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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2022

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
AMY HURD – GIS TECHNICIAN

**NOT PRESENT:**

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 AND MINUTES FROM DECEMBER AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – MCCONNELL – WAWASEE COMM. SCHOOL – CELL TOWER (WITHDRAWN):**

WAWASEE COMM. SCHOOL HAS DECIDED TO ALLOW A CELL TOWER TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN A DIFFERENT AREA OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE NEVIN McCONNELL RIGHT OF WAY. THIS VARIANCE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN – NO ACTION NEEDED.

**VARIANCE – ESSIG – CAMPBELL – HOUSE:**

IN 2019, THE BOARD GRANTED A 45' VARIANCE SPECIFIC TO A PREVIOUS SITE MAP; THEREFORE, SINCE THE NEW LANDOWNER HAS A DIFFERENT SITE MAP, A NEW VARIANCE IS NEEDED. LANDOWNER, HOLLI CAMPBELL, WAS PRESENT AND PRESENTED HER REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO THE BOARD. PROPERTY LOCATED ON EMS T29 LANE. LANDOWNER REQUESTING 45' VARIANCE TO BUILD A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME. DAN RICHARD, FROM THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, WAS PRESENT. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS IS ALSO WORKING WITH THIS LANDOWNER IN REGARDS TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE ROAD. HE EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD THAT THE NORMAL SETBACK FROM ROAD R.O.W. IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT IS 35'; HOWEVER, THIS AREA WILL SOON BE SERVED WITH SEWER IN A FEW YEARS, WHICH WILL DECREASE THE SETBACK TO 25'. THE LANDOWNER IS ASKING FOR A 10' VARIANCE AT THE ROAD. THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REQUESTS THAT THE DRAINAGE BOARD APPROVE A VARIANCE CLOSER TO THE DRAIN R.O.W. IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR A 20' VARIANCE FROM THE ROAD R.O.W. STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO GRANT A 35' VARIANCE TO THE LANDOWNER. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OPEN BIDS – WELCH RECONSTRUCTION:**

CARY GRONINGER BEGAN BY OPENING BIDS FROM TILE SUPPLIERS; BIDS WERE OPENED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. BID AMOUNTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

CORE AND MAIN: \$164,868.40  
 SHANKSTER BROTHERS: \$125,942.23  
 WARSAW WHOLESALE SUPPLY: \$156,905.39

CARY GRONINGER THEN OPENED BIDS FROM INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS; BIDS WERE OPENED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. BID AMOUNTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

BOLINGER EXCAVATING: \$244,040.00  
 EADS & SONS BULLDOZING: \$169,675.00  
 FARMER'S DRAINAGE: \$219,413.50  
 LDP EXCAVATING: \$89,000.00  
 SHANKSTER BROS.: \$141,600.00  
 WERTENBERGER TILING: \$180,000.00

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION FOR THE BOARD TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 9 AM TO AWARD THE BIDS FOR THIS PROJECT. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ESSIG DRAIN 25% INCREASE CONSIDERATION:**

MIKE KISSINGER PROPOSED RAISING THE COLLECTION RATE ON THE ESSIG DRAIN BY 25%. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION INCLUDING CURRENT AND RECENT WORKORDERS ON THIS DRAIN, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO RAISE THE COLLECTION RATE BY 25%. JOE IRWIN SECONDED AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE INCREASE WILL START IN 2023.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD OF TWO UPCOMING HEARINGS:  
 RATE PROPOSAL FOR THE JOHN PYLE DRAIN – MEETING 2/24/2022, HEARING APRIL 2022.

J.L. ARTHUR DRAIN – MEETING 3/24/2022, HEARING MAY 2022

MIKE ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SURVEYORS OFFICE HAD RECENTLY HAD SOME ISSUES WITH THE DNR NOT ALLOWING SPOIL TO BE PLACED IN A FLOODWAY; HOWEVER, THE STATUTE THAT THE DNR WAS REFERENCING STATES THAT COUNTY DRAINS ARE EXEMPT FROM THAT RESTRICTION.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**1/4/2022**

ARTHUR JL	KOLESIAC CONST.	\$3905.78	2700
ARTHUR JL	KOLESIAC CONST.	\$8572.34	1158
FUNK	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$2472.50	2700
HUFFER DAVID	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1581.92	2700
HUFFER DAVID	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1809.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	KOLESIAC CONST.	\$1187.50	2700



MAISH	RANSBOTTOM EXC.	\$715.00	2700
NICKLER ARM DAUSMAN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$8775.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$240.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$8859.50	2700
VANCUREN	KOLESIK CONST.	\$300.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$30,086.20**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$8,812.34**

**1/18/22**

BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$585.30	2700
BURKHOLDER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$580.00	2700
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$110.00	1158
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS	\$1320.00	2700
ELDER	KOLESIK CONST	\$3959.90	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700
ELDER	KOLESIK CONST	\$5325.00	2700
FLEUGLE	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1020.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$165.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$550.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1384.50	2700
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2978.50	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$60.00	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$605.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$385.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700
VANCUREN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$110.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	SHANKSTER BROS	\$477.60	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$715.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$17,662.30**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$3,148.50**

**JANUARY TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$47,748.50**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$11,960.84**

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2022

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**VARIANCE – KIST DRAIN (NON-ASSESSED) – JONATHAN & VALINA CAUDELL:**

MIKE KISSINGER – COUNTY SURVEYOR REPRESENTED THE APPLICANT FOR THIS VARIANCE DUE TO ILLNESS. THE KIST DRAIN IS THE OUTLET TO SHOE LAKE. IT IS AN OPEN DRAIN. THE VARIANCE IS A REQUEST FOR PARCEL OF GROUND THAT THE OWNERS WANT TO SUBDIVIDE INTO BANNING HILLS SUBDIVISION. THIS WILL BE A 3 LOT SUBDIVISION. THE LOTS WILL NOT NEED SEPTIC SYSTEMS AS THEY WILL BE CONNECTED TO LAKELAND SEWER. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO GRANT A 30 FOOT VARIANCE THROUGH THE PROPOSED LOT #1 (SUBJECT TO THE NOTARIZED APPLICATION FROM THE LANDOWNER). JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE WILL BE HAVING THE HEARING FOR THE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT INCREASE ON THE JOHN PYLE DRAIN IN APRIL.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WABASH COUNTY WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO BE REPRESENTED ON A JOINT BOARD FOR A MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT INCREASE HEARING ON THE JL ARTHUR DRAIN. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD IN MAY.

**REQUEST FOR FUNDS IN GENERAL DRAIN:**

THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE HAS PUT TOGETHER A PROPOSAL TO TAKE TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING FUNDS BE PLACED INTO THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND. THE CURRENT ESTIMATE FOR RECONSTRUCTIONS IS \$636,000.00+. THE CURRENT BALANCE IN THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND IS \$545,385.63. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRS FROM THE GENERAL DRAIN ARE AROUND \$250,000.00. WITH THE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND COST OF PROJECTS, THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT WE WILL NEED TO ADD FUNDS TO THE GENERAL DRAIN. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION FOR KISSINGER



TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THE FISCAL BODY (COUNTY COUNCIL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM 2600 RECONSTRUCTION TO GENERAL DRAIN:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE PUT TOGETHER A PROJECT FOR THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE IN OCTOBER 2021 FOR FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE 2600 RECONSTRUCTION FUND THAT NEED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL DRAIN. AT THIS TIME, THE FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL DRAIN.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**2/1/2022**

ALEXANDER LUHR	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$518.91	1158
DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$7840.00	2700
DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$6600.00	2700
DANNER	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$7700.00	2700
ELDER	KOLESIK CONST.	\$9617.50	2700
HALL ISAAC	HAMBY & SON	\$2210.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HAMBY & SON	\$287.50	2700
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4797.56	2700
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2985.44	1158
PLYE JOHN	HAMBY & SON	\$750.00	1158
SILVEUS	KOLESIK CONST.	\$3525.00	1158
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4799.68	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$43,852.24**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,779.35**

**2/15/2022**

LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2673.70	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	DON'S EXCAVATING	\$2610.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$575.00	2700
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3655.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$115.00	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1121.50	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1231.63	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$9,308.63**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$2,673.70**

**FEBRUARY TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$53,160.87**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$10,453.05**

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2022

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**VARIANCE – SWICK MEREDITH – WESLEY SCHAEFER – SOLAR PANELS:**

KENNETH GIBSON – POWER HOME SOLAR CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REPRESENTING THE SCHAEFER'S. THE SCHAEFER'S WOULD LIKE TO PLACE SOLAR PANELS WITHIN THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 5440 W HIGH ST. SILVER LAKE. IT IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DIAMOND LAKE. THEY ARE REQUESTING A 50 FOOT VARIANCE TO PLACE THE SOLAR PANELS. GIBSON TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE CABELING WILL COME FROM THE WEST AND WOULD NOT BE IN THE 50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY. KISSINGER REMINDED THE LANDOWNER THAT IF THE COUNTY HAD TO COME IN AND CLEAN THE DITCH, THE LANDOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THE SPOIL. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 50 FOOT VARIANCE FOR THE SOLAR PANELS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THIS VARIANCE IS PENDING THE PROPER NOTARIZED PAPERWORK BEING RETURNED TO THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**SWICK MEREDITH PROJECT – MARSHALL/FULTON COUNTIES:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD OF A LARGE PROJECT THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON. THIS IS A DEBRUSHING PROJECT. A LANDOWNER HAS TAKEN HIS PROBLEM WITH THE PROJECT TO SOCIAL MEDIA. KISSINGER REPLIED TO THE POST EXPLAINING WHAT THE COUNTY WAS TRYING TO COMPLETE WITH THIS PROJECT. KISSINGER MET WITH THE LANDOWNER ON HIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FIRST SOCIAL MEDIA POST WHICH LED TO ANOTHER POST. THE LANDOWNER HAS CONTACTED A CONSERVATION OFFICER AS WELL AS THE DNR, ARMY CORP AND IDEM. KISSINGER HAS HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DNR AND THE CONSERVATION OFFICER AT THIS POINT.



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**JOHN PYLE HEARING:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE JOHN PYLE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT INCREASE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE APRIL MEETING.

**NEVIN McCONNELL:**

DENNIS DARR ASKED WHERE WE STAND ON THE NEVIN McCONNELL PROJECT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HIS CONTACT WITH PARKER-HANNIFIN (BEN BENNETT) HAS NOT BEEN RETURNING HIS CALLS. (PROPERTY OWNER IS SYRACUSE RUBBER) HE WILL HAVE TO REACH OUT TO HIM WITH A CERTIFIED LETTER.

**SPRAYING:**

JOE IRWIN ASKED WHERE WE STAND WITH THE SPRAYING FOR 2022. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT MARK MONTEL AND HIMSELF MET WITH DALTON'S YESTERDAY AND THEY ARE ON SCHEDULE FOR THE 2022 SEASON.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**3/1/2022**

LECKRONE NELSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$966.00	1158
PETERSON	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$6584.99	1158
VANCUREN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1465.98	1158
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1725.89	2700
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2964.11	1158
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$7730.07	1158

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$1,725.89**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$19,711.15**

DANNER	LEMLER & SONS	\$5627.50	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1245.00	1158
HALL ISAAC	HAMBY & SON	\$875.00	2700
KELLY H C	HAMBY & SON	\$1120.00	2700
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON	\$750.00	1158
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5043.75	1158
PETERSON	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$6200.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$20000.00	2700
VANCUREN	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$2082.20	1158
VANCUREN	LDP EXCAVATING	\$28680.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	KOLESIAC CONST	\$14353.30	2700

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$41,975.80**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$44,000.95**

ARMEY	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$341.22	2700
BILLER	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$6318.90	2700
DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$1650.00	2700
DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$760.00	2700
DANNER	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$2250.00	2700

DORSEY MILTON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$440.92	2700
DORSEY MILTON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$319.58	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	MIKE LONG FAMILY FARMS	\$14072.95	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$754.56	1158
HICKMAN	GARY DANT	\$330.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON	\$577.50	2700
KINNEY	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$8475.35	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$981.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$1695.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$716.40	2700
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$1530.00	2700
ROSS ALFRED	SHANKSTER BROS	\$305.40	2700
SILVEUS	KOLESIK CONST	\$4405.50	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1749.87	2700
VANCUREN	HAMBY & SON	\$412.50	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$528.76	1158
WELCH JAMES	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1612.06	1158
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$870.00	2700
WYLAND	SHANKSTER BROS	\$379.11	2700

**TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$42,852.62****GENERAL DRAIN: \$9,853.96****MARCH TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$86,554.31****GENERAL DRAIN: \$73,566.06**



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**VARIANCE: SAMUEL HEPLER DRAIN – BURKHOLDER:**

MICHAEL BURKHOLDER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD ALONG WITH HIS BUILDER TO REQUEST A VARIANCE TO ADD ON TO AN EXISTING BUILDING. THE REQUEST IS TO OFFSET THE NEW ADDITION CLOSER TO THE COUNTY DRAIN. THE NEW ADDITION WOULD BE 70 X 104. THE LANDOWNER IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE OF 55 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 55 FEET. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THIS VARIANCE WILL INCLUDE THE EXISTING BUILDING.

**HEARING – MAINTENANCE INCREASE – JOHN PYLE DRAIN:**

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

JERRY RICHARDSON  
JACK VOLKERS  
PHIL STIVER

**REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED:**

JAY DISBRO  
CARA OUSLEY  
JERRY RICHARDSON  
PHIL STIVER  
JACK VOLKERS

**IN FAVOR:**

JOE DOCK

CARY GRONINGER ANNOUNCED TO THE GALLERY THAT JOE IRWIN WOULD BE EXITING THE BOARD AND ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE AT THIS TIME DUE TO OWNING LAND IN THE WATERSHED AREA OF THE PYLE DRAIN.

KISSINGER – SURVEYOR PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 10.4 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 8.4 MILES OF TILE. THE PYLE DRAIN WAS PETITIONED TO THE COUNTY IN 1897. THE LAST HEARING ON THE PYLE DRAIN WAS IN AUGUST 2005. THE ASSESSMENT WAS INCREASED 25% IN JUNE 2008. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.56 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM WITH A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE PYLE DRAIN CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF ~~-\$10,132.56~~ WITH WORK CURRENTLY GOING ON. THE PROPOSED RATE IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN IS \$25,000.00.

JERRY RICHARDSON SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT. HE BELIEVES THAT THE INCREASE IS EXCESSIVE.

PHIL STIVER SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN AGREEMENT WITH MR. RICHARDSON.

JACK VOLKERS SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE MINIMUM INCREASE. HE BELIEVES THE BENEFIT FOR THE SMALL PARCELS IS NOT AS GREAT AS THE AGRICULTURAL GROUND. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE MINIMUM IS JUSTIFIED.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ASSESSMENT INCREASE AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND CARY GRONINGER AND STEVE METZGER WERE IN FAVOR. JOE IRWIN ABSTAINED DUE TO OWNING LAND IN THE WATERSHED AREA.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

KISSINGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PROJECT ON THE CAUFFMAN DRAIN ON HOFFMAN FAMILY FARMS PROPERTY. THIS TILE HAD A HUMP IN IT. A CONTRACTOR WAS HIRED TO REPLACE A SECTION OF THE TILE. IT WAS ESTIMATED TO BE A STRETCH OF AROUND 450 FEET. IT ACTUALLY TOOK APPROXIMATELY 900 FEET TO REPAIR THIS STRETCH. THE COST WILL REFLECT THE ADDITIONAL LENGTH. INVOICES HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE. MONEY WILL BE BORROWED FROM THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND.

#### **NEVIN McCONNELL:**

KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE MET WITH PARKER HANAFIN. THERE WAS A VARIANCE GIVEN IN THE 1980'S FOR THIS BUILDING. THE VARIANCE STATES THAT THE LANDOWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THE SPOIL WHEN THE DRAIN IS CLEANED. THEY ALSO HAVE A SECURITY FENCE THAT WILL NEED TO COME DOWN BEFORE THE PROJECT COMMENCES. A LETTER WAS ALSO SENT TO WAWASEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ABOUT A FENCE AROUND BOATS BEING AT RISK IF IT IS WITHIN THE 75 FOOT DRAINAGE EASEMENT.

#### **NEVIN McCONNELL – REF: MUD LAKE:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS LAKE IS PRIVATELY OWNED AND THE COUNTY CANNOT WORK ON THE DRAIN BECAUSE THIS IS IN A WETLAND AREA. THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS STOPPED WORK ON THIS DRAIN MANY YEARS AGO AND MADE THE COUNTY PLACE DUCK AND GEESE BOXES AS WELL AS PLANT TREES. DENNIS DARR REQUESTED FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND A DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS NOT BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN AT THE LAKE.

#### **ADJOURN:**

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



CLAIMS:  
4/12/2022

COPPESS	GOOD HAULING & EXC	\$1449.00	2700
NICKLER ARM DAUSMAN	BEECHY EXC	\$1260.00	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2180.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$30000.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$926.69	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1956.00	2700

**TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$37,771.69**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$0.00**

ACHOR	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
ALEXANDER LUHR	DIRTWORKX	\$589.00	1158
ARMEY	BEECHY EXC	\$400.00	2700
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$1360.00	1158
COPPESS	EVEREST EXC	\$39550.50	2700
COPPESS	EVEREST EXC	\$15550.00	2700
DANNER	HAMBY & SON	\$994.50	2700
DANNER	BEECHY EXC	\$240.00	2700
ELDER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3807.65	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	G & G HAULING & EXC	\$384.82	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$330.00	1158
HICKMAN	GARY DANT	\$60.00	1158
HUFFER DAVID	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$374.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$865.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
OLDFATHER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$154.45	1158
OLDFATHER	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	1158
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON	\$3300.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	DIRTWORKX	\$3052.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
TRUAX	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$285.18	2700
TRUAX	HAMBY & SON	\$535.00	2700
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$975.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$535.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$397.50	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DIRTWORKX	\$817.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$825.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
YEAGER ANDREW	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700

**TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$69,888.15**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,758.45**

**APRIL TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: 107,659.84**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,758.45**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 26, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

**NOT PRESENT:**

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

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

**JL ARTHUR – MAINTENANCE INCREASE DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT. THIS IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH WABASH COUNTY. WABASH COUNTY HAS WAIVED THEIR RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING. THIS DRAIN HAS 2.8 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 2 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.56 WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ~~-\$9,619.47~~. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF MAINTENANCE IS \$3500.00. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT \$4.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$40.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION. CARY GRONINGER TOOK A ROLL CALL OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS. THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF BOARD MEMBERS BEING IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED ADVERTISED RATE.

AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$40.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD IN JULY.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**SWICK MEREDITH – MARSHALL COUNTY – MIKE YAZEL:**

MIKE YAZEL CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERNS WITH A PROJECT THAT WAS DONE ON HIS PROPERTY (HE IS A LANDOWNER IN MARSHALL AND KOSCIUSKO COUNTIES). HE TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE CONTRACTOR APPARENTLY BROUGHT A TIMBER HARVESTER ON BOARD WITHOUT NOTIFYING ANY OF THE LANDOWNERS. MR. YAZEL WAS SPEAKING ABOUT HIS NEIGHBORS PROPERTY (FLORY).



HE CLAIMS THAT THEY WERE CUTTING TREES FOR PROFIT WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LANDOWNERS. HE CONTACTED A COUPLE OF PEOPLE THAT HE KNOWS FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THEY INFORMED HIM THE TIMBER HARVESTER WAS NOT CURRENTLY LICENSED IN THE STATE OF INDIANA – HE HAS BEEN LICENSED IN THE PAST; HOWEVER, HIS FEES ARE NOT CURRENT. THE TIMBER HARVESTER WAS TOLD NOT TO REMOVE ANY TIMBER FROM THE PROJECT UNTIL HIS FEES HAD BEEN PAID. MR. YAZEL SAID THIS PARTICULAR STRETCH OF CREEK HAS A TREMENDOUS STAND OF WALNUT IN THIS AREA. HIS CLAIMS ARE THAT THEY TOOK 3600 FEET OF WALNUT FROM THIS AREA. THE LANDOWNER AGREED THAT THEY COULD HAVE WHATEVER THEY WANTED OFF OF HIS PROPERTY. MR. YAZEL BELIEVES THAT THE LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANY PROJECT AND A FORESTER SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY PROJECT THAT GOES THROUGH WOODED PROPERTY SO THAT THEY CAN GIVE LANDOWNERS ADVICE ON WHETHER ANY TIMBER IS WORTH ANYTHING OF VALUE. MR. YAZEL SAID THE CREEK WAS NOT OBSTRUCTED ON HIS PROPERTY AND THE CONTRACTOR PUSHED STUFF ONTO HIS PROPERTY A MEASURED 112 FEET. HE CLAIMS THE CONTRACTOR ALSO DAMAGED 14 SMALL (10 INCH) VENEER GRADE YOUNG WALNUT TREES ON HIS PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY. MR. YAZEL SENT PICTURES OF THE TIMBER HARVESTER TO HIS CONTACTS FROM THE DNR. HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ON WHO'S TIME THE HARVESTER WAS STACKING LOGS ON (THE CONTRACTOR OR THE COUNTY). HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT EROSION CONTROL WITH THE TREES BEING REMOVED FROM THE BANK. IT IS HIS OPINION THAT THE TREES MAINTAIN EROSION CONTROL BETTER THAN GRASS. HE BELIEVES THAT THE WAY THAT FARMS HAVE CHANGED OVER THE YEARS DUE TO THE LACK OF FENCE ROWS AND MORE LATERALS COMING INTO THE STREAMS HAS INCREASED THE WATER IMMENSELY AND HAS CAUSED MUCH OF THE EROSION PROBLEMS. HE BELIEVES INSTEAD OF CLEARING STREAM BANKS WE SHOULD BE PLANTING STREAM BANKS. WE SHOULD BE PLANTING SOME TYPE OF A DEEP-ROOTED TREE SUCH AS A WILLOW IN HIS OPINION. HE BELIEVES WE ARE CREATING ONGOING MAINTENANCE ISSUES BY CLEARING THE STREAM BANKS. CARY GRONINGER THANKED MR. YAZEL FOR COMING IN. AT THIS POINT, MR. YAZEL LEFT THE MEETING. THE BOARD THEN ASKED KISSINGER ABOUT THE TIMBER. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE SPECS CALLED FOR THE TIMBER TO BE BURNED AND BURIED. THE TIMBER HARVESTER STOPPED BY WHILE THE PROJECT WAS ONGOING AND ASKED ABOUT THE TIMBER. KISSINGER SAID THE LANDOWNER WAS STANDING THERE WHEN THE TIMBER HARVESTER STOPPED AND ASKED WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE TIMBER. THE LANDOWNER AGREED THAT HE WOULD RATHER THE TIMBER BE USED INSTEAD OF BURNED AND BURIED. THE LANDOWNER GAVE PERMISSION FOR THE TIMBER HARVESTER TO TAKE THE LOGS. THE COUNTY DID NOT PAY THE TIMBER HARVESTER FOR ANY WORK THAT HE PROVIDED. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS A FORESTRY DEGREE AS WELL. HE SHOWED THE BOARD A PICTURE OF THE AREA WITH RIBBONS AROUND THE TREES THAT THE LANDOWNERS WANTED SAVED. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY A CONSERVATION OFFICER ABOUT THEFT OF TIMBER. KISSINGER GAVE THE CONSERVATION OFFICER THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL THE LANDOWNERS THAT HE HAD CONTACTED. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT EVERYTHING SOUTH OF STATE ROAD 25 WAS BURNED AND BURIED. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THE STATE STATUTE DOES NOT ALLOW YOU TO PLANT TREES IN THE 75 FOOT DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY. THE DNR CONTACTED KISSINGER AND TOLD HIM NOT TO LEAVE THE BRUSH PILES – MAKE SURE THEY GET BURNED AND BURIED. THE BOARD DECIDED TO ADD TO ALL FUTURE SPECS THAT ANY SUBCONTRACTOR NEEDS TO SUPPLY TO THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE THEIR CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE AS WELL AS WORKMANS COMPENSATION WITH THEIR CERTIFICATE OR THE WAIVER FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA.

**WELCH RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE CONTRACTOR HAS APPROXIMATELY 2500 FEET OF 24 INCH TILE IN THE GROUND AT THIS POINT. THE CONTRACTOR IS THROUGH COUNTY ROAD 200 SOUTH. KISSINGER SAID THEY ARE INSTALLING 750 – 800 FEET OF TILE PER DAY.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:****5/10/2022**

ACHOR	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
BILLER	KOLESIK CONST.	\$1115.10	2700
CAUFFMAN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$298.50	1158
CAUFFMAN	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$430.00	1158
COPPESS	CROP FERTILITY SPEC	\$220.00	2700
DANNER	DALTONS	\$1025.00	2700
DAVISSON	LDP EXCAVATING	\$43106.02	2700
DAVISSON	LDP EXCAVATING	\$3855.68	1158
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
ELDER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$843.90	2700
FUNK	HAMBY & SON	\$700.00	2700
FUNK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$161.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	KOLESIK CONST	\$1375.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	HAMBY & SON	\$2280.51	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	HAMBY & SON	\$26.99	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	DALTONS	\$1475.00	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$142.59	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$235.80	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	MIKE LONG FAMILY FARMS	\$189.61	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	MIKE LONG FAMILY FARMS	\$1020.00	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$1155.00	1158
KINNEY	KOLESIK CONST	\$1495.65	2700
KOONTZ MARY	KOLESIK CONST	\$1350.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$250.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$253.60	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	HAMBY & SON	\$1030.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$228.20	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$5518.46	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$8451.06	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	HAMBY & SON	\$375.00	2700
MILLER JB	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2466.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	HAMBY & SON	\$125.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	KOLESIK CONST	\$8475.00	1158
ROOKSTOOL	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$210.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$375.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$375.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$59.70	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700



WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$161.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$4865.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	KOLESIAK CONST	\$3244.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$113.40	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$123.36	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$4047.06	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$85,759.43**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$19,557.76**

5/24/2022

ACHOR CARLES	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
ARTHUR JL	KOLESIAK CONST	\$1049.28	1158
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	1158
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS	\$585.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
ELDER	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
FLUKE HANSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2632.50	2700
FLUKE HANSON	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$691.97	2700
FLUKE HANSON	HAMBY & SON	\$990.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROB	KOLESIAK CONST	\$900.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$776.45	2700
KOONTZ MARY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$209.23	2700
KOONTZ MARY	HAMBY & SON	\$1360.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$742.50	2700
McCLAINe PETER	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$170.80	2700
MELLOTT ROY	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$313.20	1158
MELLOTT ROY	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	1158
MILLER JB	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1404.68	2700
MILLER JB	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1136.42	2700
MILLER JB	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1237.84	2700
MILLER JB	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2376.50	2700
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	HAMBY & SON	\$228.00	2700
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	HAMBY & SON	\$812.00	1158
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$247.41	2700
NICKLER ARM DAUSMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON	\$165.00	1158
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	1158
PETERSON	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$500.00	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3957.13	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$22.08	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$959.54	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$4130.00	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$325.72	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$672.41	1158
SILVEUS	KOLESIAK CONST	\$724.50	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$390.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$360.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$241.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$700.00	2700

SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$375.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$939.60	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON	\$1050.00	2700
WALLACE EARL	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$231.67	1158
WALLACE EARL	HAMBY & SON	\$1360.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	LDP EXCAVATING	\$900.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$1570.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$330.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$22,346.12**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$18,766.81**

**MAY TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$108,105.55**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$38,324.57**



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**VARIANCE – DEEDS CREEK – PAGAN:**

**(010-112-020 - 102 S SEVENTH ST PIERCETON)**

JARED PAGAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A GARAGE. THE HOUSE ON THE PROPERTY HAS BURNED AND HAS MOLD ISSUES AND MR. PAGAN WANTS TO TEAR DOWN THE HOUSE AND REBUILD IT WITH AN ATTACHED GARAGE. THE COUNTY TILE IS AN 8 INCH TILE. THE COUNTY SURVEYOR SUGGESTED THE BOARD CONSIDER A 50 FOOT VARIANCE DUE TO NOT KNOWING EXACTLY WHERE THE TILE IS. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A VARIANCE FOR 50 FEET FOR THE NEW STRUCTURE. THE BOARD INFORMED MR. PAGAN THAT IF HE WAS TO BUILD ANYTHING ELSE, HE WOULD NEED TO RETURN FOR ANOTHER VARIANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – J.L. MILLER – HARMAN:**

**(023-077-006) 8955 N 800 WEST ETNA GREEN**

CARL HARMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A 10X32 CEMENT SLAB WITH A PORCH ON THE FRONT OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE. THE TILE IS 12 INCH IN THIS AREA. THIS DRAIN WILL NEED MAINTENANCE IN THE FUTURE IN THIS AREA. HARMAN TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WANTS TO ADD THE PORCH ONTO THE BUILDING TO MAKE THE PROPERTY LOOK NICER AND INCREASE THE PROPERTY VALUE. THE TILE RUNS THROUGH THE TRAILER PARK BEHIND THIS PROPERTY. DUE TO THE TILE BEING VERY CLOSE TO SOME OF THESE TRAILERS, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS TILE WILL BE REROUTED IN THE FUTURE. THE BOARD SUGGESTED THAT THE LANDOWNER (AT HIS EXPENSE) HIRE A CONTRACTOR TO LOCATE THE TILE AND MEASURE FROM 2 SPOTS TO KNOW THE DISTANCE FROM THE PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURE. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 20 FEET PENDING LOCATION OF THE TILE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE VARIANCE WILL BE HELD IN THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE UNTIL THE TILE

HAS BEEN LOCATED. AT THIS POINT, THE SURVEYOR’S OFFICE WILL INSPECT THE TILE AND TAKE MEASUREMENTS FOR THE VARIANCE.

**JAMES WELCH RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

KISSINGER REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT ALL THE TILE HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE GROUND. THE CONTRACTOR STILL HAS TO CRUSH THE OLD TILE. KISSINGER ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SOME OF THE TILE WAS DEEPER THAN WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT SO THERE WILL BE SOME ADDITIONAL EXPENSE FOR EARTH MOVING. THERE IS SOME TILE AND FITTINGS THAT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SUPPLIER. THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE A RESTOCKING FEE ON SOME OF THESE ITEMS.

**NEVIN McCONNELL:**

DENNIS DARR WANTED TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND ON THIS PROJECT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH THE TOWN OF SYRACUSE ON A SPOT TO HAUL THE SPOIL. WE WILL NEED TO COORDINATE WITH PARKER HANNIFIN TO GET THE FENCE DOWN. THERE ARE ALSO SOME UTILITIES THAT WILL NEED TO BE WORKED AROUND.

**MUD LAKE:**

DENNIS DARR ASKED IF THERE WAS AN UPDATE ON WHETHER WE COULD CLEAN THE McCONNELL DRAIN AT THE INLET AND OUTLET OF MUD LAKE. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE PLANS TO HAVE THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS ATTEND A DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS. DARR REQUESTED TO HAVE SOME OF THE AFFECTED LANDOWNERS ATTEND THAT MEETING AS WELL. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AHEAD OF TIME WHEN THE ARMY CORP WILL BE ATTENDING A MEETING SO HE CAN INVITE SOME OF THE LANDOWNERS.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**  
**6/7/2022**

ACHOR	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
ALSPAUGH HAINES	HAVILAND DRAINAGE	\$6986.20	2700
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$515.00	1158
DANNER	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
FUNK	DIRTWORX	\$1400.00	2700
GARBER JOSIAH	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1070.00	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$780.80	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$2505.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	HAMBY & SON	\$1370.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON	\$1195.00	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$784.37	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	HAMBY & SON	\$825.00	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$748.01	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$90.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$270.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700



TRUAX ABE	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$680.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$165.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$1000.00	2700
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	SHANKSTER BROS	\$58417.67	2600

**TOTALS:**

MAINTENANCE: \$11,266.20  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$10,648.18  
RECONSTRUCTION: \$58417.67

6/21/2022

ALSPAUGH HAINES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$289.06	2700
BEYER BRADY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3082.50	2700
CAUFFMAN	GARY DANT	\$180.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	HAMBY & SON	\$1985.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	MEREDITH EXC	\$450.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	HOHMAN EXC	\$28691.88	1158
FLUKE HANSON	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$400.00	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$688.31	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1208.50	2700
NICKLER ARM	BEECHY EXC	\$180.00	2700
PETERSON	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$939.60	1158
PHILLIPS WALTER	HAMBY & SON	\$625.00	2700
POLK GEORGE	HAMBY & SON	\$205.63	2700
POLK GEORGE	HAMBY & SON	\$44.37	1158
ROSS ALFRED	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$940.00	2700
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON	\$660.00	2700
VANCUREN	HAMBY & SON	\$1525.00	1158
VANCUREN	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$836.11	1158
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$750.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$170.80	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	HOHMAN EXC	\$4148.78	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$1062.50	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
WYLAND	HAMBY & SON	\$250.00	2700
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	LDP EXC	\$19830.98	2600
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	LDP EXC	\$75650.00	2600
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	SHANKSTER BROS	\$51.51	2600

**TOTALS:**

MAINTENANCE: \$14,362.77  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$35,340.27  
RECONSTRUCTION: \$95,532.49

**JUNE TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$25,628.97**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$45,988.45**  
**RECONSTRUCTION: \$153,950.16**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 28, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM JUNE AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – SOLOMON SECHRIST – JOHN STUTZMAN:**

**011-006-003 – 7588 NORTH ST RD 19 ETNA GREEN IN 46524**

JOHN STUTZMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A POLE BARN WITHIN THE 75 FOOT DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY. MR. STUTZMAN IS REQUESTING A 35 FOOT VARIANCE. HE TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE EXISTING BARN AND MAKE IT INTO A GARAGE AND BUILD A NEW BARN. ACCORDING TO THE LANDOWNER, THE TILE IS APPROXIMATELY 4 ½ FEET DEEP. THE BOARD ASKED IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO MOVE THE BUILDING FURTHER WEST TO MAKE IT A 50 FOOT VARIANCE INSTEAD OF THE 35 THAT IS REQUESTED. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO GRANT A 50 FOOT VARIANCE FOR THE BARN (INCLUDING OVERHANG). DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – TURKEY CREEK – ROBIN YOUNGS:**

**008-024-334 – 604 NORTH ST SYRACUSE IN 46567**

ROBIN YOUNGS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A 35 FOOT VARIANCE TO BUILD A SHED ON HER PROPERTY. THE YOUNGS PLAN ON REMOVING THE EXISTING SHED AND FOUNDATION AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW FOUNDATION AND SHED. THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO ASK FOR 20 FEET, HOWEVER DUE TO THE PLAN COMMISSION MINIMUM SETBACK OF 35 FEET, THEY WILL NEED TO REMAIN 35 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. THE NEW SHED WILL BE 14'X16'. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO GRANT A VARIANCE FOR 35 FEET FROM TOP OF BANK (INCLUDING OVERHANG). JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**JL ARTHUR – MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING:**

NO LANDOWNERS IN ATTENDANCE  
THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED

THIS IS A JOINT DRAIN WITH WABASH COUNTY. WABASH COUNTY WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT THIS HEARING. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN FEBRUARY 1980 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN NOVEMBER 2012. THIS DRAIN HAS 2.8 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 2 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.56 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM AND AN 8 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE DRAIN CURRENTLY OWES THE GENERAL DRAIN \$8,162.43. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IN THE NEX FIVE YEARS IS \$3500. THE PROPOSED RATE IS \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$40.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE INSPECTOR TOLD THE BOARD THAT THIS DRAIN IS IN PRETTY DECENT SHAPE AT THIS POINT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO LOWER THE NEW RATE FROM THE ADVERTISED RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE TO \$4.00 PER ACRE WHILE LEAVING THE MINIMUM ASSESSMENT AT \$40.00 AS ADVERTISED WITH A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ROBBINS MAGEE:**

KISSINGER SHOWED THE BOARD A MAP OF THE ROBBINS MAGEE DITCH AROUND PALESTINE. KISSINGER WAS INFORMING THE BOARD OF THE ISSUE DUE TO THE FACT THAT MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR – HAS FAMILY THAT OWNS PROPERTY ON THIS DRAIN. THE TILE WAS DOWNSIZED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT ANYTIME WE GET A MODERATE RAIN, IT BOILS OUT OF THE RISERS AND FLOODS THE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OUT. THERE ARE HOLES ON THE MONTEL PROPERTY THAT NEED FIXED. KISSINGER SUGGESTED REROUTING THE TILE TO GET AROUND A VERY LOW AREA. IF THIS PROJECT TAKES PLACE, THE COUNTY WOULD ONLY MAINTAIN THE NEW ROUTE. THE CURRENT ROUTE WOULD BE ABANDONED AND BECOME A PRIVATE TILE. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN 2006 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN 2008. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 2200 FEET THAT NEEDS REPLACED. SURVEYORS OFFICE ESTIMATE FOR THIS PROJECT IS \$22,000.00. THIS DRAIN IS ALREADY IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN. THE BOARD REQUESTED THE SURVEYOR BRING NUMBERS FOR RATES PER ACRE AND MINIMUMS TO SEE WHAT IT WOULD GENERATE IF WE WERE TO HAVE A HEARING BEFORE CONTINUING WITH THIS PROJECT.

**DANNER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:**

THE BOARD ASKED IF WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY ABOUT THE DANNER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT GOING UNDER STATE ROAD 19. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WILL BE CONTACTING THEM AND LETTING THEM KNOW WE NEED SOME MOVEMENT FROM THEM.

**ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:**

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ARMY CORP WILL BE AT THE SEPTEMBER DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NEVIN McCONNELL DRAIN AND WHAT THE DRAINAGE BOARD CAN DO NEAR MUD LAKE.

**JAMES WELCH RECONSTRUCTION:**

KISSINGER GAVE THE BOARD AN UPDATE ON THE WELCH RECONSTRUCTION. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR SOME LEVELING. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT



THERE WERE 64 HOOK-UPS THAT THE CONTRACTOR HAD TO INSTALL THAT WERE NOT PART OF THE BID AS WELL AS ALL STONE REQUIRED AND EXTRA DEPTH YARDAGE OF EXCAVATION. SURVEYOR’S OFFICE IS STILL WAITING ON A COUPLE OF INVOICES.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**7/5/2022**

CAUFFMAN	GARY DANT	\$240.00	1158
DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$1000.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
ESSIG	HAMBY & SON	\$702.02	2700
ESSIG	HAMBY & SON	\$47.98	1158
ESSIG	CUSTER SAND & GRAVEL	\$410.00	1158
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$2007.50	1158
ROSS ALFRED	HAMBY & SON	\$1625.00	2700
SHANTON	HAMBY & SON	\$500.00	2700
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$515.00	1158
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$322.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$330.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$30.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$515.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3904.75	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$625.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	SHANKSTER BROS	\$60676.17	2600

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$8,926.77**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$4,417.48**  
**RECONSTRUCTION: \$60,676.17**

**7/19/2022**

BEYER BRADY	LDP EXCAVATING	\$977.50	2700
DEEDS CREEK	CLAYTONS GARDEN CTR	\$2025.00	2700
ESSIG	HAMBY & SON	\$750.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	CLAYTONS GARDEN CTR	\$2025.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1616.73	1158
ROOKSTOOL	CUSTER SAND & GRAVEL	\$1117.84	1158
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5103.25	1158
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$117.68	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$4325.76	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	CLAYTONS GARDEN CTR	\$2025.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3520.25	2700
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	LDP EXCAVATING	\$51270.08	2600

**TOTALS:**

MAINTENANCE: \$12,873.51  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$10,730.50  
RECONSTRUCTION: \$51,270.08

**JULY TOTALS:**

MAINTENANCE: \$21,800.28  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$15,147.98  
RECONSTRUCTION: \$111,946.25

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

**NOT PRESENT:**

JOE IRWIN

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

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

JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

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

**VARIANCE – TURKEY CREEK – THORNHILL:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WENT TO THE SITE AND MADE SOME MEASUREMENTS. HE UPDATED THE SITE PLAN WITH HIS MEASUREMENTS. NATHAN THORNHILL INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE BOARD. KISSINGER ASKED THORNHILL IF HE HAS BEEN TO THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT. THORNHILL SAID HE HAS NOT APPLIED FOR A BUILDING PERMIT AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER TOLD HIM THE PLAN COMMISSION REQUIRES A SETBACK OF 35 FEET FROM THE WATER. KISSINGER EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM THE MEETING TO ACCEPT A CALL FROM CHAIRMAN CARY GRONINGER. CHAIRMAN GRONINGER TOLD KISSINGER HE WAS ALMOST AT THE MEETING. GRONINGER ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AND VICE CHAIRMAN JIM SCOTT TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO THE CHAIRMAN. KISSINGER BROUGHT THE CHAIRMAN UP TO DATE WITH THE MEETING. THE BOARD INFORMED MR. THORNHILL THAT A VARIANCE WAS ISSUED TO A LANDOWNER IN THE SAME AREA AT THE JULY MEETING FOR A POLE BUILDING AT 35 FEET. THE LANDOWNER REQUESTED TO BE CLOSER, HOWEVER THE BOARD SAID THEY COULD NOT ISSUE ANY VARIANCE CLOSER THAN 35 FEET. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE VARIANCE AS PRESENTED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**WELCH RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THE RECONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR SOME LEVELING. THE COST ENDED UP BEING APPROXIMATELY 27% BELOW THE ESTIMATE.



THE NEXT RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE THE DANNER DITCH. KISSINGER HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY AND FURNISHED THEM WITH ALL THE CORRESPONDENCE SINCE 2018. THE STATE HIGHWAY NEEDS TO REPLACE THE PIPE UNDER STATE ROAD 19. FOLLOWING THE DANNER RECONSTRUCTION, THE BURKHOLDER NEAR NAPPANEE IS THE NEXT IN LINE FOR A RECONSTRUCTION.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING – ARMY CORP:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE ARMY CORP WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING TO TALK ABOUT THE NEVIN McCONNELL DRAIN AT MUD LAKE. MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR WILL TRY TO GET SOME DRONE FOOTAGE OF THIS AREA BEFORE THE MEETING. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET THE DNR TO ATTEND THE MEETING AS WELL.

**SPRAYING:**

GRONINGER ASKED IF THE 2022 SPRAYING PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE HAS SEEN SOME AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN SPRAYED, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INVOICES AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD REACH OUT TO THE CONTRACTOR FOR AN UPDATE TO THE 2022 SPRAYING. HE TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD LET THEM KNOW BY EMAIL WHAT THE CONTRACTOR SAYS.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**8/2/2022**

DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$8576.50	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$660.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	L I EXCAVATING	\$800.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	L I EXCAVATING	\$1092.50	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$3012.17	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$510.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	MARTIN & SONS DRAINAGE	\$3105.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1810.00	1158
RUPLE ALLEN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1431.38	2700
SILVER CREEK	GARY DANT	\$450.00	2700
TRUKEY CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$933.00	2700
VANCUREN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$782.00	1158
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$312.50	2700
WYLAND	SHEPS EXCAVATING	\$600.00	2700
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	SHANKSTER BROS	\$5152.96	2600
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	L I EXCAVATING	\$400.00	2600

**MAINTENANCE: \$21,843.05**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$2,592.00**  
**RECONSTRUCTION: \$5,552.96**

**8/16/2022**

DEEDS CREEK	SUPERIOR LANDSCAPING	\$595.00	2700
DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1494.92	2700
DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5060.16	1158
DOKE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2896.41	1158
ELDER	ELLIOTTS TREE CARE	\$3700.00	2700
KUHN ISAIAH	ELLIOTTS TREE CARE	\$2200.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1469.06	1158
WYLAND	SHANKSTER BROS	\$994.98	2700
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	SHANKSTER BROS	\$975.60	2600

**MAINTENANCE: \$8,984.90**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$9,425.63**  
**RECONSTRUCTION: \$975.60**

**8/30/2022**

BEYER BRADY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$450.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$482.24	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4116.50	2700
ELDER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$789.00	2700
ELDER	KOLESIAK CONSTRUCTION	\$887.50	2700
ELDER	MILLER SEWER & DRAIN	\$430.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2843.13	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$5630.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	L I EXCAVATING	\$2266.63	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$17,895.00**

**AUGUST TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$48,722.95**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$12,017.63**  
**RECONSTRUCTION: \$6,528.56**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN  
DENNIS DARR  
STEVE METZGER  
JOE IRWIN

**NOT PRESENT:**

JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN

**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:**

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

**NEVIN McCONNELL – ARMY CORP DISCUSSION – MUD LAKE:**

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

CONNIE ANTHONY  
CINDA CLAYTON  
MICHAEL E SCHAFER  
JOHN HECKAMAN  
MATT GRADY  
DOUG RASSI

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE IS PROPOSING A CLEANOUT OF THE NEVIN McCONNELL DRAIN FROM CHICAGO STREET IN SYRACUSE TO COUNTY ROAD 650 EAST. THERE IS A LARGE PORTION OF WETLANDS IN THIS AREA. WE WILL ALSO NEED TO WORK WITH THE DNR AND IDEM FOR PERMITTING IN THIS AREA. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE JUST PURCHASED A DRONE AND MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR HOLDS THE PILOT LICENSE FOR THE DRONE. MONTEL FLEW THE AREA OF THE DITCH THAT THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO CLEAN. AT THIS POINT THE VIDEO WAS PLAYED FOR THE LANDOWNERS AND KISSINGER EXPLAINED THE AREAS OF INTEREST AND THE AREAS THAT ARE WETLANDS FOR THE LANDOWNERS.

AARON DAMRILL FROM THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE LIKELYHOOD OF BEING ABLE TO CLEAN THE McCONNELL DRAIN IN THE AREA OF MUD LAKE FROM THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS. HE TOLD THE BOARD IF THERE IS AN EXISTING BERM, YOU CAN USE THOSE. FOR AREAS THAT DO NOT HAVE BERMS, THOSE BECOME MORE CHALLENGING. HE ALSO SAID THE USE OF TEMPORARY MATS WOULD NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT FROM THE ARMY CORP TO CLEAN



THE DITCH. ALSO, FROZEN GROUND IS THE BEST TIME TO CLEAN IN THIS AREA. HE SUGGESTED HAVING A WETLANDS DELINIATION IN THIS AREA TO MAKE SURE WHAT AREAS ARE ACTUALLY ARE WETLANDS. CARY GRONINGER ASKED ABOUT A FLOATING DREDGE. DAMRILL SAID A FLOATING DREDGE WOULD NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT FROM THE ARMY CORP. KISSINGER ASKED ABOUT HYDROLIC DREDGING. DAMRILL SAID HE HAS NOT SEEN THIS SYSTEM IN ACTION. HE ALSO DID NOT KNOW HOW DEEP AND WIDE THE DRAIN WOULD HAVE TO BE FOR A FLOATING DREDGE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE CUT TREES PILED IN THE WETLANDS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED TO CHECK WITH THE DNR ABOUT THE TREES AS THEY HAVE RULES THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT. DENNIS DARR ASKED DAMRILL WHERE HE WOULD START IF THIS WERE HIS PROPERTY OR PROBLEM. HE SAID HE WOULD START WITH THE WETLAND DELINIATION PROCESS.

CINDA CLAYTON ASKED ABOUT ACCESS TO THE AREA. IS THE COUNTY OR CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO HER PROPERTY? KISSINGER INFORMED HER THAT THE COUNTY HAS A 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AND ANYTHING IN THAT AREA IS AT RISK. HE INFORMED HER THAT THE CONTRACTOR WILL SMOOTH THE AREA OUT BEST AS POSSIBLE AND RESEED. HE ALSO TOLD THE LANDOWNERS THAT THE TREES THAT ARE CUT BELONG TO THE LANDOWNER AND THE LOGS WILL NOT LEAVE THE PROPERTY WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER.

MIKE SCHAFER (BLACK WALNUT FARMS) SPOKE TO THE BOARD. HE THANKED THEM FOR LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER. HE MENTIONED HARD HOSE PULLS AS A POSSIBILITY FOR THE CLEANING OF THE DITCH.

CARY GRONINGER THANKED THE LANDOWNERS AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ARMY CORP FOR COMING IN TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE. KISSINGER TOLD THE LANDOWNERS THAT HE WILL KEEP THEM INFORMED OF ALL FUTURE PLANS.

KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE WILL CONTACT A WETLAND DELINIATION COMPANY TO GET THIS PROJECT STARTED.

**BIERCE DISCUSSION – POSSIBLE HEARING:**

THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF 1.6 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 5 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE IS A PERCENTAGE BASED ON LOCATION OF PROPERTY TO THE DITCH. THE MINIMUM IS \$21.98. IT CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$7,300.12 PER YEAR AND HAS A BALANCE OF \$14,800.37. THE LAST HEARING WAS IN JULY 1991 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN SEPTEMBER 1997. THERE IS A LARGE PROJECT COMING UP WHERE A PREVIOUS LANDOWNER PLANTED TREES OVER THE TILE AND THOSE TREES WILL NEED REMOVED AND THE TILE WILL PROBABLY NEED REPLACED. THE ESTIMATED YEARLY MAINTENANCE IS \$8,500.00. KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SAMPLE RATES FOR THEM TO CHOOSE FROM. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE RATE AT \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2022.

**NIPSCO – BORING – NEVIN McCONNELL:**

KISSINGER RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM NIPSCO AND PRESENTED THE REQUEST TO THE BOARD ON THEIR BEHALF. NIPSCO WANTS TO BORE WITH A GAS LINE UNDER THE NEVIN McCONNELL DITCH. KISSINGER INFORMED NIPSCO THAT THE COUNTY WILL HAVE A PROJECT ON THIS DRAIN IN THE FUTURE. THE COUNTY SPECIFICATION SHEET REQUIRES INSTALLATION BE 3 FEET BELOW THE BOTTOM OF THE TILE OR OPEN DITCH AND ENCASED IN A PLASTIC OR STEEL SLEEVE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN

MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

***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.***

**WELCH RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

THE FINAL INVOICE CAME IN FOR THE WELCH RECONSTRUCTION. THE STATEMENTS WILL BE SENT TO THE LANDOWNERS IN THE SPRING OF 2023.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**9/13/2022**

BOCKMAN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1141.46	1158
BOCKMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$396.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	DALTONS INC	\$1836.00	1158
CAUFFMAN	DALTONS INC	\$2295.00	1158
COPPESS	DALTONS INC	\$5661.00	2700
DANNER	DALTONS INC	\$1071.00	2700
DANNER	DALTONS INC	\$2754.00	2700
DANNER	DALTONS INC	\$8721.00	2700
DAUSMAN	DALTONS INC	\$3060.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1770.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$654.00	2700
FAULKNER	DALTONS INC	\$1530.00	1158
FUNK	DALTONS INC	\$3060.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	ELKHART COUNTY GRAVEL	\$64.20	2700
GRAHAM W T	DALTONS INC	\$2295.00	2700
HEPLER SAMUEL	DALTONS INC	\$4921.00	2700
HUFFER DAVID	DALTONS	\$1836.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4700.50	2700
KEEFER EVANS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$6116.50	2700
KEEFER EVANS	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$3223.68	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	DALTONS INC	\$3825.00	2700
MAISH	DALTONS INC	\$2142.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	DALTONS INC	\$3060.00	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	DALTONS INC	\$1683.00	2700
NICKLER	DALTONS INC	\$765.00	2700
PETERSON MARTIN	DALTONS INC	\$1377.00	1158
POLE RUN	DALTONS INC	\$612.00	2700
PRESTON MILES	DALTONS INC	\$459.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	DALTONS INC	\$2754.00	1158
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	DALTONS INC	\$3060.00	1158
SILVER CREEK	DALTONS INC	\$420.75	2700
SILVEUS	DALTONS INC	\$4016.25	1158

SOLOMON SECHRIST	DALTONS INC	\$3060.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KOLESIK CONST	\$10400.00	2700
TRUAX ABE	DALTONS INC	\$1530.00	2700
VANCUREN	DALTONS INC	\$1836.00	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DALTONS INC	\$1071.00	2700
WYLAND	DALTONS INC	\$2448.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1055.50	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$660.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$83,459.13**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$20,241.71**

**9/27/2022**

ARMEY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$418.46	2700
ARMEY	HAMBY & SON	\$782.50	2700
BIERCE	HAMBY & SON	\$540.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3525.66	2700
ELDER	RIGHT OF WAY MGMT	\$1433.07	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$101.92	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$350.00	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON	\$1030.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$8186.83	2700
KOONTZ MARY	L I EXCAVATING	\$400.00	2700
McCLAIN PETER	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$740.75	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	L I EXCAVATING	\$900.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$4147.50	2700
MILLER JB	BOLINGER AGRICULTURAL	\$555.00	2700
MILLER JB	BOLINGER AGRICULTURAL	\$6335.88	2700
MILLER JB	BOLINGER AGRICULTURAL	\$8740.39	1158
MILLER JB	SPEEDWAY SAND & GRAVEL	\$1370.40	2700
POLE RUN	L I EXCAVATING	\$466.25	2700
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON	\$825.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KOLESIK CONST	\$11800.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	L I EXCAVATING	\$260.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$1894.29	2700
WELCH RECONSTRUCTION	L I EXCAVATING	\$5860.00	2600

**MAINTENANCE: \$43,756.59**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$11,047.31**  
**RECONSTRUCTION: \$5,860.00**

**SEPTEMBER TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$127,215.72**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$31,289.02**  
**RECONSTRUCTION: \$5,860**



**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2022**

**THE DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING FOR OCTOBER WAS CANCELED DUE TO NO AGENDA.**

**CLAIMS:**  
**10/11/2022**

BOCKMAN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$554.79	1158
BOCKMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4134.85	1158
DEEDS CREEK	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$3394.03	2700
DEEDS CREEK	ELLIOTT'S TREE SERVICE	\$12000.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3565.90	2700
ELDER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1593.00	2700
FLUKE HANSON	ELLIOTT'S TREE SERVICE	\$600.00	2700
MILLER JB	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1178.45	1158
SCHUE ELIZABETH	HAMBY & SON	\$588.44	2700
SCHUE ELIZABETH	HAMBY & SON	\$36.56	1158

**TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$21,741.37**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$5,904.65**

**10/25/2022**

DANNER	GARY DANT	\$600.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1600.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	L I EXCAVATING	\$3570.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2014.45	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
POLK GEORGE	HAMBY & SON	\$495.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$170.00	2700

**TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$9,424.45**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$0.00**

**OCTOBER TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$31,165.82**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$5,904.65**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

**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:**

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

**OCTOBER CLAIMS: OCTOBER MEETING WAS CANCELED DUE TO NO AGENDA**

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

**VARIANCE – HOWARD BENTZ DRAIN: TINSMAN 007-047-151**

HEATHER TINSMAN CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE FOR A PROPERTY ON BEAU PEEP LANE IN ENCHANTED HILLS. THIS PROPERTY IS ON THE BENTZ DRAIN WHICH IS A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN. KISSINGER EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD THAT WITH THE PLAN COMMISSION SETBACKS FROM THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND THE 75 FOOT DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY THE PROPERTY SITS AS NON-BUILDABLE. THIS AREA HAS SANITARY SEWER. HEATHER TINSMAN SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE PROPERTY. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SELL THE PROPERTY AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SHOW THE PROSPECTIVE PROPERTY OWNER THAT THE LAND IS BUILDABLE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THE BOARD GRANTED THE VARIANCE FOR 25 FEET WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

*THIS VARIANCE INCLUDES AND IS LIMITED TO:*

**100 FEET IN LENGTH INCLUDING WELL. THIS VARIANCE INCLUDES ONE AND ONLY ONE STRUCTURE ON THIS PARCEL OF THREE LOTS COMBINED.**

JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE WITH THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**BIERCE – MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING:**

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:  
LARRY PHILLIPS

THIS DRAIN HAS 1.6 MILES OF OPEN DITCH AND 5 MILES OF TILE WITH THE MAXIMUM SIZE BEING 18 INCH. THE CURRENT RATE IS A PERCENTAGE WHICH VARIES BY PROXIMITY TO THE DITCH. THE MINIMUM IS \$21.98. IT CURRENTLY COLLECTS \$7300.12 PER YEAR WITH A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$1633.17. THE LAST HEARING WAS IN JULY 1991 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN SEPTEMBER 1997. THE AVERAGE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE IS \$8500.00. THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED FOR THIS HEARING. THE ADVERTISED RATE IS \$2.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE.

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS ADVERTISED. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**BOCKMAN DRAIN – DISCUSSION: MARK DILLON**

KISSINGER BEGAN BY TELLING THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THE BALANCE SHEET WITH THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE AND MINIMUM (\$9.38 PER ACRE & \$25.00 MINIMUM). AT THIS POINT THE BOCKMAN DRAIN IS APPROXIMATELY 13 YEARS IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND. THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS IN SEPTEMBER 2017. THIS DRAIN COULD BE RAISED 25% AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT APPROXIMATELY 60% OF THIS DRAIN HAS BEEN REPAIRED.

MARK DILLON SPOKE TO THE BOARD REQUESTING A PORTION OF THE DRAIN ON HIS PROPERTY BE REPAIRED. THE AREA THAT NEEDS CLEANED IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TILE DITCH AND IS APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET IN LENGTH. ACCORDING TO KISSINGER, THE ESTIMATE FOR THIS WORK IS \$7200.00. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE BOARD REQUESTED TO TABLE THIS REQUEST FOR THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE TO DO A SURVEY OF THE DRAIN TO GET AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE FOR THE REPAIR. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS DISCUSSION UNTIL THE JANUARY 2023 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. JIM SCOTT ALSO REQUESTED SOME RATES TO LOOK AT TO GET THE DRAIN OUT OF DEBT SOONER.

**ROBBINS MAGEE DRAIN UPDATE:**

KISSINGER BEGAN BY LETTING THE BOARD THAT THE ROBBINS MAGEE NEEDS TO HAVE A MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING. THE CURRENT RATE PER ACRE IS \$1.88 WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM. THIS DRAIN IS CURRENTLY 3+ YEARS IN DEBT. HE THEN UPDATED THEM ON THE TILE THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED ON THE MARTIN PROPERTY IN HARRISON TOWNSHIP. THE REPAIR ESTIMATE FOR THIS PROJECT IS \$20,000.00 +/- . THERE IS 1900 FEET OF 8 INCH AND 10 INCH TILE THAT NEEDS REPLACED. THE BOARD INSTRUCTED KISSINGER TO BRING THE RATES FOR A HEARING TO THEM AT THE DECEMBER MEETING AND TO HAVE A HEARING IN MARCH 2023. THEY AGREED TO THE REPAIR IN THE SUMMER OF 2023 AS THERE IS WHEAT IN THE FIELD AT THIS TIME.

**DANNER RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

KISSINGER AND MOYER MET WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY FOR THE CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON STATE ROAD 19. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE INFORMED THE STATE HIGHWAY 5 YEARS AGO ABOUT THIS PROJECT. THE STATE HIGHWAY PROMISED THE SURVEYOR THAT THIS WILL BE THEIR FIRST PRIORITY IN THE SPRING OF 2023. A COPY OF THE CONFIRMATION EMAIL FROM INDOT IS IN THE FILE IN THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.



**ENOCH FELKNER DISCUSSION:**

THE ENOCH FELKNER IS AN ARM OF TURKEY CREEK THAT DOES NOT HAVE A MAINTENANCE FUND. IN THE PAST, ON OTHER LARGE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS ARMS THAT NEED WORK DONE ON THEM HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE MAIN DITCH AS PART OF THAT COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, KISSINGER ASKED THE BOARD TO TABLE THIS DISCUSSION FOR HIM TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NON-ASSESSED COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN. THE LANDOWNERS ALONG THE FELKNER DITCH ALREADY PAY INTO THE TURKEY CREEK MAINTENANCE FUND AND NO IMMEDIATE RATE INCREASE IS ANTICIPATED.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**HEETER ARM OF DEEDS CREEK:**

THE HEETER ARM OF DEEDS CREEK IS THE OUTLET TO LITTLE CHAPMAN LAKE. CHRIS LOZIER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD SPEAKING FOR A GROUP OF GENTLEMEN (BRENT PFEIFFER, TOM LOZIER, BOB BISHOP AND DENNIS POLK). MR. LOZIER TOLD THE BOARD HE WAS IN THE OFFICE 6 YEARS AGO DISCUSSING THIS DRAIN. AFTER THAT MEETING, A CONTRACTOR WAS OUT AND CLEANED THE CENTER SECTION (2022). MR. LOZIER WANTS TO KNOW WHY THE UPPER AND LOWER SECTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED AS OF THIS TIME.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD AND LANDOWNERS THAT HE HAS SUBMITTED ELECTRONIC PERMIT REQUESTS TWICE ON THE PORTION TO THE NORTH WITH NO RESPONSE. DNR CLAIMS APPLICATIONS WERE NEVER RECEIVED. A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO CLEAN THIS DRAIN ½ MILE FROM THE LAKE. KISSINGER SAY HE WILL APPLY BY CERTIFIED MAIL FOR A PERMIT.

DOWNSSTREAM OF THE SECTION THAT WAS RECENTLY CLEANED, THE BENEFIT WAS ONLY 2/10 OF A FOOT IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO APPROVE THE WORK. CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN REQUESTED A FIRM ESTIMATE BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD FOR THE DOWNSSTREAM PORTION BEFORE CONSIDERING MOVING FORWARD ON THAT SECTION.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**11/7/2022**

DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2231.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4628.50	2700
SILVEUS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$812.50	1158
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1058.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$888.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$500.00	2700
VANCUREN	WAUGH FARM DRAINAGE	\$4302.35	1158
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1770.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$1950.00	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$7155.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$19,122.50**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,172.85**

**11/22/22**

BIERCE	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$11005.00	2700
BIERCE	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$350.00	2700
BIERCE	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$1400.92	2700
BURKHOLDER	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$375.00	2700
CHAPMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$666.00	2700
EATON LEVI	SHANKSTER BROS	\$3323.04	2700
ELDER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$669.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
HUFFER DAVID	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$777.00	2700
KELLY H C	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2019.50	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1200.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2653.00	2700
PETERSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$610.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
PLYLE JOHN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$250.00	1158
SILVER CREEK	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2039.00	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2310.80	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$380.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$990.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$350.25	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$430.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$31,778.51**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$860.00**

**NOVEMBER TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$50,901.01**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,032.85**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**ARMEY ARM INTO COUNTY MAINTENANCE:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED MAPS SHOWING AN ARM OF THE ARMEY DRAIN THAT WAS REQUESTED TO BE TAKEN INTO THE ARMEY SYSTEM SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE MAPS SHOWED THE DEBRUSHING AND DIPPING THAT THE LANDOWNER HAD DONE TO THE DRAIN, HOWEVER NO DOCUMENTATION WAS FOUND THAT THE DRAIN HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE. THERE ARE 2 OTHER LANDOWNERS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION TO ACCEPT THIS ARM INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM DUE TO FORCING THE 75 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY ONTO THEM. KISSINGER SAID HE WILL CONTACT THOSE LANDOWNERS WITH A PETITION AND IF 100 PERCENT OF LANDOWNERS ARE IN AGREEMENT, THE BOARD WILL APPROVE ACCEPTING THIS ARM INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM. THERE IS ONE LANDOWNER THAT HAS A BUILDING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY. THE DRAINAGE BOARD AGREED TO ISSUE A VARIANCE TO THIS LANDOWNER FOR THE EXISTING BUILDING. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WILL RECORD THE VARIANCE AS A COUNTY ENTITY (NO CHARGE TO THE LANDOWNER).

**VARIANCE – TURKEY CREEK – THOMAS BEER 027-002-003.B:**

THE BEER'S ARE REQUESTING A VARIANCE (AFTER THE FACT) FOR TWO 40X80 HOOK AND LOOP BUILDINGS ON TURKEY CREEK.

TOM BEER SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT NEEDING THE BUILDINGS FOR THEIR EQUIPMENT. THERE IS CURRENTLY OLD STRUCTURES THAT ARE WITHIN THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE FOR 45 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK FOR THE 2 HOOK AND LOOP BUILDINGS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ROBBINS MAGEE HEARING DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH RATES FOR A MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING ON THE ROBBINS MAGEE DRAIN. THIS DRAIN HAS 2.2 MILES OF OPEN DITCH

AND 4.6 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.88 PER ACRE WITH A \$25.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS - \$12,478.33. THERE IS AN UPCOMING WORKORDER TO REPLACE 2000 FEET +/- OF 10 INCH TILE TO BE REPLACED. THE ESTIMATE IS \$30,000.00 FOR THIS PROJECT. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AT A RATE OF \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 23, 2023.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**WETLAND DELINEATION CONTRACT – NEVIN McCONNELL:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH STANTAC FOR A WETLAND DELINEATION FOR THE NEVIN McCONNELL DITCH. THEY WILL DO BOTH SIDES OF THE DITCH. WE ARE WAITING FOR THE ARMY CORP DECISION IF TO ACCEPT A WINTER DELINEATION ON THIS CONTRACT.

**DEEDS CREEK – CHAPMAN LAKE OUTLET:**

KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE SURVEYORS OFFICE TOOK AN ELEVATION SHOT NEAR THE DAM ON CHAPMAN LAKE AND NEAR COUNTY ROAD 175 NORTH. A CLEANOUT SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOWER THE WATER CLOSE TO 12 INCHES WHICH WILL CLEAR THE PRIVATE TILE. WE WILL APPLY FOR A PERMIT FROM THE STATE FOR THIS PROJECT.

**COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST – RAILROAD:**

GRONINGER ASKED KISSINGER IF THE RAILROAD HAS EVER COMPLETED THEIR DRAINAGE ON COUNTY ROAD 400 EAST PRIOR TO CLOSING THE ROAD. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM ANY LANDOWNERS AND HAS NOT BEEN BACK TO CHECK THE AREA. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD GIVE CHECK THE AREA AND GIVE THEM AN UPDATE AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

**2023 RECONSTRUCTIONS AND HEARINGS:**

GRONINGER ASKED IF THE SURVEYORS OFFICE HAD PROJECTIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE FIRST RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE ON THE DANNER DRAIN. THE STATE HIGHWAY WILL BE REPLACING THE CULVER UNDER STATE ROAD 19 IN THE SPRING AND THEN THIS PROJECT WILL MOVE FORWARD. THE SECOND RECONSTRUCTION IS FOR THE BURKHOLDER DRAIN NEAR NAPPANEE.

KISSINGER AND MONTEL TOLD THE BOARD THEY WOULD HAVE A LIST OF DRAINS THAT NEED MAINTENANCE OR WOULD POSSIBLY NEED AN UPCOMING MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING AT THE JANUARY 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**

**12/6/2022**

DEEDS CREEK	HAMBY & SON	\$950.00	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1528.70	2700



PETERSON	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$282.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4971.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1371.00	2700
SILVER CREEK	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$510.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$10,080.70**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$282.00**

**12/20/2022**

ACHOR CARLES	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
EATON LEVI	SHANKSTER BROS	\$403.50	2700
EATON LEVI	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1101.15	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
HALL ISAAC	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$3661.46	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4093.50	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$3466.69	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	SHANKSTER BROS	\$4633.47	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	L I EXCAVATING	\$9568.90	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	L I EXCAVATING	\$1650.08	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	HAMBY & SON	\$915.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$282.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	SHANKSTER BROS	\$74.98	1158
SILVER CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
SILVEUS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	RANSBOTTOM EXC	\$13647.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$660.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1308.09	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$761.77	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$602.02	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HAMBY & SON	\$570.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$169.20	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$44,445.60**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$4,143.21**

**DECEMBER TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$54,526.30**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$4,425.21**