

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

PRESENT:

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN
STEVE METZGER

NOT PRESENT:

JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN

ALSO, PRESENT:

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY
AMY HURD – GIS TECHNICIAN

NOT PRESENT:

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

AUGUST CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JOE IRWIN 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 – JEFFREY SLONE – WYLAND: KEY #003-115-018

JEFFREY SLONE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A 30X48 POLE BUILDING 40 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK OF THE WYLAND DRAIN. THERE IS AN EXISTING BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT THAT WOULD BE GRANDFATHERED IN. KISSINGER INFORMED SLONE THAT THE EXISTING BUILDING WOULD BE TOUGH TO REPLACE IF IT WAS EVER TORN DOWN DUE TO THE FACT OF THE CLOSE PROXIMITY FROM THE TOP OF BANK. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 40 FEET FROM TOP OF BANK INCLUDING OVERHANG. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THIS VARIANCE IS FOR THE 30X48 POLE BUILDING ONLY.

HANNA WALKER – MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING:

REMONSTRANCE LETTER RECEIVED:

AARON RODGERS

NO PROPERTY OWNERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MORNING’S HEARING. THE HANNA WALKER DRAIN CONSISTS OF 1.6 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN AND 2.1 MILES OF TILE. THE CURRENT RATE IS A PERCENTAGE BASED ON PROXIMITY TO THE DRAIN AND THE MINIMUM IS \$5.00 (AVERAGE AMOUNT OF PERCENTAGE IS \$0.67 PER ACRE) THE CURRENT BALANCE IS **-\$208.81**. THE LAST HEARING WAS HELD 9/23/1982. THERE IS A PLAN FOR SOME UPCOMING WORK TO DEBRUSH ONE SIDE AND POSSIBLY DIP A STRETCH OF OPEN DITCH (PERMIT REQUIRED) WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$10,000-\$13,000. IN ADDITION, A LANDOWNER HAS CONTACTED THE COUNTY SURVEYOR

CONCERNING AN ISSUE WITH SOME COUNTY TILE NEAR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WATERSHED. THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST IS \$2,500. A REMONSTRANCE LETTER WAS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD FROM AARON RODGERS (LANDOWNER ADDED TO THE WATERSHED). MR. RODGERS WAS MOSTLY CONCERNED WITH THE \$50.00 MINIMUM AMOUNT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RATES AS ADVERTISED. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE NEW RATE WILL BE \$5.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR COLLECTION BALANCE.

OTHER BUSINESS:

WELCH DRAIN ALONG STATE ROAD 19 UPDATE:

KISSINGER PROVIDED A STATUS REPORT FOR THE WELCH DITCH ALONG 19 WHERE THE TILE IS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SAYS THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DRAIN THAT RUNS PARALLEL TO STATE ROAD 19, THEY ARE ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAINS THAT CROSS STATE HIGHWAYS. KISSINGER HAS PROVIDED THEM WITH DOCUMENTATION FROM PREVIOUS REPAIRS ON OTHER DRAINS THAT RAN PARALLEL THAT THE STATE HIGHWAY PAID THE REPAIRS ON. THEY DEEMED THAT JUST BECAUSE IT WAS DONE IN THE PAST, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT WILL BE DONE CURRENTLY. KISSINGER SAID HE HAS HEARD FROM OTHER COUNTY SURVEYORS THAT THEY ARE GETTING THE SAME RESPONSE FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. THE STATE HIGHWAY GAVE A VERBAL AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO REROUTE THE DRAIN OUT OF THE STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY. KISSINGER ESTIMATES THE COST TO BE AROUND \$12,000.00 TO REROUTE THE TILE.

FULTON COUNTY JOINT BOARD – BUCHER DRAIN:

CARY GRONINGER APPOINTED STEVE METZGER AND JIM SCOTT TO REPRESENT KOSCIUSKO COUNTY AT A JOINT BOARD WITH FULTON COUNTY IN ROCHESTER ON NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AT 9:30 A.M. FOR THE BUCHER DRAIN.

SPRAYING:

JOE IRWIN ASKED ABOUT THE 2023 SPRAYING PROGRAM. AMY HURD TOLD THE BOARD THAT THERE IS ONE WORK ORDER THAT WAS NOT COMPLETED. SHE CONTACTED THE COMPANY AND THEY TOLD HER THERE WERE FENCES AND OBSTACLES IN THE WAY. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD CONTACT THE COMPANY AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER FENCES AND OBSTACLES.

ADJOURN:

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

CLAIMS:

9/12/2023

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| DANNER | FARMERS DRAINAGE | \$18730.82 | 2700 |
| ROBBINS MAGEE | WARSAW WHOLESALE | \$965.15 | 1158 |
| ROBBINS MAGEE | TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING | \$406.00 | 1158 |
| ROBBINS MAGEE | TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING | \$3656.00 | 1158 |
| WILLIAMSON SARAH | M KOLESIAK CONST | \$7000.00 | 2700 |

MAINTENANCE:

\$25,730.82

GENERAL DRAIN:

\$5,027.15

9/26/2023

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| CHAPMAN | TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING | \$3555.00 | 2700 |
| ELDER | GARY DANT | \$60.00 | 2700 |
| KEEFER EVANS | TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING | \$2335.00 | 2700 |
| McCONNELL NEVIN | GARY DANT | \$1260.00 | 2700 |
| McCONNELL NEVIN | TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING | \$810.00 | 2700 |
| MILLER JB | BOLINGER AG DRAINAGE | \$1400.00 | 1158 |
| MILLER JB | L I EXCAVATING | \$1065.39 | 1158 |
| PETERSON MARTIN | TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING | \$368.37 | 2700 |
| PETERSON MARTIN | TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING | \$3081.63 | 1158 |
| ROOKSTOOL | DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS | \$759.53 | 1158 |
| ROOKSTOOL | KLINE TRUCKING & EXC | \$2779.50 | 1158 |
| SLOAN ADAMS | GARY DANT | \$60.00 | 1158 |
| SMITH GEORGE | HOHMAN EXCAVATING | \$1452.78 | 2700 |
| WESTLAKE FETTERS | GARY DANT | \$60.00 | 2700 |
| WILLIAMSON SARAH | GARY DANT | \$90.00 | 2700 |

MAINTENANCE:

\$9,991.15

GENERAL DRAIN:

\$9,146.05

SEPTEMBER TOTALS:MAINTENANCE:

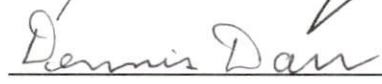
\$35,721.97

GENERAL DRAIN:

\$14,173.20

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD


Cary Groninger – Chairman



Dennis Darr



Joe Irwin



Jim Scott – Vice Chairman



Steve Metzger