STATE CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ANNUALLY UPDATED CERTIFICATE) WILL NEED TO BE KEPT UP TO DATE WITH THE OFFICE. THEY NEED TO HAVE ALL THE PROPER DOCUMENTS IN THE SURVEYORS OFFICE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2020 TO RECEIVE ANY COUNTY DRAINAGE WORK. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **SPRAYING – DISCUSSION – LEX DALTON:**

LEX DALTON FROM ~THE DALTON'S~ CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO SPEAK OF THE ANNUAL SPRAYING PROGRAM AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE FOR WEED AND BRUSH CONTROL FOR THE COUNTY DRAINS. DALTON INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HIS COMPANY CHARGES BY THE GALLON (FURNISHED AND APPLIED) NOT BY THE LENGTH OF THE DITCH BEING SPRAYED.

#### **VANDERMARK DRAIN – DISCUSSION:**

JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR ASKED ABOUT SOME OF THE DRAINS THAT NEED SOME REPAIRS AND COLLECT A SMALL AMOUNT PER YEAR. A REGULATED DRAIN SHOULD BE VACATED WHEN THE DRAIN DOES NOT 1) PERFORM THE FUNCTION FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED OR CONSTRUCTED 2) THE RECONSTRUCTION COST OUTWEIGHS THE BENEFITS OF RECONSTRUCTION 3) THE VACATION WOULD NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE. THE VANDERMARK DRAIN WAS BUILT IN 1892 AND HAS 53 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED. THIS DRAIN COLLECTS \$127.21 PER YEAR. THIS DITCH WAS BUILT TO DRAIN STAGNATE AND UNUSABLE GROUND PER THE 1892 REPORT. IN 1984, THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE SURVEYED THE DRAIN AND CAME UP WITH A COST OF RECONSTRUCTION OF \$8000 - \$10,000. MOYER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THIS DRAIN IS NOT WORKING THE WAY IT WAS DESIGNED TO WORK. AT SOME POINT IN THE 1990'S THERE WAS A TREE FARM PLACED OVER THE TILE PORTION OF THE DITCH. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT RAISING THE ASSESSMENT (CURRENTLY \$0.63 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM) AS WELL AS INCREASING THE YEARS OF COLLECTION. GRONINGER ASKED ABOUT WHETHER THE COUNTY COULD BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING FOR REPAIRS WHERE THE TREES WERE PLANTED ON THE TREE FARM. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD CONTACT THE DRAINAGE BOARD ATTORNEY AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR DUE TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS AND FIND OUT IF WE HAVE ANY OPTIONS. MOYER SUGGESTED THAT THE BOARD TABLE THE DISCUSSION, AND DISCUSS THIS DRAIN AND SIMILAR DRAINS IN THE FUTURE. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO TABLE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION CONTRACT:**

THE BOARD SIGNED THE CONTRACT WITH WERTENBERGER TILING AND EXCAVATING FOR THE SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION.

**CAUFFMAN TIF PROJECT AND PLUNGE CREEK RECONSTRUCTION:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT BOTH OF THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

**JAMES WELCH DRAIN – RECONSTRUCTION:**

THE JAMES WELCH RECONSTRUCTION WAS TABLED UNTIL THE DECEMBER MEETING.

**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CLAIMS:****11/12/2019**

DANNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$998.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
ELDER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3449.50	2700
ELDER	CLUNETTE ELEVATOR	\$28.60	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	GARY DANT	\$240.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	EVEREST EXC	\$1450.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$90.00	1158
MELLOTT	HAMBY & SON	\$850.00	1158
OLDFATHER	HAMBY & SON	\$700.00	1158
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1751.77	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$323.38	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$800.75	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$485.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$33330.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	DALTONS INC	\$645.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$675.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$586.86	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$44,478.71**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$5,405.15**

**11/26/2019**

DANNER	HOENE TILING	\$178.20	2700
DANNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3663.61	2700
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	HOENE TILING	\$16.91	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	SWANSON HAULING	\$635.00	1158



HOOPENGARNER	KOLESIAC CONST	\$9900.00	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
OLDFATHER	SHANKSTER BROS	\$290.81	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	HOENE TILING	\$1308.42	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$1130.00	2700
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$613.80	1158
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$840.00	1158

MAINTENANCE: \$7,330.23  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$12,566.52

NOVEMBER TOTALS  
MAINTENANCE: \$51,808.94  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$17,971.67

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN  
JIM SCOTT - VICE CHAIRMAN  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**NOT PRESENT:**

DENNIS DARR

**ALSO PRESENT:**

MICHAEL KISSINGER - COUNTY SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL - DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER - DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS FROM NOVEMBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER WITH THE STIPULATION THAT MIKE KISSINGER CHECK WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY ABOUT WHICH ENTITY SHOULD BE LISTED AS ADDITIONALLY INSURED ON THE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE. WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER IT SHOULD READ KOSCIUSKO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OR KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN:**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JIM SCOTT - VICE CHAIRMAN:**

AT THE DECEMBER COMMISSIONERS MEETING, CARY GRONINGER WAS REAPPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD.

JIM SCOTT WAS REAPPOINTED FOR ANOTHER 4 YEAR TERM.

**DOKE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASE:**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE RECOMMENDATION FOR A HEARING TO INCREASE THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT OF THE DOKE DRAIN. THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$1697.24 PER YEAR. IT HAS A BALANCE OF \$5088.55. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.25 WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM. MIKE KISSINGER, SURVEYOR, PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SEVERAL PROPOSED RATES. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 12,000 FEET OF OPEN DRAIN AND 10,000 FEET OF TILE. THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING WAS DECEMBER 1966 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN JUNE 1980. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$6800 - \$7500. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEARING WITH THE RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**CAUFFMAN FUTURE WORK DISCUSSION:**

HOOPENGARNER	KOLESIK CONST	\$9900.00	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$150.00	1158
OLDFATHER	SHANKSTER BROS	\$290.81	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	HOENE TILING	\$1308.42	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$1130.00	2700
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$613.80	1158
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$840.00	1158

MAINTENANCE: \$7,330.23  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$12,566.52

NOVEMBER TOTALS  
MAINTENANCE: \$51,808.94  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$17,971.67



THIS DISCUSSION IS CONTINUED FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING. HAL HUFFMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD IN NOVEMBER TO DISCUSS A COUNTY TILE THAT HAS A HUMP IN IT. THIS TILE WAS INSTALLED IN 2008. THE ESTIMATE TO REPAIR THE HUMP IS APPROXIMATELY \$11,000.00. THE DRAINAGE BOARD REQUESTED THE SURVEYOR GET MORE INFORMATION ON THIS ISSUE. CARY GRONINGER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY STANDING WATER IN THE FIELD WHERE THE ISSUE IS WITH THE TILE. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY ACRES ARE LOST TO PLANTING BECAUSE OF THE REPORTED ISSUE. THE BOARD REQUESTED MIKE GO TO THE SITE AND CHECK IT TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY LOST (UNPLANTABLE) ACRES. THEY ALSO REQUESTED A LIST OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ON THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN AND PRIORITIZE THE WORK DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS DRAIN IS IN DEBT. CARY GRONINGER REQUESTED KISSINGER TO CONTACT THE LANDOWNER AND MEET WITH HIM AT THE SITE SO HE CAN SHOW THE DAMAGE OR LOSS THAT IS HAPPENING. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION FOR KISSINGER TO CONTACT THE LANDOWNER AND MEET AT THE SITE FOR PROOF OF LOST ACREAGE DUE TO THE HUMP IN THE TILE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **JAMES WELCH RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION:**

THE WELCH DRAIN IS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST ON RECONSTRUCTIONS. THE ESTIMATE FOR RECONSTRUCTION IS NEAR \$300,000.00 AS THE TILE WOULD NEED UPSIZED. THE BOARD SUGGESTED THAT KISSINGER MEET WITH THE LANDOWNERS AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO THEM - INFORM THEM OF THE POSSIBLE RATE PER ACRE FOR THIS RECONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS THE FUNDS SITUATION IN THE GENERAL DRAIN TO PAY FOR THIS PROJECT.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### ***CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY FOR LANDOWNERS REPAIRING ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY***

JIM SCOTT ASKED ABOUT A LANDOWNER FIXING A TILE ON HIS PROPERTY. IF THE LANDOWNER WANTS REIMBURSED FOR REPAIRS, HE WILL NEED TO HAVE THE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE ON FILE WITH THE SURVEYORS OFFICE. THE DRAINAGE BOARD WILL STILL HAVE AUTHORITY ON THE INSTALLATION.

#### **ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

#### **CLAIMS:**

**12/10/2019**

ACHOR CARLES	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$1500.00	2700
BURKHOLDER	HOENE TILING	\$113.41	2700
BURKHOLDER	HAMBY & SON	\$2017.22	2700
BURKHOLDER	HAMBY & SON	\$390.28	1158
DANNER	BEECHY'S BACKHOE	\$350.00	2700
DANNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4960.25	2700
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
ELDER	ELKHART CO GRAVEL	\$2420.97	2700
ELDER	GILBERT DRAINAGE & EXC	\$16,445.42	2700
KUHN ISIAH	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
METZGER JOSEPH	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$5481.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	INGRAM EXCAVATING	\$4239.67	1158

<b>PLUNGE CK RECONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>INGRAM EXC</b>	<b>\$14,986.75</b>	<b>1158</b>
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$230.03	1158
<b>SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>CORE &amp; MAIN</b>	<b>\$12,960.10</b>	<b>1158</b>
SLOAN ADAMS	HOENE TILING	\$236.67	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3043.67	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	HAMBY & SON	\$270.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$173.57	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	N.E.W. PLUMBING	\$405.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$322.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$372.75	2700
VANCUREN	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$1923.17	1158
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$738.50	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$35,930.09**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$38,550.34**

**12/23/2019**

CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$1125.00	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON	\$1012.50	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	DON'S EXCAVATING	\$4675.00	2700
REED J B	CARL HEPLER	\$90.00	2700
<b>SILVEUS RECONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>CORE &amp; MAIN</b>	<b>\$15,389.17</b>	<b>1158</b>
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$440.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	SAWYER EXCAVATING	\$800.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$405.00	1158
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$330.00	1158
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$9315.25	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$16,932.75**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$17,579.17**

**DECEMBER TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$52,862.84**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$56,129.51**