THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MARCH 7, 1973.

The regular meeting of the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board was held in the County Council Room in the Tippecanoe County Court House at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March7, 1973. Present at the meeting were: Edward Shaw, Robert Fields, Bruce Osborn, A. D. Ruth, Jr., Fred Hoffman and Gladys Ridder.

Minutes Approved

Upon motion by Edward Shaw, seconded by Bruce Osborn and made unanimous by Robert Fields, the Board approved the minutes of the February 7, 1973 meeting as read.

Ditches Referred

The Board referred the follwing ditches to the Engineer for Maintenance Fund set up: Brady vs Nash, Wea Twp., John Brose, Shelby Twp. in Tipp. County and Round Grove Twp. in White County, Cochran VS Holms, Wea Twp., Jesse A. Cripe, Washington Twp., County Farm, Wabash Twp. & Alonzo Taylor, Jackson & Wayne Twps.

Other Business

Mr. Hoffman reported to the Board that Mr. Floweres had called and complained about water backing up after the repairs to the Elliott ditch had been made. He said he had contacted Mr. Donahue who in turn informed his client and the situation was now being taken care of. He asked Mr. Ruth to please contact Mr. Flowers and inform him of same.

Mr. Ruth told the Board he had met with John Tse. His plan for thelakes on the McClure ditch were far in the future and Mr. Ruth felt the hearing should be set for a maintenance fund on McClure ditch possibly May 6, 1973.
Mr. Francis Albregts discussed the possiblity of placing a breather in the side ditch of I-65 and Fellbaum branch of the Berlovitz ditch to alleviate a ponding there. Board granted permission and said if the breather created trouble elsewhere it could always be removed.

9:30 a.m. Hearing on Alexander Ross Ditch

The Engineer opened the hearing on the Alexander Ross ditch by reading his report and making recommendations. Those in attendance were: Walter Pendleton, Pete Keiser, George Hatke, Frances Albregts and Dick Smith.

Mr. Keiser reported that water was standing on top of the Ross ditch on the o'Ferrall land and this situation had only began since I-65 was built. Mr. Ruth siad he would look into the situation and if the problem was created by the State Highway, he would notify them of same and they would have to correct it.

Mr. Pete Keiser said the acreage in Sec. 25 of 5.22 A that he had sold VanMeeter was assessed on the Berlovitz ditch but that before he had sold it, he had placed new tile on that land and drained that acreage to the Alexander Ross ditch. He suggested removing the acreage from Berlovitz and placing it on the Alexander Ross Ditch. The Board agreed and instructed the Secretary to do so.

Discussion followed among those present as the amount of per acre assessment. As the majority felt $.75 per acre would be adequate, the Board moved to establish a $.75 per acre assessment.

10:30a.m. Hearing on John VanNatta Ditch

The Engineer opened the hearing on the John VanNatta Ditch by reading his report and making his recommendations. Those in attendance were: Charles R. VanNatta, Charles R. VanNatta, Jr., M.P. Plumlee, Ward W. Smith and Douglas McGill.

The Engineer read a letter from Mr. Plumlee, Don Brown, Ted Hunt and Charles VanNatta. The point being they had taken such good care of the ditch they felt $.35 would be adequate. They asked for a portion of the tile ditch be made into a grass waterway. They also said they would continue to take care of their ditch even though a maintenance was established.

Because of their great concern for each other's needs and perfect cooperation, the Board moved to establish a $.35 per acre assessment as requested.

11:30 a.m. Hearing on Joseph Sterrett Ditch

The Engineer opened the hearing on the Joseph Sterrett ditch by reading his report and making his recommendations to the Board. Those in attendance were: Charles R. VanNatta, Harry W. Hampton, Douglas McGill, and Charles R. VanNatta, Jr.
Mr. Ruth read a letter from Mr. Charles Van Natta and Harry Hampton stating that this drain was so well designed and installed that their maintenance over the years had been very small. They asked for a $.25 per acre assessment. Mr. Ruth said he felt this was too small. The landowners present said if it proved too small, they would gladly consent to a new hearing for the purpose of raising the amount.

Mr. Charles VanNatta said in Sec. I out of a 175A tract only 50A drained instead of 80A as assessed. The Board asked Mr. Ruth to check and correct the acreage after elevations were taken. The final decision was A.

After a bit of a discussion the Board moved to establish a $.35 per acre assessment.

Order & Findings and Certificate of Assessments

After establishing a maintenance fund on the Alexander Ross, the John VanNatta and the Joseph Sterrett ditches, the Board signed the Order and Findings and the Certificates of Assessments.

Upon motion made and carried the Board adjourned.

Edward J. Shaw
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Robert Fields
Robert Fields

Bruce Osborn
Bruce Osborn

ATTEST:

Gladys Ridder
Gladys Ridder, Exec. Secretary