

**Tippecanoe County Drainage Board**  
**February 1, 2017**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Those present were:**

Tippecanoe County Drainage Board Vice President David S. Byers, member Tracy Brown, County Surveyor Zachariah Beasley, Drainage Board Attorney Doug Masson, Drainage Board Secretary Brenda Garrison and Drainage Board Engineering Consultant Dave Eichelberger from Christopher B. Burke Engineering LLC. Evan Warner-G.I.S. Technician and James Butcher-Project Manager, both with the Surveyor Office, were also in attendance. President Thomas P. Murtaugh was absent.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the January 4, 2017 regular Drainage Board Minutes as written. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Franklin Yoe #90 Regulated Drain/ G. Swanson #76 Regulated Drain Maintenance Bid(s) Opening**

David Byers referred to the Attorney for the reading of the submitted bids regarding the Franklin Yoe #90 Regulated Drain and the G. Swanson #76 Regulated Drain Maintenance Projects. Attorney Masson read the following:  
Regarding the Gustav Swanson Regulated Drain #76 Maintenance Project the bids were as follows:  
Tony Garriott submitted a bid in the amount of \$49,595.80; ADI submitted a bid in the amount of \$14,594.00; Huey Excavating submitted a bid in the amount of \$24,672.00

Attorney Masson recommended the bids be taken under advisement. Tracy Brown made a motion to take the submitted bids under advisement. Once bids were reviewed for compliance by the Surveyor's office Project Manager, the Gustav Swanson #76 Maintenance Project bid could be awarded at the end of the meeting. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Masson read the Franklin Yoe Regulated Drain #90 Maintenance Project bids as follows:  
ADI submitted a bid in the amount of \$18,563.00; Tony Garriott submitted a bid in the amount of \$33,234.56 Attorney Masson recommended the bids be taken under advisement. Tracy Brown made a motion to take the submitted bids under advisement. Once the bids were reviewed for compliance by the Surveyor's office Project Manager, the Franklin Yoe #90 Maintenance Project bid could be awarded at the end of the meeting. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Drainage Board 2017 Professional Engineering Assistance Contract**

David Byers referred to the Surveyor regarding presentation of the 2017 Drainage Board Professional Engineering Assistance Contract. Surveyor Beasley noted he as well as Attorney Masson had reviewed the contract. He stated contract's rates had not changed from the past 3-4 years and he saw no additional changes. He recommended approval by the Board. Responding to Tracy Brown's inquiry, the Surveyor stated this was indeed at a cost savings to the county. He had previously in years past reviewed this issue. The cost for the services was approximately \$75,000 annually versus a minimum of \$130,000 cost for the exact work by an office staff member. Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the Drainage Board Engineering Assistance Contract as presented by the Surveyor. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Lafayette YMCA**

David Buck from BFS appeared before the Board to present the Lafayette YMCA for drainage approval. The site was located within the City of Lafayette at the existing Point East Mobile Home Park. The Board would review this project today for drainage purposes only. Mr. Buck stated a Petition to reduce the drainage easement on the S.W. Elliott Branch #13 was submitted for approval as well. The reduction in the drain maintenance easement would leave a 30 foot easement for maintenance of said branch. He noted they had received the January 12, 2017 Burke memo and was in agreement with the conditions as noted. He requested approval at that time for both the Petition and the project's drainage.

The Surveyor stated the Board's actions today were to approve the aforementioned Petition and the project's drainage only. He noted the project site drained to Branch #13 of the S.W. Elliott drain and continued southwest along Creasy Lane and eventually to the F-Lake Detention Basin. He recommended approval to the Board for the Petition to Reduce the Easement on the S.W. Elliott Branch #13 Drain as well as approval per the January 12, 2017 Burke memo recommendation. Tracy

presented. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tracy Brown then made a motion to approve the Lafayette YMCA per the January 12, 2017 Burke memo recommendations. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Belle Tire (Lot 4A 26 Crossing Subdivision)**

Kyle Betz of Fisher and Associates appeared before the Board to request approval for the Belle Tire project. The site was located within the City of Lafayette and more specifically on Lot 4A in 26 Crossings Subdivision approximately ¼ mile from the interchange of I-65 and SR26. The site consisted of approximately 0.94 acres. This site was adjacent to the Alexander Ross Detention Basin. The site would drain entirely to the F-Lake detention facility. He stated they agreed with the January 25, 2017 Burke memo and requested approval for the project. The Surveyor stated the project had been reviewed and noted calculations were missing from their submittal. David Eichelberger stated calculations for the detention storage were not provided to date and that would need to be provided as soon as possible. The Surveyor agreed with the Consultant and reiterated those calculations should be provided and his recommendations were contingent on this. Mr. Betz agreed to review the report and provide those calculations to the Consultants as soon as possible. Tracy Brown made a motion to grant conditional approval as stated in the January 25, 2017 Burke memo. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **USGS Geological Stream Gages WREC Contract Support**

Stan Lambert from Wabash River Enhancement Corp. (WREC) appeared before the Board to request financial and administrative support of the stream gages contract with the USGS Geological Services. He stated he was requesting to share the cost of the USGS Stream Gage Contract with the Tippecanoe County Partnership for Water Quality (TCPWQ). The streams were: Little Wea at Co. Rd. 800S, S.W. Elliott Ditch at old Romney Road and Little Pine Creek at Co. Rd. 850E with the contract covering the period of Jan. 23, 2017 through Sept. 30, 2017. He noted the data collected would be available on the USGS stream monitoring site on an hourly basis. This information was used as part of Water Quality monitoring by WREC and Purdue University. He noted Sara Peel from his office presented this to the TCPWQ and was given approval by their Board to go forward with support. The Surveyor stated he would review the TCPWQ Board minutes as the MS4 Coordinator to confirm the TCPWQ's intention was to contribute up to \$10,000.00 toward the overall cost of the contract. Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the contract amended \$10,000.00 amount as submitted with the condition the Surveyor as MS4 Coordinator confirms the TCPWQ support. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Franklin Yoe#90 Regulated Drain/ G. Swanson #76 Regulated Drain Maintenance Bid(s) Award**

Tracy Brown referred to Attorney Masson for the results of the submitted bids on the F. Yoe #90 and G. Swanson #76 Drain Maintenance Projects. Attorney Masson stated the bids were in order and the recommendation was to accept the low bid on each project. Tracy Brown made a motion to grant approval of the bid from ADI regarding the Gustav Swanson #76 and the F. Yoe Regulated Drain #90 Maintenance Projects as the low bidder on each project. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **2017 Classification Report/2017 Drain Assessment Activity Report**

The Surveyor presented an active and inactive drain assessment list regarding county regulated drains with maintenance funds for approval by the Board. He reviewed the annual process for the Board. Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the Active Inactive Drain list as submitted by the Surveyor. David Byers seconded the motion. Tracy Brown made a motion to approve the 2017 Classification Report provided by the Surveyor. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Zach Beasley/Other Business**

##### **Appointment of Drainage Board member to Tri-County Board**

The Surveyor stated he was contacted by Benton County Surveyor David Fisher regarding the Sophia Brumm Joint Drain. The landowners have requested a joint meeting to discuss reconstruction of several lineal feet of the tile within the S. Brumm Drain watershed. The proposed time was February 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Benton County Courthouse. An appointment from this Board was requested. David Byers noted there was a Commissioner Meeting at the same date and time. Tracy Brown made a motion to appoint Commissioner David Byers to the Sophia Brumm Tri-County Drainage Board as requested pending a new date and time is set due to conflict. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

##### **Outstanding Reconstruction Assessments**

The Surveyor informed the Board the five year reconstruction payment cycle was coming to a close on a few of the drain reconstruction projects. With that said there were a few landowners who had not paid any payments during this five year period. His understanding was these properties which had outstanding debt for the reconstruction of a drain should be included in the tax sale. He read Indiana Code 36-9-27-86 i.e. regarding the sale of the property due to outstanding drain

reconstruction assessments and referred to Attorney Masson for his direction. He stated he was seeking a recommendation from the Board to proceed as the code dictates in these situations. He noted financially, the deficit could adversely affect the General Drain Improvement Fund and future drain maintenance and reconstruction projects.

Attorney Masson clarified that only the land affected by the delinquency could be sold, that this was not a personal judgement but a liability which stayed with the land only. He would speak with the Auditor and Treasurer to clarify the issue and start utilizing the process in this county from which the code dictates. A lien on the property not the land would be sold. Attorney Masson would follow up on this issue and those landowners who may be affected by this code. He requested authorization to contact landowners who were affected by this regulation. He stated he would work with both the Treasurer and Auditor to set the process which this County can utilize to automatically go forward with the property lien sale when warranted. There was no public comment.

Tracy Brown made a motion to give authorization to the Attorney to begin the process by sending out delinquent reconstruction assessment letters to those landowners who were delinquent as well as listing them on the tax sale when appropriate. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tracy Brown made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Below is the Surveyor's 2017 Classification Report less Exhibit A:

### **Classification of Drains**

**Per IC 36-9-27-34**

**February 2017**

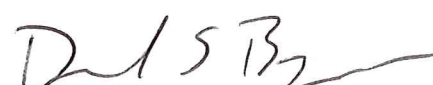
- 1.) Drains in need of Reconstruction
  - a. Elliott, S.W. (#100)
  - b. J.B. Anderson (#02) (Clarks Hill Portion)
  - c. Edwards (Not Maintained)
  - d. McBeth (Not Maintained)
  - e. F.E. Morin (#57)
  - f. Marion Dunkin (#25)
  - g. Huffman-Weimert (Not Maintained)
- 2.) Hearing and Rates Established in 2011, '12, '13, '14, '15 and 2016
  - a. Michael Binder (#10)
  - b. John Blickenstaff (#11)
  - c. Train Coe (#18)
  - d. Fred Haffner (#34)
  - e. E.F. Haywood (#35)
  - f. Mary Southworth (#73)
  - g. Franklin Yoe (#90)
  - h. Jess Dickens (#91)
  - i. Romney Stock Farm (#109)
  - j. John Hengst (#117)
  - k. Calvin Lesley (#48)
  - l. Audrey Oshier (#60)
  - m. Combs Ditch (#118)
  - n. Leader Newton (#115)
  - o. Thomas Ellis (#27)
  - p. John McFarland (#51)
  - q. Hester Mottsinger (#58)
  - r. J. Kelly O'Neal (#59)
  - s. Franklin Resor (#65)
  - t. Harrison Wallace (#82)
  - u. Eldora K. Lois (#119)
  - v. Frank Kirkpatrick (#45)
  - w. Elijah Fugate (#30)
  - x. Mary McKinney (#52)
  - y. Harrison Meadows (#37)
  - z. Shepherds Point (#121)

- aa. James Kellerman (#42)
  - bb. Alonzo Taylor (#77)
  - cc. Clymer Norris (#122)
  - dd. Crist Fassnacht (#29)
  - ee. Peter Rettereth (#66)
  - ff. Ann Montgomery (#56)
  - gg. Gustav Swanson (#76)
  - hh. Nathaniel W. Box (#12)
  - ii. Lydia Hopper (#124)
  - jj. Amanda Kirkpatrick (#44)
  - kk. John McLaughlin (#97)
  - ll. Martin Erwin (#28)
  - mm. Waples McDill (#85)
- 3.) Urban Drains  
(I.C. 36-9-27-68 Urban Drains are classified as in need of Reconstruction)
- a. S.W. Elliott (#100)
  - b. Julius Berlowitz (#8) (Include Filbaum)
  - c. Alexander Ross (#48)
  - d. Cuppy McClure
- 4.) Drains in need of Periodic Maintenance  
*Please see attached sheet-Exhibit A*
- 5.) Insufficient Maintenance Funds
- a. E.W. Andrews (#03)
  - b. Floyd Kerschner (#43)
  - c. F.E. Morin (#57)
  - d. John Saltzman (#70)
  - e. Ray Skinner (#71)
  - f. Abe Smith (#72)
  - g. Joseph Sterrett (#74)
  - h. William Stewart (#75)
  - i. John Toohey (#79)
  - j. John Vannatta (#81)
  - k. Suzanna Walters (#83)
  - l. J.B. Anderson (#02)
  - m. Dismal Creek (#93)
  - n. Moses Baker (#114)
  - o. Grant Cole (#19)
  - p. Shawnee Creek (#94)
  - q. Kirkpatrick One (#96)
- 6.) Proposed Drains for hearing in the near future / Request these drains be referred to Surveyor for preparation of Maintenance Report)
- a. Andrew Brown (#13)
  - b. F.E. Morin (#57)
  - c. Parker Lane (#61)
  - d. John Vannatta (#81)
  - e. Dismal Creek (#93)
  - f. Beutler Gosma (#95)
  - g. Jacob Taylor (#78)
  - h. E.W. Andrews (#03)
  - i. Suzanna Walters (#83)
  - j. Jesse B. Anderson (#02)
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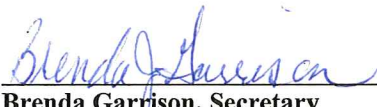
- r. Ray Skinner (#71)
  - s. Abe Smith (#72)
  - t. William Stewart (#75)
  - u. John Toohey (#79)
- 7.) Drain Assessments recommended to be raised 25% starting May 2015  
No Maintained Regulated Drains Applicable in 2017
  - 8.) Petition for New Regulated Drain referred to Surveyor
    - a. Huffman Weimert Drain (Town of Buck Creek)
  - 9.) Existing Drains referred to Surveyor for Report
    - a. Julius Berlovitz(#08) (Remaining Phases)
    - b. F.E. Morin (#57)
    - c. Huffman Weimert (Not Maintained)
    - d. Marion Dunkin (#25)
  - 10.) Drain that should be vacated
    - a. That portion of the Felbaum Branch (Part of Julius Berlovitz #08 Regulated Drain) East of County Road 550East

*Please see Classification of Drains- Exhibit Aon file in the Tippecanoe County Surveyor office and Office of the Tippecanoe County Auditor*

**ABSENT**  
  
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**Thomas P. Murtaugh, President**

  
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**David S. Byers, Vice President**

  
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**Tracy Brown, Member**

  
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**Brenda Garrison, Secretary**