

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 28, 2024**

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

LAND OWNERS PRESENT

KEN WEAVER
ARLEN MULLET

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

FEBRUARY 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.

ORGANIC FARM SPRAYING

MIKE KISSINGER WAS CONTACTED BY SOME ORGANIC FARMERS THAT DO NOT WANT HERBICIDES SPRAYED ON THEIR PROPERTY. HE WANTED TO KNOW HOW THE BOARD FELT HE SHOULD HANDLE THESE TYPE OF REQUESTS. AFTER DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD WORK WITH THE LANDOWNER. IF THEY MAINTAIN THE WOODY VEGETATION AND BROADLEAF, SPRAYING WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. WE MAY STILL NEED TO TRAVERSE THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY. UTIMATELY, THE COUNTY MUST DO WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE DITCH.

WILLIAM T GRAHAM

THIS DRAIN CURRENTLY COLLECTS ABOUT \$2,100 PER YEAR AND IS APPROXIMATELY \$11,300 IN DEBT. CLEANING THE OPEN DITCH WOULD BE ABOUT \$15,000. CURRENT RATE IS \$1.25 PER ACRE WITH A MINIMUM OF \$25. THE BOARD ADVERTISED GOING TO \$4 PER ACRE WITH A \$50 MINIMUM WHICH WOULD YIELD A TOTAL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF \$6,923.12. THE WATERSHED WAS REDONE AND IT DID CHANGE QUITE A BIT. A LOT OF PROPERTY WAS REMOVED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER AND PROPERTY WAS ADDED IN THE SOUTHEAST.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS. LANDOWNER ARLEN MULLET HAS PROPERTY ON THE NORTH PART OF THE WATERSHED. HE FEELS THAT HIS AREA DOES NOT DRAIN INTO THE GRAHAM. HE HAS TILED THE DRAINAGE INTO THE SAMUEL HEPLER, WHICH HE WAS ALLOWED TO DO BASED ON THE PREVIOUS WATERSHED MAP. THE RATE PER ACRE ON THE HEPLER IS \$4, WHICH IS THE SAME AS THE PROPOSED GRAHAM RATE. HE ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER THE 10 ACRES HE WAS

BEING ASSESSED ON WAS CORRECT. HE FELT IT WAS PROBABLY LESS. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD DOUBLE CHECK THE ACREAGE. LANDOWNER KEN WEAVER STATED HE SUPPORTED INCREASING THE ASSESSMENT. HE WAS PRESENT TO GET INFORMATION AND EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD FOR WHAT THEY DO. HE REQUESTED THAT SOME DEBRUSHING BE DONE ON HIS PROPERTY. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO WHAT WAS THERE AND WHAT COULD BE DONE WITHIN THE BUDGET.

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS CONCLUDED. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION JIM SCOTT MOVED TO APPROVE THE RATE OF \$4 PER ACRE WITH A \$50 MINIMUM AND A 4 YEAR MAXIMUM. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

SEDALIA WHITE RATES

THE BOARD HAD DECIDED TO ADVERTISE RATES AT \$5 PER ACRE WITH A \$50 MINIMUM WITH A 4 YEAR MAXIMUM. JIM SCOTT HAD REQUESTED LOOKING AT OTHER RATES PRIOR TO THE HEARING NEXT MONTH. KISSINGER PROVIDED A VARIETY OF RATES FOR REVIEW.

DANNER RECONSTRUCTION

THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DONE BY PLANTING. KISSINGER SAID THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PLAN, BUT THE MAJOR LANDOWNER AND HIS SON WOULD LIKE IT DONE IN THE SUMMER. THE LANDOWNER WOULD ALSO LIKE THE ROUTE TO BE ALTERED. IF IT IS DONE THIS SUMMER, THE LANDOWNER WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR THE CROPS. AFTER DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT AFTER THE RECONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETE, REIMBURSEMENT WOULD BE DETERMINED AT THE FOLLOWING DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING BASED ON CURRENT MARKET PRICE FOR THE CROP.

NEVIN MCCONNELL

PARKER HANIFEN IS TAKING THEIR FENCE DOWN. NIPSCO IS PUTTING A PROTECTIVE SLEEVE OVER THEIR LINES. KISSINGER IS WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE SCHOOL TO DETERMINE WHERE THE SPOIL WILL BE HAULED TO DRY OUT. HE SAID WE WILL BE EVENTUALLY GOING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BOWSER ROAD. HE IS STILL WAITING FOR GUIDANCE FROM THE INDIANA DNR ON WHAT WILL BE ALLOWED REGARDING THE LAKE. THEY MAY REQUIRE THAT A DAM BE CONSTRUCTED. MICHAEL NORDIN HAS AGREED TO ALLOW SPOIL TO POSSIBLY BE PLACED ON HIS PROPERTY.

ADJOURN

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

CLAIMS:

3/12/2024

BIERCE	GARY DANT	\$300.00	1158
DANNER	M KOLESIAK	\$2,310.58	2700
		3,189.42	1158
DANNER	M KOLESIAK	\$2,550.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$330.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	SHANKSTER BROS	\$9,230.49	2700
KOONTZ MARY	TIMBER VALLEY	\$7,095.00	2700
MCCLEARY-GOCHENOUR	SHANKSTER BROS	\$4,453.19	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$420.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$510.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$390.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
WALLACE EARL	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$94.80	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$510.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$3,269.23	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	KLINE TRUCKING	\$6,385.50	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	TIMBRE VALLEY	\$11,555.00	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$4,360.23	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$1,022.50	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$38,391.29
GENERAL DRAIN: \$19,824.65

3/26/2024

ALEXANDER	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,120.00	1158
BIERCE	KLINE TRUCKING	\$475.00	1158
CONRAD WILLIAM	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$448.66	2700
DANNER	M KOLESIAK	\$9,775.00	1158
DANNER	M KOLESIAK	\$416.25	1158
DANNER	M KOLESIAK	\$450.00	1158
DOKE	TIMBER VALLEY	\$5,220.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	SHAKSTER BROS	\$740.05	2700
KOONTZ MARY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$215.49	2700
KUHN ISAIAH	M KOLESIAK	\$2,673.25	1158
LECKRONE NELSON	M KOLESIAK	\$652.50	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	M KOLESIAK	\$637.50	2700
MILLER JB	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$330.28	1158
PETERSON MARTIN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$254.19	2700
		\$272.50	1158
PETERSON MARTIN	KLINE TRUCKING	\$1,092.50	1158
ROBBINS MAGEE	TIMBER VALLEY	\$720.00	1158
SHANTON	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$375.54	2700
SILVEUS	TIMBER VALLEY	\$6,030.00	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,730.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	L.I. EXCAVATING	\$741.36	1158
WILLIAMSON SARAH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$548.50	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$5,602.43
GENERAL DRAIN: \$29,316.14

MARCH TOTALS
MAINTENANCE: \$43,993.72
GENERAL DRAIN: **\$49,140.79**

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

Absent
Cary Groninger – Chairman

Dennis Darr
Dennis Darr

Joe Irwin
Joe Irwin

Jim Scott
Jim Scott – Vice Chairman

Steve Metzger
Steve Metzger