

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
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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

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


Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

Absent
Dennis Darr


Steve Metzger


Joe Irwin