

TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

January 6, 2021

Drainage Board Meeting Minutes

Those present were:

Tippecanoe County Drainage Board President Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President David S. Byers, member Tracy A. Brown, County Surveyor Zachariah Beasley, Drainage Board Attorney Doug Masson, Engineering Consultant Dave Eichelberger from Christopher B. Burke Engineering LLC, and Drainage Board Executive Administrator Brenda Garrison. Tim Walters, Surveyor's office GIS Technician was also in attendance. James Butcher, Surveyor's Office Project Manager and Michelle Watts Engineer Consultant from Butler Fairman and Siefert were absent.

Election of 2021 Drainage Board Officers

President Thomas P. Murtaugh referred to Drainage Board Attorney Doug Masson regarding the 2021 election of Drainage Board officers. Attorney Masson opened the floor for nominations regarding the 2021 Drainage Board President. Thomas Murtaugh made a motion for David Byers to be elected President for the year of 2021. The Atty. opened the floor for nominations of Vice President. Tracy Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. David Byers made a motion for Tracy Brown to be Vice President of the Drainage Board for 2021. Thomas Murtaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointment of 2021 Drainage Board Executive Administrator

President Byers opened the floor for nominations of Executive Administrator for the 2021 Drainage Board Meeting term. Thomas Murtaugh made a motion to appoint Brenda Garrison as the Executive Administrator for the Drainage Board. Tracy Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes

Approval of November 4, 2020 Adams/Gellenbeck Obstruction Hearing minutes.

Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes and the Adams/Gellenbeck Obstruction Hearing minutes as written. Thomas Murtaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2021 Drainage Board Meeting Dates Schedule

Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the Drainage Board schedule of dates as submitted. Thomas Murtaugh seconded the motion. The scheduled dates would be added to the Surveyor/Drainage Board webpages for public access. Motion carried.

2021 CONTRACTS:

2021 Drainage Board Legal Services Contract/Hoffman Luhman Masson P.C.

Thomas Murtaugh made a motion to approve the 2021 Drainage Board Legal Service Contract with Hoffman, Luhman Masson P.C. as presented. Tracy Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2021 Drainage Board Engineer Review Services Contract/ Beutler Fairman and Seifert Inc.

Thomas Murtaugh made a motion to approve the 2021 Beutler Fairman and Seifert Inc. Engineering Drainage Board Review Services Contract as submitted. Tracy Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2021 Drainage Board Engineer Review Services Contract/ Christopher B. Burke Engineering Inc.

Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the 2021 Christopher B. Burke Engineer Review Contract as submitted. Thomas Murtaugh seconded the motion. Motion granted.

Zach Beasley/Other Business

2021 Regulated Drain Assessment Status List

The Surveyor presented the 2021 Regulated Drain Assessment Status list for approval by the Board. Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the 2021 Regulated Drain Assessment Status list to include joint drain's status notifications to the list by the Executive Administrator prior to submittal to Auditor office as required. Thomas Murtaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2021 Regulated Drain Classification Report

The Surveyor presented his 2021 Regulated Drain Classification report to the Board. According to I.C. 36-9-27-34 the County Surveyor may compile this report as needed. The Surveyor stated due to the work his office has been doing, it necessitates the report be kept updated and submitted to the Board regularly in his opinion. He reviewed items 1 through 10 of the report with the Board. He noted Exhibit A to the report was a view of each drain's status and activity to date over the

last 10-20 years. Discussion was held on what would require a vacation or partial vacation of a drain. The Surveyor answering Thomas Murtaugh's inquiry, noted it would require Board action and he was not requesting it at this point. He stated while the Felbaum Branch of the J. Berlowitz Regulated drain was listed to be vacated, he was not ready at this point to vacate that portion of the Berlowitz Drain. He noted portions of this drain (Berlowitz) has been vacated to date due to development. The cause for vacation of the Felbaum branch would be future urban development. A legal description and exhibit of the drain vacation for the Felbaum Branch would be submitted to the Board for approval when warranted. Thomas Murtaugh made a motion to approve the Regulated Drain Classification Report as submitted by the Surveyor. Tracy Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BONDS:

The Surveyor presented the following bonds for approval by the Board; Bond #107338209 in the amount of \$59,622.00 submitted by Fairfield Contractors for Barrington Lakes Subdivision and written by Travelers Insurance. Bond#61165 in the amount of \$29,780.70 submitted by Dwenger Excavating for Grace Woods Subdivision and written by Merchants Bonding Company. Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the Bonds as submitted by the Surveyor. Thomas Murtaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER:

Adams/Gellenbeck Obstruction

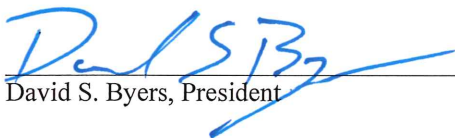
The Surveyor reviewed (by utilizing GIS) the work completed regarding the order from the Board on November 4th, 2020 in the matter of the Adams/Gellenbeck Obstruction Petition. He noted he met with Gary Cheesman of Cheesman Inc. on site and staked the problem area for Mr. Cheesman's crew to do the work required and as designed. He stated he provided as built shots to the County Highway Department for their records and noted the cost was very close to the \$2400 approved estimate. He stated he was pleased with the work completed.

Petition to Encroach on the John Hoffman #101 Regulated Drain

The Surveyor submitted for approval a Petition to Encroach on a Regulated drain regarding the John Hoffman #101 Regulated Drain submitted to his office by Tony Hardebeck. He stated the petition was necessary to allow the landowner to replace the tile the entire width of their driveway including ten feet on each side. He requested approval of the encroachment petition and stated he had reviewed it. Thomas Murtaugh made a motion to approve the Petition as submitted. Tracy Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment

As there was no public comment, Tracy Brown made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.


David S. Byers, President


Tracy A. Brown, Vice President


Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member


Brenda Garrison, Executive Administrator