

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2023

PRESENT:

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

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.

JULY CLAIMS AND MINUTES:

JOE IRWIN 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.

DANNER RECONSTRUCTION HEARING:

LANDOWNERS PRESENT:

RANDY KLOTZ
STEVE SCHWARTZ

THERE WERE NO REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED.

THE FRANK HOFFER ARM OF THE DANNER WAS BUILT IN 1906. THE PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT THE WEST R/O/W OF STATE ROAD 19 AND ENDS ON THE WEST R/O/W OF COUNTY ROAD 1050 WEST. THE PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION PROVIDES DRAINAGE FOR A 316 ACRE WATERSHED. THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THIS PROJECT IS 3700 FEET. TILE SIZE RANGES FROM 10 INCH TO 18 INCH PER THE SURVEYOR'S REPORT. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION IS \$104,837.45 OR \$333.45 PER ACRE. THE LANDOWNERS HAVE INSTALLED SOME PRIVATE TILES ON THEIR PROPERTIES AND TAKEN THE WATER TO THE NORTH AND NOT INTO THE HOFFER ARM AND IT IS THEIR BELIEF THAT THE TILE SIZE COULD BE REDUCED TO A 15 INCH INSTEAD OF 18 INCH. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT IF THE TILES THAT HAVE BEEN INSTALLED WERE MAINTAINED BY ANY AND ALL LANDOWNERS IN THE FUTURE, A 15 INCH WOULD SUFFICE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW THAT ANY FUTURE LANDOWNERS WILL MAINTAIN THOSE PRIVATE TILES. THE MAJOR ISSUE WITH THE TILE IS COVER. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE THE TILE OUT OF THE LOW AREA AND RUN A LATERAL INTO THE LOW SPOT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD AND LANDOWNERS THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET 2 ½ FEET OF COVER BY MOVING THE TILE. THIS LATERAL WOULD BE PART OF THE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT BUT WOULD NOT BE PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM. IT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LANDOWNER. DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECONSTRUCTION AS PROPOSED. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE BOARD GAVE KISSINGER THE LATITUDE TO CHANGE THE TILE SIZE TO 15

INCH SOONER IF NEED BE, TO GAIN MORE COVER. THE BOARD WAS IN FAVOR OF THIS PROPOSAL.

TIPPY RIVER/PARK BOARD DISCUSSION:

AT THE REQUEST OF REPRESENTATIVE ABBOTT, KISSINGER ASKED THE DRAINAGE BOARD TO MAKE A MOTION FOR HIM TO DRAFT A LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE ABBOTT AND THE TIPPY RIVER/PARKS BOARD TO GET SOME CLEANING DONE ON THE TIPPECANOE RIVER. THE RIVER IS NOT A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD DRAFT A LETTER AND SEND IT TO THEM FOR THEIR APPROVAL THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE TIPPECANOE RIVER TO BE CLEANED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE KISSINGER DRAFTING THE LETTER. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BURKHOLDER RECONSTRUCTION:

KISSINGER AND MONTEL MET WITH THE ELKHART COUNTY SURVEYORS' OFFICE AND WENT ON A FIELD TRIP AND GOT AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION FROM THEM ON THE JOINT COUNTY PROJECT COMING UP. SURVEY WILL OCCUR THIS FALL AFTER CROPS.

WELCH DRAIN – TODD SMITH PROPERTY:

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE OFFICE HAS FOUND TWO PAST INVOICES THAT ARE SIMILAR TO THIS SITUATION WHERE THE STATE HAD REIMBURSED THE COUNTY TO MOVE A TILE OUT OF THEIR RIGHT-OF-WAY. HE WILL SEND THE INFORMATION TO THE STATE TO SEE WHAT POLICY HAS CHANGED AS FAR AS REPAIRING IN THE STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

OSWEGO – DRAIN:

JOE IRWIN REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE DRAIN IN OSWEGO. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE IS CONTINUING TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE LANDOWNER THAT HAS THE FENCE THAT NEEDS TO BE MOVED. IF THE LANDOWNER FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST, THE CONTRACTOR WILL MOVE THE FENCE TO REPAIR THE DRAIN.

NEVIN McCONNELL:

DENNIS DARR ASKED ABOUT THE PROGRESSION OF THE NEVIN McCONNELL DRAIN. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE WAS WORKING ON SECURING POTENTIAL SITES TO USE AS DISPOSAL SITES FOR THE SPOIL.

ADJOURN:

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

CLAIMS:**8/1/2023**

ACHOR	GARY DANT	\$30.00	2700
BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$540.00	2700
BILLER	DALTONS	\$1530.00	2700
CHAPMAN	DALTONS	\$918.00	2700
CONRAD WM	DALTONS	\$497.25	2700
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
ELDER	DALTONS	\$1530.00	2700
ELDER	DALTONS	\$459.00	2700
ELDER	TIMBER VALLEY	\$609.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	DALTONS	\$2142.00	2700
HALL ISAAC	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$245.59	1158
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HALL ISAAC	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4902.90	1158
HICKMAN	DALTONS	\$3060.00	2700
JONES A P	DONS EXCAVATING	\$680.00	1158
KINNEY	DALTONS	\$2677.50	2700
LEFFELL	DALTONS	\$765.00	2700
LONG CY	DALTONS	\$1530.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	DALTONS	\$1530.00	2700
PETERSON	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$461.76	2700
PYLE JOHN	DALTONS	\$3060.00	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$395.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$480.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$14450.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$5355.00	2700
TURKEY CREEK	DALTONS	\$3060.00	2700
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VANCUREN	DALTONS	\$1836.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	DALTONS	\$306.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$390.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$50,426.51**GENERAL DRAIN: \$14,216.38****8/15/2023**

DEEDS CREEK	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$5080.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$584.00	2700
EATON LEVI	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$210.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$833.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$8105.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$7073.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$112.83	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$21,788.33**GENERAL DRAIN: \$210.00**

8/29/2023

DEEDS CREEK	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	\$4585.41	2700
DOKE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1432.56	1158
DOKE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2367.00	1158
ELDER	RIGHT OF WAY MGMT (WHITLEY CO)	\$955.38	2700
FLEUGLE	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$11322.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$600.00	2700
SOLOMON SECHRIST	A & M FARM DRAINAGE	\$441.50	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2209.96	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1564.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$4123.31	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$25,802.06


GENERAL DRAIN: \$3,799.56

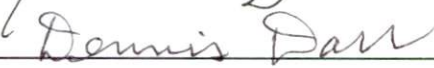
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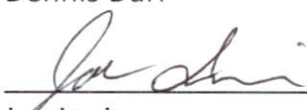
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GENERAL DRAIN: \$18,225.94

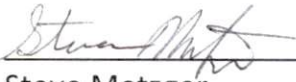
KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD


Cary Groninger – Chairman


Dennis Darr


Joe Irwin

absent
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman


Steve Metzger