

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 23, 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:**

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

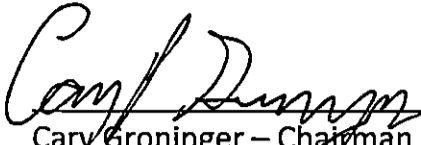
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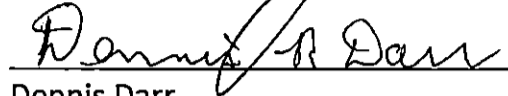
MAINTENANCE: \$ 37,468.97

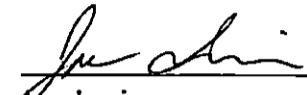
GENERAL DRAIN: \$24,736.40

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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
Cary Groninger – Chairman

  
Dennis Darr

  
Joe Irwin

  
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

  
Steve Metzger