

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 27, 2023

**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.

**JUNE CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

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

**VARIANCE – MAISH DRAIN – TERRI KEIM:**

**KEY #003-033-165 – 1808 INDIAN TRAIL WARSAW**

TERRI KEIM CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PLACE A 12X20 SHED ON SKIDS ON HER PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY DRAINAGE RIGHT OF WAY. ALTHOUGH THE SHED IS CONSIDERED A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE AS IT IS ON SKIDS, THE SURVEYOR BELIEVED THE LANDOWNER SHOULD COME BEFORE THE BOARD TO REQUEST THE VARIANCE DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING AS IT WILL NOT BE EASILY MOVED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 35 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**WALKER HANNA B – MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT INCREASE HEARING DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO THE BOARD. THIS DRAIN HAS 1.6 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN AND 2.1 MILES OF TILE. THE LAST HEARING WAS IN SEPTEMBER 1982. THE CURRENT RATE IS A PERCENTAGE THAT IS APPROXIMATELY \$0.67 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE. IT CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF **-\$208.81**. THERE IS AN UPCOMING PROJECT FOR DEBRUSHING AND POSSIBLY DIPPING 1300 FEET WITH AN ESTIMATE OF \$13,000.00. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$2,500.00. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE 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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023.

**BEYER BRADY DRAIN LAWSUIT:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY SURVEYOR IS INVOLVED IN A LAWSUIT ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER ENTITIES. GRONINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE INSURANCE COMPANY WAS HANDLING ALL THE DETAILS OF THE LAWSUIT.



**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**WELCH DRAIN STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY SR19:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN FORT WAYNE AND THEY HAVE DECIDED THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR A TILE THAT RUNS PARALLEL WITH THE ROAD AND INSIDE THEIR RIGHT-OF-WAY. KISSINGER INFORMED THEM THAT HE DISAGREES WITH THEM AND ASKED THE BOARD WHAT THEIR THOUGHTS WERE ABOUT RUNNING A NEW TILE OUTSIDE THE STATE HIGHWAYS RIGHT-OF-WAY. JIM MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR HAS BEEN TO THE SITE AND MET WITH THE LANDOWNER WHERE THE TILES ARE BROKEN. THE STATE FILLED ONE OF THE HOLES NEAR THE PAVEMENT WITH LIMESTONE. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE STATUTE WAFFLES A LITTLE AS FAR AS WHAT THE STATE HIGHWAY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHEN A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN IS WITHIN STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT- OF -WAY. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, GRONINGER INFORMED THE SURVEYOR’S OFFICE THAT HE WOULD LIKE THEM TO DO SOME MORE RESEARCH TO SEE IF THE STATE HIGHWAY IS RESPONSIBLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE TILE WITHIN THEIR RIGHT-OF-WAY OR THE COUNTY NEEDS TO TAKE CARE OF IT. THE STATE HIGHWAY SAID THEY WOULD DO SOME RESEARCH AS WELL.

**FUTURE SPRAYING:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT ALL OF THE SPRAYING FOR 2023 HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WE WILL DISCUSS FUTURE SPRAYING AT A LATER DATE DUE TO THE JOINT BOARD MEETING THAT WILL START AT 10AM.

**OSWEGO – DRAIN:**

A LANDOWNER WANTED THIS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD THAT THERE IS A DRAIN IN OSWEGO THAT NEEDS REPAIRED AND THERE IS A FENCE THAT NEEDS TO BE MOVED. THE FENCE IS A VINYL FENCE AND JIM MOYER HAS REQUESTED THE LANDOWNER MOVE THE FENCE AND HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE. THE NEXT STEP IS TO SEND A CERTIFIED LETTER TO THE LANDOWNER REQUESTING THE FENCE BE MOVED. IF THERE IS NO RESPONSE FROM THE LANDOWNER, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE THE CONTRACTOR REMOVE THE FENCE AND REPAIR THE DRAIN.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS**

**7/3/2023**

HALL ISAAC	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6094.75	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1039.60	1158
SILVEUS	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$5860.60	1158
SMITH GEORGE	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1090.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$2064.76	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$8988.00	2700

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$18,237.51**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,900.20**

7/18/2023

GAY EASTERDAY ROB	KOLESIAC CONST & EXC	\$1862.50	2700
HALL ISAAC	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$6858.16	2700
HALL ISAAC	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2235.84	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	WAUGH FARM DRAINAGE	\$1300.00	2700

TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE: \$10,020.66


GENERAL DRAIN: \$2,235.84

JULY TOTALS:

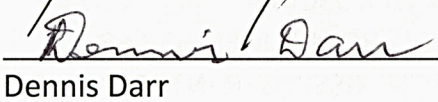
MAINTENANCE: \$28,258.17

GENERAL DRAIN: \$9136.04

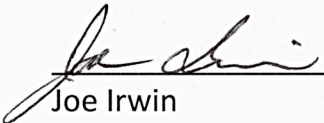
KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
Dennis Darr

  
Steve Metzger

  
Joe Irwin