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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 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.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

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

**VARIANCE – HC KELLY – McMANUS – 003-054-048:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS IS A LANDOWNER THAT IS TRYING TO REPAIR MISSTEPS THAT A CONTRACTOR HAS MADE. AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER INFORMED THE SURVEYORS OFFICE OF SOME DRAINAGE PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA. ONCE ONSITE, THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE OBSERVED THE INGROUND POOL BEING INSTALLED. KISSINGER CONTACTED THE CONTRACTOR AND TOLD HIM HE NEEDED TO STOP AND GET ALL OF THE NEEDED PERMITS. THE CONTRACTOR DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH AND THE LANDOWNER IS TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO MAKE THIS RIGHT AFTER THE FACT. THE TILE IS 24 INCH DUAL WALLED AND IS IN GOOD SHAPE AT THIS POINT. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WHEN THE PLAT WAS APPROVED FOR DEEDS CREEK MANOR, THE DRAINAGE BOARD REDUCED THE COUNTY DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO 50 FEET ON BOTH SIDES. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 21.9 FEET FOR THE POOL AND 36 FEET FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM. THE LANDOWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE CONCRETE BUMP OUT ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE POOL. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**2022 YEAR END DISCUSSION:**

THE BOARD WAS FURNISHED WITH REPORTS OF YEARS OF COLLECTIONS AS WELL AS COMPARISON OF DITCH EXPENSES.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE BELIEVES THE ISSUE ON THE BOCKMAN DRAIN HAS BEEN FOUND AND WILL NOT NEED ANOTHER MEETING.

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD A REPORT OF UPCOMING RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND POSSIBLE MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARINGS FOR 2023. A COUPLE OF THESE MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARINGS WOULD BE JOINT HEARINGS WITH ADJOINING COUNTIES. THE FIRST OF THESE WOULD BE THE A P JONES DRAIN THAT IS JOINT WITH ELKHART COUNTY. KISSINGER ASKED THE BOARD TO CHOOSE 2 MEMBERS

OF THE KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD TO REPRESENT ON THE JOINT BOARD. JOE IRWIN NOMINATED DENNIS DARR AND CARY GRONINGER TO REPRESENT KOSCIUSKO COUNTY ON THE JOINT BOARD. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

HE ALSO INFORMED THE BOARD WHERE THE PERMIT PROCESS STANDS FOR THE ISAIAH KUHN DRAIN. CERTIFIED LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE LANDOWNERS AND CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ALL. THE DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE INDIANA DNR. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE IS WAITING FOR A MEETING DATE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE WORK IS PLANNED PRIOR TO PLANTING SEASON.

CERTIFIED NOTIFICATIONS TO LANDOWNERS FOR THE DEEDS CREEK/CHAPMAN LAKE OUTLET ARE IN PROCESS IN THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE. ONCE ALL RESPONSES ARE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE, WE WILL SEND ALL INFORMATION TO THE INDIANA DNR AND WAIT FOR A MEETING WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE WORK IS PLANNED PRIOR TO PLANTING SEASON.

WETLAND DETERMINATION FOR THE NEVIN McCONNELL WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SPRING. THE COMPANY HAS BEEN CONTRACTED FOR THIS TO TAKE PLACE.

THERE ARE SEVERAL BID PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR 2023. THESE CONSIST OF SEVERAL DEBRUSHING PROJECTS AND A LARGE TILE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

**ARMEY ARM TO BE TAKEN INTO ARMEY SYSTEM:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS TALKED TO THE LANDOWNERS THAT ARE ON THIS DITCH AS THEY WILL HAVE THE DRAINAGE EASEMENT FORCED UPON THEM IF THIS ARM IS TAKEN INTO THE SYSTEM. KISSINGER ASKED THE LANDOWNERS IF THEY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO A 50 FOOT COUNTY DRAIN RIGHT OF WAY AND ALL THOSE LANDOWNERS WERE IN FAVOR. THE 50 FOOT SETBACK WOULD BE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE DITCH ON THESE PARCELS ONLY (033-010-001.A : 033-010-001.B : 033-010-001). ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS WILL BE GRANDFATHERED IN WHICH INCLUDE A POLE BUILDING AND A PLAY HOUSE ON A PROPERTY IN THE RIGHT OF WAY. ANY NEW STRUCTURES OR REPLACEMENT OR MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING BUILDINGS WITHIN THE 50 FOOT COUNTY DRAIN RIGHT OF WAY WOULD NEED TO APPLY FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS ARM INTO THE ARMEY DRAINAGE SYSTEM WITH THE ABOVE STIPULATED PROVISIONS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**TIPPY/CHAPMAN LAKE SEWER DISTRICT:**

GRONINGER ASKED KISSINGER IF HE HAS LOOKED AT THE DRAWINGS OR IF ANYONE FROM THE TIPPY/CHAPMAN LAKE SEWER DISTRICT HAS CONTACTED THE OFFICE ABOUT CROSSING THE COUNTY DRAINS WITH THE NEW SEWER SYSTEM. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD CONTACT SOMEONE FROM THE BOARD TO FIND OUT IF THEY ARE OR WILL BE CROSSING ANY COUNTY DRAINS.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**1/3/23**

COPPESS	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$570.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2214.00	2700

POLE RUN	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$6023.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$1591.60	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$1310.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$365.15	2700

**TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$12,073.75****1/17/2023**

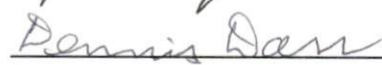
BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$960.00	2700
DANNER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$673.46	2700
DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$2200.00	2700
FLEUGLE	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$4233.00	2700
FUNK	LI EXCAVATING	\$4490.00	2700
KELLY H C	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$177.95	2700
KELLY H C	WERTENBERGER TILING & EXC	\$300.00	2700
KELLY H C	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$2240.00	2700
LEFFELL	LI EXCAVATING	\$2625.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3060.57	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2140.18	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$1888.10	1158

**TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$20,959.98****GENERAL DRAIN: \$4,028.28****1/31/23**

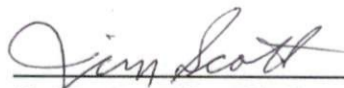
BOCKMAN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$617.79	1158
BOCKMAN	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$820.00	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$1520.00	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2461.76	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4593.40	1158
SILVER CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$810.00	2700
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3114.50	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$699.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$8650.00	2700

**TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$10,159.00****GENERAL DRAIN: \$13,127.45****JANUARY TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$43,192.73****GENERAL DRAIN: \$17,155.73****KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

  
Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
Dennis Darr

  
Joe Irwin

  
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
Steve Metzger

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DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

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JOE IRWIN  
STEVE METZGER

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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.

**SWICK MEREDITH COST SHARE PROJECT:**

KISSINGER PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A COPY OF THE WORKORDER AND THE INVOICES FOR THE COSTSHARE PROJECT. THERE WAS A MEETING AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LANDOWNERS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD FURNISH THE TILE FOR A PORTION OF THE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,647.00. THE TILE INVOICE WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,858.75. THE LANDOWNERS EXTENDED THE TILE FURTHER AND WERE INQUIRING WHETHER THE DRAINAGE BOARD WOULD PAY FOR ANY OF THE EXTRA TILE FROM THAT INVOICE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE BOARD SAID THAT THEY WOULD ONLY PAY THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON AMOUNT.

**ISAAC SHOEMAKER DRAIN 25% INCREASE DISCUSSION:**

THE LAST HEARING ON THIS DRAIN WAS APRIL 2011. THIS DRAIN IS NEARLY 1.75 YEARS IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN. WE HAVE A WORKORDER THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED TO REPAIR SOME HOLES ON THIS DRAIN ALTHOUGH THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR THE REPAIRS LEADING TO A STRETCH OF 300 FEET +/- THAT WILL NEED REPLACED. THIS DRAIN CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 8600 FEET OF OPEN DITCH AND 11,000 FEET OF TILE. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 25% INCREASE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**ENOCH FELKNER/TURKEY CREEK DISCUSSION:**

THE TOWN OF MILFORD CONTACTED KISSINGER FOR HELP WITH THE ENOCH FELKNER DRAIN. THIS DRAIN IS A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN THAT DOES NOT COLLECT A MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT AND IS ALSO AN ARM OF TURKEY CREEK. THIS DRAIN COULD BE TAKEN INTO THE TURKEY CREEK SYSTEM AS THE LANDOWNERS ALREADY PAY AN ASSESSMENT ON TURKEY CREEK. THE TOWN HAS REQUESTED THE DRAIN BE TAKEN INTO THE TURKEY CREEK SYSTEM FROM THE OUTLET TO OLD STATE ROAD 15. THEY HAVE NO FUNDS OR WAY TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN. THERE ARE SOME TREES THAT NEED REMOVED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO HAVE THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE DETERMINE THE COST THAT WOULD BE INCURRED FOR BRUSHING

AND DIPPING THE PORTION OF THE ENOCH FELKNER DRAIN FROM OLD STATE ROAD 15 TO THE OUTLET AT TURKEY CREEK BEFORE MAKING A DECISION TO ACCEPT IT INTO THE TURKEY CREEK SYSTEM. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**TURKEY CREEK QUOTE DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE COUNTY IS ALMOST TO THE LAST STRETCH OF TURKEY CREEK THAT NEEDS TO BE DEBRUSHED AND DEADFALLS REMOVED. THIS LAST STRETCH IS APPROXIMATELY 7400 FEET. THE SURVEYOR’S OFFICE ASKED SIX CONTRACTORS TO QUOTE ON THIS PORTION OF THE DRAIN. WE RECEIVED THREE QUOTES.

JJC EXCAVATING - \$111,000.00  
BEAVER EXCAVATING - \$109,500.00  
KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION & EXC - \$35,520.00

A REPORT OF THE BIDS WAS SENT TO ALL CONTRACTORS WITH THE RESULTS. KOLESIAC WITHDREW THEIR QUOTE AS THEY HAD MADE A MISTAKE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THE BOARD DECIDED TO REJECT ALL QUOTES DUE TO BEING SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE ESTIMATE OF THE SURVEYOR’S OFFICE (\$70,000 - \$80,000). THE JOB WILL BE RE-ISSUED WITH A DIFFERENT COMPLETION DATE. STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO REJECT THE QUOTES AND RESEND THE SPECS WITH A NEW COMPLETION DATE. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**CROWS NEST:**

GRONINGER THANKED KISSINGER FOR HIS EFFORTS ON A PROJECT AT CROWS NEST THAT THE COMMISSIONERS NEEDED SOME HELP WITH A SOLUTION.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**2/14/2023**

ACHOR CARLES	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
BOCKMAN	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$300.00	1158
DANNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$725.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$60.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2057.50	2700
HALL ISAAC	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$3600.00	2700
HALL ISAAC	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$5450.00	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5177.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$1125.96	1158
POLK GEORGE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$559.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$702.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$23975.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$720.00	2700

**TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$43,686.00**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$1,425.96**

**2/28/2023**

DORSEY MILTON	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$4610.40	2700
DORSEY MILTON	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$9539.60	1158
GAY EASTERDAY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$288.30	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1027.73	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$951.50	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$394.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5300.00	2700
HOOPENGARNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1176.05	2700
KINNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$168.00	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	HAMBY & SON EXC	\$875.00	2700
NICKLER ARM	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$1710.00	2700
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$783.05	2700
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$116.95	1158
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$450.00	2700
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1575.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$130.81	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$9858.75	2700

**TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$29,298.59**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$9,656.55**

**FEBRUARY TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$72,984.59**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$11,082.51**

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

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Cary Groninger – Chairman

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Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

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Steve Metzger

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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.

**ROBBINS MAGEE MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING:**

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT:**

LARRY MELLOTT

**REMONSTRANCE LETTERS RECEIVED:**

BRENDA SMITH

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR – PRESENTED HIS REPORT. 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. IT CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF **-\$18,369.03**. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 4.5 YEARS IN DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND. IT HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF DEBT TO THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND SINCE 2000. THE LAST MAINTENANCE INCREASE HEARING WAS IN MAY 2006 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN JUNE 2008. WE HAVE A LARGE TILE PROJECT THAT WILL BE COMING UP THIS YEAR. THE ESTIMATED YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST IS \$5,000.00.

LARRY MELLOTT SPOKE TO THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE INCREASE. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A CATCH BASIN IS NEEDED AT A RISER NEAR HIS PROPERTY LINE. THE WATER COMES FAST AND WASHES OUT IN THIS AREA AND HE BELIEVES A CATCH BASIN WOULD HELP. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS ADVERTISED - \$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.

**TURKEY CREEK PROJECT – BID OPENING:**  
**WORKORDER #2023-013**

***ALL PREVIOUS BIDS WERE REJECTED IN FEBRUARY. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE SENT OUT SPECS WITH A NEW COMPLETION DATE (1/1/2024) AND THE BIDS WERE DUE BY NOON ON 3/20/2023.***

THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED AND OPENED BY CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN AT THE DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING THIS MORNING (3/23/2023):

BEAVER EXCAVATING - \$98,900.00  
RANSBOTTOM EXCAVATING - \$81,700.00  
JJC EXCAVATING - \$96,200.00

WITH ALL CONTRACTORS CURRENT WITH THEIR CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE AND IN GOOD STANDINGS WITH THE COUNTY, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST BIDDER (RANSBOTTOM EXCAVATING) JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PERMITS:**

**ISAIAH KUHN DRAIN:**

THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS INFORMED KISSINGER THAT THEY HAVE NO JURISDICTION FOR THIS PROJECT BECAUSE WE WILL BE HAULING THE SPOIL OUT OF THE WETLAND.

THE DNR GAVE KISSINGER A VERBAL CONFIRMATION THAT THEY WILL ISSUE THE PERMIT.

THIS PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER CROPS ARE OUT.

**CHAPMAN LAKE OUTLET – DEEDS CREEK:**

KISSINGER BRIEFED THE DNR ABOUT THIS PROJECT WHILE SPEAKING WITH THEM AT THE KUHN DRAIN. THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT THIS SITE IN THE COMING WEEKS.

**WYLAND:**

TALKED TO THE ARMY CORP AND DNR ABOUT A PROJECT BETWEEN SELLERS AND SHERBURN LAKES. KISSINGER INFORMED THEM THAT THIS PERMIT PROCESS WILL NEED TO BE EXPEDITED DUE TO FLOODING DAMAGE TO PROPERTIES.

**NEVIN McCONNELL:**

KISSINGER WAS UPDATED THIS WEEK THAT THE WETLAND DELINIATION WILL BE STARTING IN APRIL. AS SOON AS THIS IS COMPLETED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO START THE PERMITTING PROCESS.

**DANNER RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

KISSINGER CONTACTED THE STATE HIGHWAY TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT THIS PROJECT IS AT THE TOP OF THEIR LIST FOR THE SPRING. THEY CONFIRMED THIS AND TOLD HIM THEY WILL MEET WITH HIM TO FINALIZE THEIR PORTION OF STATE ROAD 19 IN APRIL.

**ENOCH FELKNER UPDATE:**

DENNIS DARR ASKED WHERE WE STAND ON ADDING THIS ARM INTO THE TURKEY CREEK SYSTEM. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE STILL NEEDS TO GET AN ESTIMATE FOR DEBRUSHING THIS AREA AND WILL BRING IT TO THE BOARD AT THE APRIL MEETING.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**3/14/2023**

BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	KOLESIK CONST. & EXC	\$7525.00	1158
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1028.00	2700
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1670.00	1158
SECHRIST SOLOMON	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$10000.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$570.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1192.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$600.00	2700

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$13,630.50**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$9,885.00**

**3/28/2023**

COPPESS	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$405.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$203.84	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$997.50	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1670.00	1158
HOOPENGARNER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$494.36	2700
HOOPENGARNER	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1407.33	2700
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2332.27	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$5674.48	1158
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2075.00	1158
PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$2802.42	1158
ROOKSTOOL	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$372.00	1158
SECHRIST SOLOMON	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$5100.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$240.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$600.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	TODD MARTIN	\$788.17	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
VANCUREN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1417.50	1158
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$3040.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$510.00	2700
WYLAND	KOLESIK CONST & EXC	\$8200.00	2700

**TOTALS:**

**MAINTENANCE: \$23,838.47**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$14,851.40**

**MARCH TOTALS:**

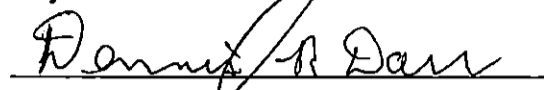
**MAINTENANCE: \$ 37,468.97**


**GENERAL DRAIN: \$24,736.40**

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**VARIANCE – LEFFEL DRAIN – VANESSA YENTES:**

**KEY #018-025-170 – 408 W SHUTT AVE SILVER LAKE**

KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT THIS DRAIN WAS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SILVER LAKE AND IT IS AN OPEN DRAIN THAT RUNS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COURTLAND DRIVE. VANESSA YENTES CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A 24X24 GARAGE ON HER PROPERTY. THE LANDOWNER IS REQUESTING TO BUILD 24 FEET 3 INCHES FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. THERE IS A SEAWALL ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF HER PROPERTY. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT WE WOULD CLEAN FROM THE NORTH SIDE AND THE SPOIL WOULD HAVE TO BE HAULED AWAY. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE AS REQUESTED. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – DEEDS CREEK – CHILDRESS/SCHOLAR:**

**KEY #010-109-019.A - TOWER STREET PIERCETON**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS VARIANCE IS REQUESTED FOR A PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE TOWN OF PIERCETON. THIS IS A TILE DRAIN. IT IS BELIEVED TO BE A 10 INCH TILE. SANDRA GREEN FROM GOEGLEIN HOMES/CALLAGHAN HOMES CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REPRESENTING THE HOMEOWNERS REQUESTING A 50 FOOT VARIANCE TO BUILD A HOME. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR 50 FEET. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**VARIANCE – ROBBINS MAGEE – ZACHARY FULTON:****013-168-009 - 3186 S ST RD 25 WARSAW**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THIS VARIANCE IS UNIQUE AS THERE IS AN EXISTING BUILDING THAT SITS RIGHT ON THE DITCH BANK THAT WAS BUILT SOMETIME BETWEEN 1978 – 1981. THE CURRENT LANDOWNER DID NOT OWN THE PROPERTY DURING THIS TIME. THERE IS A POND ON THE ADJOINING PROPERTY AND ACROSS THE DITCH THAT IS APPROXIMATELY 35 – 40 FEET FROM THE DITCH. MR. FULTON EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD THAT HE IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO ADD ON TO THE EXISTING BUILDING THAT IS ON THE BANK. HE WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT HIS NEW ADDITION TO THE EXISTING BUILDING.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE LANDOWNER THAT THERE IS A FLOOD PLAIN OR FLOODWAY IN THIS AREA. IT DOES NOT SHOW ON BEACON, HOWEVER, THE DNR HAS DESIGNATED WHAT THEY SAY IS A FLOOD ZONE ASSOCIATED WITH IT BUT THERE IS NO MAP TO SHOW IT. GRONINGER SAID THE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR 2 YEARS ON A TOPIC CONCERNING DNR FLOOD PLAINS.

FULTON TOLD THE BOARD HE HAS PLANS TO RESIDE THE EXISTING BUILDING AND CLEAN IT UP AND ATTACH THE NEW STRUCTURE TO THE EXISTING ONE. KISSINGER INFORMED THE LANDOWNER THAT HE CANNOT INCREASE THE VALUE OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE BY MORE THAN 50% IF IT IS IN A FLOOD PLAIN. IF IT IS IN A FLOOD WAY, KISSINGER BELIEVES THAT THE RULES ARE EVEN MORE RESTRICTIVE. AT THIS POINT, WE DO NOT KNOW IF THIS STRUCTURE IS IN A FLOOD PLAIN OR A FLOOD WAY.

KISSINGER WANTS HIMSELF AND THE LANDOWNER TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH MATT SANDY IN THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION TO GET ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE VARIANCE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

AFTER SOME ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE AN AMENDED MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE PER AREA PLAN COMMISSION CRITERIA (NO FLOOD PLAIN OR FLOOD WAY ISSUES) FOR THIS ADDITION. THIS IS A ONE TIME ONLY IMPROVEMENT VARIANCE AND THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL ADD-ONS OR VARIANCES ALLOWED FOR THIS STRUCTURE. THE DRAINAGE BOARD WILL HOLD NO LIABILITY WITH THE CURRENT STRUCTURE ON THE DITCH BANK. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. **THE VARIANCE WILL BE HELD IN THE OFFICE UNTIL AREA PLAN COMMISSION CRITERIA ARE MET AND THEN IT WILL BE RECORDED. MR. FULTON PAID THE \$25.00 RECORDING FEE. IT IS BEING HELD IN THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.**

**BURKHOLDER DRAIN – JOINT BOARD:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT KOSCIUSKO COUNTY NEEDS TO APPOINT 2 MEMBERS FROM THE DRAINAGE BOARD TO SERVE ON THE JOINT BOARD FOR THE BURKHOLDER DRAIN RECONSTRUCTION. ELKHART COUNTY WILL APPOINT 2 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE 5<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEMBER WILL BE FROM AN ADJOINING COUNTY. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD IN JUNE OR JULY. CARY GRONINGER APPOINTED HIMSELF AND JOE IRWIN TO REPRESENT KOSCIUSKO COUNTY ON THE JOINT BOARD.

**TURKEY CREEK – FELKNER ARM – JOINT BOARD:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT KOSCIUSKO COUNTY NEEDS TO APPOINT 2 MEMBERS FROM THE DRAINAGE BOARD TO SERVE ON A JOINT BOARD FOR THE FELKNER ARM OF TURKEY CREEK WITH NOBLE COUNTY. CARY GRONINGER APPOINTED HIMSELF AND STEVE METZGER TO REPRESENT KOSCIUSKO COUNTY ON THE JOINT BOARD. NOBLE COUNTY WILL APPOINT 2 MEMBERS AND THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEMBER WILL BE

FROM AN ADJOINING COUNTY. THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE ONLY 1 MEETING FOR THIS JOINT BOARD.

**LEVI EATON RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION:**

IN 1991 KRALIS BROTHERS RECEIVED A VIOLATION OF DISCHARGING FROM THEIR LAGOON INTO LEVI EATON DRAIN AND HAD TO REROUTE THE TILE AND NOT TAP INTO THE COUNTY TILE. THIS TILE IS 12 FEET DEEP IN SOME SPOTS AND THE TILE HAS COLLAPSED. THE MINUTES FROM 2007 WHEN WE FIRST DISCOVERED THAT IT HAD COLLAPSED SAID WE WOULD RECONSTRUCT THIS DRAIN. THIS DRAIN INADVERTANTLY DID NOT MAKE THE RECONSTRUCTION LIST. THE RECONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE IS \$45,000.00. KISSINGER ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WANTED TO PROCEED WITH THE PREVIOUS BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO PLACE THIS ON THE RECONSTRUCTION LIST AND MOVE IT UP DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS LEFT OFF. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS RECONSTRUCTION UP THE LIST. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**LOUIE DAVIS – ALLEN RUPLE DRAIN DISCUSSION:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT AS HE WAS OUT DRIVING LOOKING AT DRAINS, HE SAW SOME LANDOWNERS DEBRUSHING THE RUPLE DRAIN AND OFFERED THE COUNTIES HELP AS IT IS A COUNTY DRAIN. HE SAW LOUIE DAVIS WORKING ON HIS PART OF THE DRAIN AND KISSINGER ASKED HIM IF HE HAD INSURANCE. DAVIS SAID HE DID AND KISSINGER TOLD HIM WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP FINANCIALLY. HE WOULD NEED TO GET A WORKMAN'S COMP WAIVER FROM THE STATE. DAVIS APPLIED FOR THE WORKMAN'S COMP WAIVER, HOWEVER AFTER TALKING TO DAVIS INSURANCE CARRIER, HE DID NOT HAVE THE LIABILITY REQUIRED BY THE DRAINAGE BOARD. THE WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. JIM SCOTT SAID HE WOULD RATHER NOT SET THE PRECEDENT OF PAYING WITHOUT THE REQUIRED INSURANCE. KISSINGER ADMITTED HIS ERROR BY NOT CHECKING THE INSURANCE BEFORE OFFERING THE FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE COUNTY. GRONINGER TOLD KISSINGER THAT THIS CAN NOT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. HE NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THE INSURANCE IS CORRECT AS TO WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD AND THE DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE IN THE OFFICE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE LANDOWNER. DENNIS DARR SAID HE BELIEVES THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE THE SURVEYOR'S BACK AND PROCEED WITH PAYING THE LANDOWNER AND MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIM. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION. CARY GRONINGER AND STEVE METZGER WERE IN FAVOR. JIM SCOTT VOTED AGAINST.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**DANNER RECONSTRUCTION – STATE ROAD 19:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE MET WITH THE STATE AND THEY WILL BE REPLACING THE CULVERT UNDER STATE ROAD 19 SOON. AS SOON AS THIS IS COMPLETED, THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WILL PROCEED WITH THE HEARING.

**NEVIN McCONNELL – WETLAND DETERMINATION:**

THE WETLAND WETLAND DETERMINATION COMPANY SHOULD BE STARTING THIS PROCESS SOON.

WELCH DRAIN – STATE ROAD 19:

JOE IRWIN AND DENNIS DARR TOLD THE BOARD THAT THEY WERE NOTIFIED BY A LANDOWNER AND CONTRACTOR ABOUT A PROBLEM ON THE WELCH DRAIN ALONG STATE ROAD 19. THEY WERE TOLD NOT TO DO ANY WORK UNTIL THEY TALK TO THE STATE. IRWIN QUESTIONED IF THE COUNTY OR STATE WOULD BE MAKING THE REPAIRS. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE STATE WOULD MAKE THE REPAIRS AS IT IS IN THEIR RIGHT OF WAY. HE ASKED WHY THE LANDOWNERS PAY A DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT FOR THIS PART OF THE DRAIN. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD AS LONG AS IT IS A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN, WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE STATE DO THE REPAIRS IN THEIR RIGHT OF WAY AT THEIR EXPENSE, HOWEVER IT IS IN THEIR TIME FRAME.

ADJOURN:

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

CLAIMS:  
4/11/2023

ARMEY	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$24620.00	2700
FUNK	L I EXCAVATING	\$577.50	2700
KEEFER EVANS	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$5062.50	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
LEFFEL	L I EXCAVATING	\$330.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4195.24	1158
PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$27.29	1158
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$405.00	1158
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2632.50	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$210.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$540.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2025.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1698.26	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$4302.50	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1467.50	2700
WYLAND	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$446.22	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$41,399.48  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$8,010.03

4/25/2023

DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$8009.25	2700
DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$2175.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$657.50	1158
EATON LEVI	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1196.50	1158
FLEUGLE	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$747.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$2059.72	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$4687.50	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	GOOD EXCAVATING	\$1500.00	2700


GILLIAM WM	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$405.00	2700
GRAHAM	JJC EXCAVATING	\$10848.02	2700
GRAHAM	JJC EXCAVATING	\$13451.98	1158
HALL ISAAC	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2480.00	2700
JONES AP	DONS EXCAVATING	\$6000.00	1158
KEEFER EVANS	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1872.50	2700
KEEFER EVANS	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$607.50	2700
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1435.50	2700
KOONTZ MARY	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$2525.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	L I EXCAVATING	\$3555.00	2700
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$188.89	2700
NEFF OMAR PLAIN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2480.00	2700
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1245.00	1158
POLE RUN	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$957.00	2700
POLK GEORGE	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$450.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$450.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1282.50	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$225.00	1158
SHILLING WM	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$675.00	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1822.50	1158
SILVEUS	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1062.50	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$225.00	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$4675.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$900.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$405.00	2700
TEEGARDEN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$447.00	2700
TEEGARDEN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$225.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$675.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$450.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	L I EXCAVATING	\$1873.87	2700
WELCH JAMES	L I EXCAVATING	\$566.13	1158
WELCH JAMES	L I EXCAVATING	\$2025.00	1158
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$225.00	2700


**MAINTENANCE: \$57,533.75**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$30,209.61**

**APRIL TOTALS:**  
**MAINTENANCE: \$98,933.23**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$38,219.64**

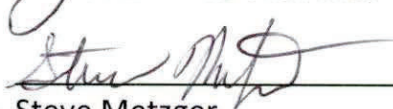
**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

  
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**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 25, 2023**

**DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA, THE MAY 2023 DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING WAS CANCELED.**

**CLAIMS:  
5/9/2023**

ALEXANDER LUHR	SHANKSTER BROS	\$125.91	1158
ALSPAUGH HAINES	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2480.00	2700
BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
CHAPMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$480.00	2700
DORSEY MILTON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$65.40	1158
ELDER	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
FLUKE HANSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$910.00	2700
GILLIAM WILLIAM	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$3900.00	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$327.02	1158
HALL ISAAC	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$249.36	2700
HOOPENGARNER	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$657.50	2700
KOONTZ MARY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$480.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2025.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1417.50	2700
KOONTZ MARY	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$2650.00	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1400.00	2700
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1015.00	1158
PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$212.08	1158
PETERSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$373.28	1158
POLE RUN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$46.91	2700
POLK GEORGE	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$635.89	2700
POLK GEORGE	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$174.11	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$202.50	1158
RUPLE ALLEN	LOUIE DAVIS	\$1120.00	1158
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$860.00	1158
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$284.13	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$300.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$250.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$860.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	SHANKSTER BROS	\$187.20	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1417.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1872.50	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
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WYLAND	SHANKSTER BROS	\$374.40	2700
WYLAND	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$2300.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$25,783.76

GENERAL DRAIN: \$5,429.43

5/29/2023

ACHOR CARLES	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
ALEXANDER LUHR	DIRTWORK LLC	\$367.50	1158
ALSPAUGH HAINES	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$169.20	2700
ALSPAUGH HAINES	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$480.00	2700
BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
BIERCE	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$320.00	2700
DANNER	LEMLER & SONS BACKHOE	\$437.18	2700
FLUKE HANSON	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$119.70	2700
FLUKE HANSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1310.00	2700
GILLIAM FRED	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1550.00	2700
HOOPENGARNER	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$203.84	2700
KEEFER EVANS	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$432.00	2700
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$740.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$155.00	1158
POLE RUN	GOOD HAULING & EXC	\$585.00	2700
ROSS ALFRED	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1155.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$607.50	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$900.00	1158
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$698.50	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$120.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$320.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$123.60	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$480.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$295.50	2700
VANCUREN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$620.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$7400.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1536.00	1158
WELCH JAMES	L I EXCAVATING	\$1095.00	1158
WELCH JAMES	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$617.79	1158
WELCH JAMES	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$480.00	1158
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$450.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$160.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$640.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$150.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$300.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$17,651.02

GENERAL DRAIN: \$7,937.29

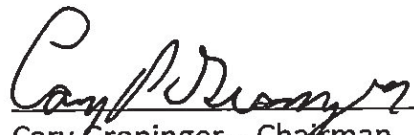
MAY TOTALS:

MAINTENANCE: \$43,434.78

GENERAL DRAIN: \$13,366.72

May 25, 2023 (continued)

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
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Joe Irwin

  
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Steve Metzger

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 22, 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.

**APRIL CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

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

**MAY CLAIMS:**

THE MAY MEETING WAS CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF AN AGENDA. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS FROM MAY SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**DANNER RECONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION: (15-33-4)**

RANDY KLOTZ REQUESTED THIS DRAIN BE ADDED TO THE RECONSTRUCTION LIST. AT THE TIME OF THIS TILE BEING INSTALLED THERE WAS ONLY 0.07% GRADE. KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO THE BOARD. THIS IS CALLED THE FRANK HOFFER ARM OF THE DANNER DRAIN. THIS TILE WAS INSTALLED IN THE EARLY 1900'S. THE STATE HIGHWAY HAS REPLACED THE PIPE UNDER STATE ROAD 19. KLOTZ INFORMED KISSINGER THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME PRIVATE TILE INSTALLED THAT TAKES THE WATER A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS TO FURNISH A REPORT THAT SHOWS THE DIRECTION THE WATER NATURALLY FLOWS WITHIN THE COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN WATERSHED FOR ANY PROJECT. THE SURVEYOR'S ESTIMATE IS \$104,837.45. THERE ARE 314.41 ACRES IN THE WATERSHED. THE RATE PER ACRE ESTIMATE IS \$333.45. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE AS PROPOSED. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2023.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**BUDGETS:**

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD HE ATTACHED A LETTER WITH THE OFFICE BUDGET REQUESTING MONEY BE ADDED INTO THE GENERAL DRAIN TO COVER SOME UPCOMING RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, ONE OF WHICH IS A VERY LARGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

**ELKHART COUNTY JOINT BOARD MEETING:**

JOINT BOARD MEETING FOR BURKHOLDER RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 27 AT 10 A.M.

**NEVIN McCONNELL DELINIATION:**

THE WETLAND DELINIATION INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. KISSINGER TURNED THE INFORMATION OVER TO DENNIS DARR.

**STATE ROAD 19 RIGHT OF WAY DRAIN PROBLEMS:**

THE OUTLET ALONG STATE ROAD 19 IS PLUGGED. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT THE STATE HAS TO FIX SINCE IT IS IN THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD CHECK AND GET BACK WITH THEM WITH AN UPDATE.

**MENTONE TREE REMOVAL:**

A LANDOWNER FROM THE MENTONE AREA CONTACTED THE OFFICE AND SOME OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS ABOUT TREES BEING REMOVED ON HIS PROPERTY. KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE TREES THAT WERE REMOVED WERE RIGHT OVER TOP OF THE TILE OR ADJACENT WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**SPRAYING:**

JOE IRWIN ASKED HOW THE 2023 SPRAYING IS COMING ALONG. KISSINGER REPORTED THAT THE SPRAYING SHOULD BE COMPLETE AND INVOICES COMING IN SOON.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

6/6/2023

ARMEY	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$266.76	2700
ARMEY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$860.00	2700
FLUKE HANSON	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$123.60	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	M KOLESIAK CONSTRUCTION	\$5600.00	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$169.20	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$812.50	2700
LEFFELL	L I EXCAVATING	\$540.00	2700
PETERSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$650.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$900.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$169.20	1158
SILVEUS	SHANKSTER BROS	\$533.09	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$860.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$860.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$562.50	2700
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$340.00	2700

**TOTALS:**

MAINTENANCE: \$12,544.56

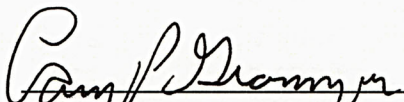
GENERAL DRAIN: \$702.29

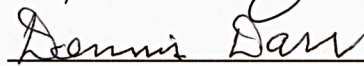
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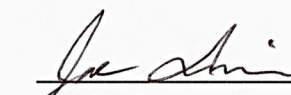
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ALSPAUGH HAINES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$627.39	2700

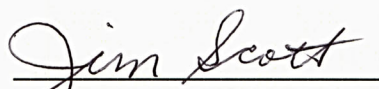
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DANNER	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$1031.71	2700
DANNER	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$775.00	2700
FLUKE HANSON	SHANKSTER BROS	\$71.74	2700
GAY EASTERDAY	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	GARY DANT	\$90.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$526.77	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$390.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFF	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$607.50	2700
SHANTON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$620.00	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	SHANKSTER BROS	\$187.20	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$505.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$211.01	2700
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SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$3443.74	2700
VANCUREN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$775.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$620.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2170.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	GARY DANT	\$630.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1885.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$108.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$540.00	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2505.00	2700
WYLAND	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$122.00	2700
WYLAND	GARY DANT	\$450.00	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$310.00	2700


**TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$20,282.62****GENERAL DRAIN: \$187.20****JUNE TOTALS:****MAINTENANCE: \$32,827.18****GENERAL DRAIN: \$889.49****KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

  
Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
Dennis Darr

  
Joe Irwin

  
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
Steve Metzger

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

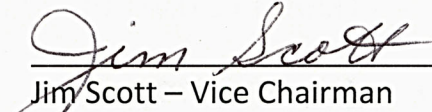
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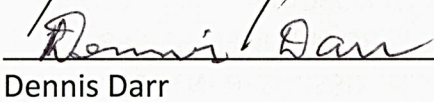
MAINTENANCE: \$28,258.17

GENERAL DRAIN: \$9136.04

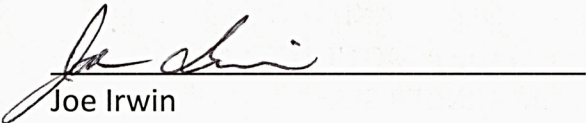
KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
Dennis Darr

  
Steve Metzger

  
Joe Irwin

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
HALL ISAAC	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$7512.89	1158
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
TURKEY CREEK	DALTONS	\$3060.00	2700
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

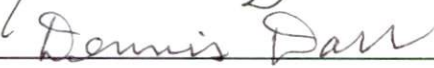
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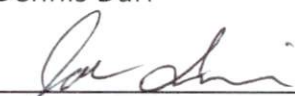
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GENERAL DRAIN: \$18,225.94

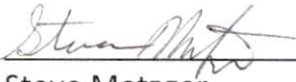
KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
Dennis Darr

  
Joe Irwin

absent  
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
Steve Metzger

**KOSCIUSKO/NOBLE COUNTY  
JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 24, 2023  
10:15 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

CRAIG CULTICE – CHAIRMAN – MARSHALL COUNTY SURVEYOR  
GARY TIMMERMAN – VICE CHAIRMAN – NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
ANITA HESS – NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
CARY GRONINGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
STEVE METZGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

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

RANDY SEXTON – NOBLE COUNTY SURVEYOR

MICHAEL KISSINGER – KOSCIUSKO COUNTY SURVEYOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND THANKED ALL OF THE NOBLE AND KOSCIUSKO REPRESENTATIVES FOR SERVING ON THE JOINT BOARD.

KISSINGER INTRODUCED CRAIG CULTICE – MARSHALL COUNTY SURVEYOR WHO IS VOLUNTEERING TO BE THE 5<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEMBER. ANITA HESS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CRAIG CULTICE AS THE 5<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEMBER. GARY TIMMERMAN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. AT THIS TIME, CRAIG CULTICE TOOK HIS SEAT AT THE TABLE.

CULTICE ASKED THE BOARD TO MAKE A NOMINATION FOR A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE JOINT BOARD. ANITA HESS NOMINATED GARY TIMMERMAN AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN. CRAIG CULTICE SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING WAS TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE DITCH ROUTE FOR NOBLE COUNTY AND ALSO ADD A TRIBUTARY TO THE TURKEY CREEK SYSTEM. KOSCIUSKO COUNTY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD A TRIBUTARY TO THE TURKEY CREEK SYSTEM.

TURKEY CREEK WAS SET UP FOR MAINTENANCE COLLECTION IN 2013 AFTER A JOINT BOARD MEETING. THE FIRST COLLECTION WAS IN 2014. DURING THAT JOINT BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD DID NOT SET UP A DEFINITE ROUTE FOR NOBLE COUNTY. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$0.10 PER ACRE WITH A \$5.00 MINIMUM.

KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE TRIBUTARY IN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY NEEDS DEBRUSHING. THE ESTIMATE IS \$15,000 - \$18,000 TO DEBRUSH THIS AREA. SEXTON SAID THE TRIBUTARY THAT NOBLE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE TURKEY CREEK SYSTEM WAS IN REASONABLE SHAPE. SEXTON SAID HIS MAIN CONCERN WAS SOME LOGJAMS THAT NEED TO BE REMOVED IN THE AREA OF THE LAKES. HE BELIEVES REMOVING THE LOGJAMS WILL HELP WITH THE WATER FLOW.

KISSINGER TOLD THE BOARD THAT HE AND SEXTON HAVE DEFINED THE ROUTE AND WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE ROUTE. CARY GRONINGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPT THE TRIBUTARIES INTO THE TURKEY CREEK

SYSTEM PER THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS THAT WERE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR OF THOSE DRAINS. (3500 FEET IN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY AND 16,806 FEET IN NOBLE COUNTY) ANITA HESS SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

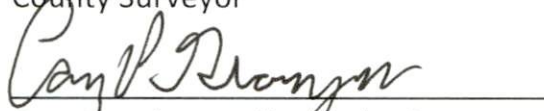
**ADJOURN:**

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS, CARY GRONINGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. GARY TIMMERMAN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**KOSCIUSKO/NOBLE JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**



Craig Cultice – Chairman – Marshall  
County Surveyor



Cary Groninger – Kosciusko County



Steve Metzger – Kosciusko County



Gary Timmerman – Vice Chairman -  
Noble County



Anita Hess – Noble County

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

DANNER	FARMERS DRAINAGE	\$18730.82	2700
ROBBINS MAGEE	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$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

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:

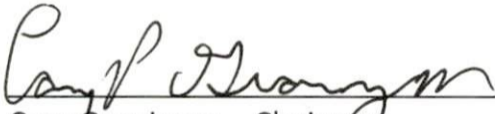
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SEPTEMBER TOTALS:MAINTENANCE:

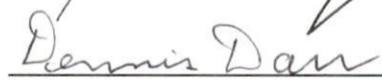
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GENERAL DRAIN:

\$14,173.20

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD


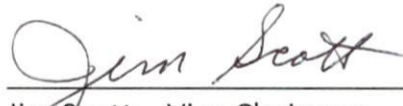
Cary Groninger – Chairman



Dennis Darr



Joe Irwin



Jim Scott – Vice Chairman



Steve Metzger

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 26, 2023

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR  
KRISTA BAKER – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY  
AMY HURD – GIS TECHNICIAN

**NOT PRESENT:**

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**SEPTEMBER CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

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

**VARIANCE – POLE RUN – EICHER – 021-127-036:**

KRISTIAN EICHER CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO PUT A 26X26 CARPORT OVER AN EXISTING CONCRETE SLAB ON HIS PROPERTY. THE EICHERS WERE ISSUED A VARIANCE FOR A POLE BUILDING IN 2021 FOR 15 FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE. THEY ARE REQUESTING THE SAME 15 FEET FOR THE CARPORT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR THE 26X26 CARPORT WITH THE VARIANCE BEING 15 FEET FROM THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE AND THE BUILDING MUST BE A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE THAT CAN BE EASILY MOVED IF THE COUNTY NEEDS TO REPAIR THE TILE. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**GREER DRAIN – WHITLEY COUNTY HEARING – WAIVE RIGHTS:**

WHITLEY COUNTY HAS REQUESTED A WAIVER FROM KOSCIUSKO COUNTY FOR A JOINT BOARD MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT INCREASE HEARING. KOSCIUSKO COUNTY ONLY HAS 15% OF THE DRAINAGE AREA FOR THIS DRAIN BUT LESS THAN 10% OF THE LENGTH OF THE DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATES FOR THE GREER DRAIN ARE \$9.00 PER ACRE WITH A \$50.00 MINIMUM. THE PROPOSED RATE PER ACRE IS \$35.00 WITH A \$175.00 MINIMUM. THE PROPOSED DATE OF THE HEARING IS NOVEMBER 20, 2023. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION FOR KOSCIUSKO COUNTY TO WAIVE THEIR RIGHTS FOR THIS HEARING. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OMAR NEFF PLAIN – DEATSMAN – DISCUSSION:**

MAX DEATSMAN HAS REQUESTED THROUGH THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE THE PLACING 900 FEET OF 18 INCH TILE IN AN EXISTING OPEN DITCH SOUTHEAST OF LEESBURG. PRIOR TO 1974 THIS WAS A TILE DRAIN. MONTEL EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD THAT TURNING THIS

STRETCH OF DITCH INTO TILE WOULD SOLVE A COUPLE OF ISSUES THE COUNTY HAS WITH MAINTAINING THIS DRAIN. THE PROPOSAL IS FOR THE COUNTY TO PAY FOR THE TILE AND THE STONE AND THE LANDOWNER TO PAY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND ANY ADDITIONAL TILE PARTS. THE ESTIMATE FOR THE TILE IS \$10,701.00. GRONINGER ESTIMATED THE STONE TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$7,300.00. THE ANNUAL COLLECTION OF THE DRAIN IS \$4947.30. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$4,199.08. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THE BOARD RECOMMENDED TABLING THIS DISCUSSION UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING FOR THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE TO CHECK THE DEPTH OF THE DITCH AND ESTIMATE THE AMOUNT OF STONE THAT WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION AND DECISION UNTIL NOVEMBER. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**NEVIN McCONNELL UPDATE:**

DENNIS DARR ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE PROJECT ON THE NEVIN McCONNELL. MONTEL INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE DELINIATION STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND KISSINGER IS LOOKING FOR DUMP SITES FOR THE SPOIL. DISCUSSION ALSO COVERED OPTIONS FOR CLEANING THE DRAIN IN AREAS AFFECTED BY OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINES NORTH OF PICKWICK DRIVE.

**JAMES WELCH – ALONG STATE ROAD 19 – STATE HIGHWAY DEPT:**

JOE IRWIN REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE RELOCATION OF THE TILE ALONG STATE ROAD 19. MONTEL INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INFORMED THE SURVEYOR THAT THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MOVING THE TILE OUT OF THE RIGHT OF WAY. THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE WILL CONTACT THE LANDOWNER AND MOVE THE TILE OUT OF THE RIGHT OF WAY.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**10/10/2023**

DEEDS CREEK	STANTEC CONSULTING SVC	\$3636.93	2700
DEEDS CREEK	STANTEC CONSULTING SVC	\$2052.50	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROTHERS	\$70.69	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	STANTEC CONSULTING SVC	\$7500.00	2700
McCONNELL NEVIN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$820.00	2700
MILLER J B	BOLINGER AGRICULTURAL	\$5030.00	1158
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1230.00	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$410.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$15,720.12**

**GENERAL DRAIN: \$5,030.00**

**10/24/2023**

DANNER	GARY DANT	\$660.00	2700
FLEUGLE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$357.26	2700
FLEUGLE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1091.50	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	GARY DANT	\$570.00	2700
McCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700

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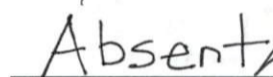
McCONNELL NEVIN	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$2053.63	2700
PETERSON MARTIN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1025.00	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$5847.00	1158
WYLAND	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1053.00	2700


MAINTENANCE: \$6,265.39  
 GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,872.00

OCTOBER TOTALS:  
 MAINTENANCE: \$21,985.51  
 GENERAL DRAIN: \$11,902.00

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
 Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
 Absent  
 Dennis Darr

  
 Joe Irwin

  
 Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
 Steve Metzger

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

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

**NOT PRESENT:**

DENNIS DARR

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

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

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**OCTOBER CLAIMS AND MINUTES:**

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

**WELCOME SANDY ANGEL – 2024 DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY:**

SANDY ANGEL WILL BE REPLACING KRISTA BAKER AS DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY IN 2024.

**OMAR NEFF PLAIN – MAX DEATSMAN – (TABLED FROM OCTOBER):**

THIS WAS A COUNTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSION OF A REQUEST BY MAX DEATSMAN THROUGH THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE TO PLACE 900 FEET OF 18 INCH TILE IN AN EXISTING OPEN DITCH SOUTHEAST OF LEESBURG. MIKE KISSINGER CLARIFIED THAT TILE WILL BE SET BESIDE THE DITCH AND THE EXISTING DITCH WILL BE FILLED IN. MAX DEATSMAN, THE LANDOWNER, WILL PAY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND ANY ADDITIONAL TILE PARTS. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE COUNTY PAY FOR THE TILE AND STONE. THE ESTIMATE FOR 900 FEET OF EIGHTEEN INCH TILE IS \$10,700 AND THE ESTIMATE FOR STONE IS \$3,800 FOR A TOTAL OF \$14,500. THE CURRENT BALANCE OF THE DITCH FUND PLUS THE FALL COLLECTIONS THAT WILL BE POSTED BY THE END OF DECEMBER LESS THIS EXPENDITURE WOULD LEAVE THE DITCH \$8,700 IN DEBT. THIS IS ABOUT ONE- AND THREE-QUARTER YEARS IN DEBT. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL WITH A FINANCIAL CAP OF \$14,500, A MINIMUM OF 18 INCH TILE, A 4 INCH BED OF STONE AND THE WORK BEING DONE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COUNTY SURVEYORS OFFICE STAFF. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**UPPER END DEEDS CREEK – COST SHARE:**

MIKE KISSINGER PRESENTED AN ENGINEERING DESIGN STUDY FROM STANTEC DESIGN DONE FOR THE WATERSHED FOUNDATION AND PIKE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR AN 1,800 FOOT PROJECT AT THE UPPER END OF DEEDS CREEK. THE PROJECT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO CONTROL SEDIMENTATION. KISSINGER ALSO PRESENTED AN OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS. THE TOTAL ESTIMATE

11/21/2023

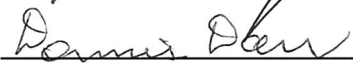
CAUFFMAN	KLINE TRUCKING & EXE	\$606.80	1158
COPPESS	GOOD EXCAVATING & HAUL	\$1,800.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	STANTEC CONSULTING SERV	\$1,368.00	2700
FLEUGLE	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$3,648.39	2700
FLEUGLE	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$7,426.27	1158
METZGER JOSEPH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$394.49	2700
SHATTO CATTEL	SHANKSTER BROS	\$5,798.70	1158
WALKER HANNA	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$7,312.00	1158
WILLIAMSON	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$1,207.50	2700
WYLAND	KOLESIAC CONSTRUCTION	\$7,025.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$15,443.38  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$21,143.77

NOVEMBER TOTALS  
MAINTENANCE: \$24,086.21  
GENERAL DRAIN: \$23,117.12

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
Dennis Darr

  
Joe Irwin

  
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
Steve Metzger

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 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  
SANDY ANGEL – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**NOVEMBER CLAIMS AND MINUTES**

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

**DEEDS CREEK COST SHARE DISCUSSION – (TABLED FROM NOVEMBER)**

THIS WAS A COUNTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSION OF A REQUEST MADE BY THE WATERSHED FOUNDATION AND PIKE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION TO SHARE IN THE COST OF A 1,800 FOOT PROJECT AT THE UPPER END OF DEEDS CREEK FOR MAJOR STABILIZATION IN A HIGH EROSION AREA. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$209,755.82. THE COUNTY WOULD NORMALLY PAY ABOUT \$100,000 MAINTENANCE ON THIS DITCH. MIKE KISSINGER SPOKE WITH THE WATERSHED FOUNDATION AND THEY DO NOT HAVE AN AMOUNT TARGETED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE US TO CONTRIBUTE. THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY GRANTS SECURED YET, BUT A COMMITMENT BY THE DRAINAGE BOARD THAT WE WILL BE INVOLVED WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN SECURING A GRANT. JOE IRWIN QUESTIONED WHETHER THE PROJECT WOULD TAKE PLACE IF THEY DID NOT RECEIVE GRANT MONEY. MIKE FELT THAT THEY WOULD NOT PROCEED WITHOUT GRANTS. DEEDS CREEK BRINGS IN APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 PER YEAR AND THE BALANCE IS \$154,387.28. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE IRWIN TO CONTRIBUTE \$40,000 TOWARD THE PROJECT. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**DISCUSSION ON TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM UNRUCH TO WYLAND**

MIKE KISSINGER NOTED THAT IN 1970 THE DRAINAGE BOARD DECIDED TO COLLECT AN ASSESSMENT OF \$216 A YEAR ON THE UNRUCH DRAIN. THEY ALSO SPECIFIED THAT WHEN THIS DITCH WAS ABSORBED INTO THE WYLAND SYSTEM, ALL THE MONEY COLLECTED WOULD BE CREDITED TO THE WYLAND DRAIN SYSTEM. THE CURRENT BALANCE OF THE UNRUCH DRAIN IS \$4.31, AND IT COLLECTS A FEW CENTS INTEREST EACH MONTH. IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAN THIS UP, HE SUGGESTED MOVING THESE FUNDS TO THE WYLAND DRAIN. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TRANSFER THE CURRENT BALANCE IN THE UNRUCH DITCH FUND PLUS ANY FUTURE INTEREST TO THE WYLAND DRAIN FUND, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED 1970 DRAINAGE BOARD DECISION. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

### **WT GRAHAM DISCUSSION OF RATES**

THE WT GRAHAM DRAIN IS CURRENTLY \$11,789.75 OR 5.63 YEARS IN DEBT. THE MAINTENANCE FUND WAS IN DEBT FROM 2000 TO 2014 AND WENT BACK IN DEBT IN 2023 FOLLOWING A DEBRUSHING PROJECT. NO FUTURE MAINTENANCE IS PLANNED AT THIS TIME. THE LAST HEARING WAS IN MAY OF 2006 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN NOVEMBER OF 2012. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.25 PER ACRE WITH A \$25 MINIMUM. MIKE KISSINGER PROPOSED RAISING THE RATE TO \$5 AN ACRE WITH A \$25 MINIMUM, WHICH WOULD YIELD A TOTAL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF \$6,996.25. A MINIMUM OF \$50 WAS DISCUSSED WHICH WOULD RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL \$850 PER YEAR. A NEW WATERSHED MAP WAS CREATED FOR THIS DRAIN AND THERE WAS A MAJOR CHANGE IN ACREAGE. THE NUMBER OF PARCELS CHANGED FROM 69 TO 76. PARCELS WERE PULLED FROM THE DAUSMAN DRAIN. RATES OF \$4 AND \$5 WITH A MINIMUM OF \$50 WERE DISCUSSED. JIM SCOTT MOTIONED ADVERTISING THE RATE AT \$4 PER ACRE WITH A \$50 MINIMUM AND A FOUR-YEAR MAXIMUM COLLECTION BALANCE. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **NEVIN MCCONNELL**

DENNIS DARR REQUESTED AND UPDATE ON THE NEVIN MCCONNELL DRAIN. MIKE KISSINGER SAID IF THE STATE WILL ALLOW DIGGING THROUGH THE PARKER HANIFEN PROPERTY, WE WON'T HAVE TO DROP ELECTRICAL LINES. PARKER HANIFEN WILL BE GIVEN A DATE THE FENCE WILL NEED TO BE DOWN AND WE WILL BE LEASING A GRADE ALL EXCAVATOR WITH A TELESCOPIC BOOM TO TAKE CARE OF THE LOWER END. WE WILL PROCEED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THERE. A PROPERTY HAS BEEN SECURED SOUTH OF BOWSER ROAD TO TAKE SPOILS AND MIKE IS WORKING WITH STUCKMANS TO GET PROPERTY SECURED TO DEPOSIT SEDIMENT NORTH OF THE ROAD. THERE IS A QUESTION OF HOW CLOSE WE WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO THE LAKE SOUTH OF BOWSER ROAD.

#### **WELCH**

DENNIS DARR REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE RELOCATION OF TILE OF THE WELCH DRAIN. MIKE KISSINGER SAID THAT LI EXCAVATING WILL BE DOING THE WORK AND IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED WELL BEFORE PLANTING SEASON.

#### **DANNER RECONSTRUCTION**

DENNIS DARR REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE DANNER RECONSTRUCTION. MIKE HAS CURRENTLY BACKED OFF ON THIS FOR A SHORT TIME BUT PLANS TO HAVE IT DONE BEFORE PLANTING SEASON.

#### **TURKEY CREEK DEBRUSHING**

THE LAST STRETCH OF A LARGE DEBRUSHING OF TURKEY CREEK HAS BEEN DONE. WE HAVE NOW DEBRUSHED ONE SIDE AND REMOVED LOG JAMS FROM MILFORD TO SYRACUSE. THE MOST RECENT WORK IMMEDIATELY DROPPED THE WATER LEVEL AT POLYWOOD APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET IMMEDIATELY.

#### **SPRAYING OF DITCHES**

JIM SCOTT ASKED WHAT PERCENTAGE OF DITCHES ARE SPRAYED EACH YEAR. MARK MONTEL SAID THAT ABOUT A THIRD OF THE DITCHES. IF THEY ARE NOT DEBRUSHED OR THERE ARE NO FUNDS, THE DITCH IS NOT SPRAYED. JIM SCOTT QUESTIONED WHETHER SPRAYING THE DITCHES YEARLY VERSUS EVERY 3 YEARS WOULD RESULT IN A COST SAVINGS IN THE LONG RUN. MIKE KISSINGER SAID WE MAY MOVE TO EVERY OTHER YEAR SOON.

**COPPEs**

CARY GROINGER ASKED THE STATUS ON THIS DRAIN. MIKE KISSINGER SAID THERE IS NO WATER IN THIS DRAIN NOW. THERE WILL BE A CONTRACTOR DIPPING IT OUT THIS WINTER.

**FUTURE DRAIN HEARINGS**

CARY GROINGER REQUESTED A LISTING OF DRAINS WE WOULD NEED TO TARGET FOR HEARINGS NEXT YEAR. MIKE KISSINGER SAID THERE ARE VERY FEW TO BE CONSIDERED.

**LIST OF RECONSTRUCTIONS**

CARY GRONINGER REQUESTED A LIST OF RECONSTRUCTIONS. MIKE KISSINGER SAID THE KLOTZ ARM OF THE DANNER AND BURKHOLDER ARE FIRST. LEVI EATON IS ALSO ON THE LIST.

**NOTE**

THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED CARY GRONINGER AS CHAIRMAN FOR 2024 AND JIM SCOTT TO A FOUR YEAR TERM.

**ADJOURN:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

**12/5/2023**

BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$210.00	2700
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXE	\$2,034.50	2700
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
REED JB	KOLESIK CONSTRUCTION	\$6,470.00	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$535.00	2700
WALKER HANNA	KOLESIK COSNTRUCTION	\$6,020.00	1158
WALNUT CREEK	LUMBERJACK JIM	\$6,800.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$310.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$17,079.50**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$6,020.00**

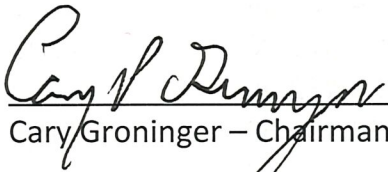
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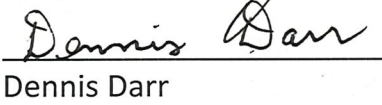
BIERCE	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$674.33	1158
		\$1,084.40	2700
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING & EXE	\$4,273.09	2700
POLE RUN	GOOD EXCAVATING & HAUL	\$510.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$235.11	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	SHANKSTER BROS	\$20.25	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$3,594.75	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	SHANKSTER BROS	\$31.20	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEANING	\$1,025.00	2700

**MAINTENANCE: \$10,773.90**  
**GENERAL DRAIN: \$674.33**

**DECEMBER TOTALS**  
MAINTENANCE: \$27,853.40  
GENERAL DRAIN: **\$6,694.33**


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