

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

*July 5, 2022
8:30 A.M.*

Drainage Board members present were: Kenny Hale, Don Adams, and Bryan Collier. Also present were Terry Brock (Surveyor), Bill Dials (Stormwater Coordinator) and Kerstin Woodard (Recording Secretary).

Pledge

Minutes

Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the 06/06/2022 minutes, Mr. Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

-Signed INDOT Agreement for Hilldale Cemetery Ditch
The agreement with INDOT for Hilldale Cemetery Ditch has been signed, but Mr. Brock has not heard anything further from Mark Bailey, INDOT's Director of Hydraulics. INDOT has accepted the bid from Stafford Excavating. Mr. Collier made a motion to hire Stafford Excavating to fulfill the contract for Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

New Business

-Trees Along Sartor Ditch at Martinsville High School
Martinsville High School has contacted Mr. Collier regarding unsightly trees near the new athletic facility, baseball fields and the parking lot along Sartor Ditch. Mr. Brock and Mr. Dials have been to the area stating that there are some trees, as well as some trash and debris, along the slope of the banks that we are able to remove. The Surveyor's Office may be able to work with the school by referring a contractor, but the work we complete will be what is best to stabilize the bank and not likely to be the quality that of a landscaper. Mr. Collier will let the school know we are addressing the issue.

A property owner on the west side of Sartor Ditch, across from the High School, has torn down their privacy fence and thrown a slab of concrete into the ditch. The concrete will need to be removed as overtime the water rising and going over the concrete will destroy the banks. The Surveyor's Office is in the process of writing a letter to the property owner. Mr. Brock stated that our contractor would remove the slab of concrete to prevent the property owner from further damaging the banks, but it will be an added cost to the property owners in the watershed.

Stormwater Update

Mr. Dials was contacted by our Herbicide Applicator as he worked along Sartor Ditch. At Smith Elementary School, on the paved drive along Sartor Ditch, there is an area where the bank is eroding underneath the pavement. The Surveyor's Office has contacted a contractor to stabilize the bank with rip rap.

Mr. Dials stated that it has been a fantastic season for the herbicide spraying, most everything was taken care of before it went to seed, meaning hopefully, next year less product will be needed to be used.

Mr. Hale stated that a land owner on Huggin Hollow applied for a variance a few years ago for a tree trimming service. Despite being denied the variance, large cut off trees are being dumped right across from Hillside Parkway where the drain goes under Huggin Hollow, pouring into the ditch. Mr. Dials stated that it is not a regulated drain so the Drainage Board has no jurisdiction or obligation. If it is State water, DNR and IDEM will need to be contacted. If they do not have jurisdiction, then a petition for removal of obstruction from a natural surface water course can be filed through us, as a last resort.

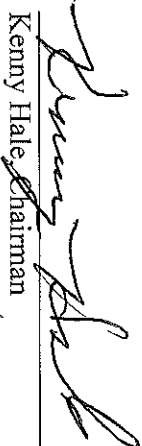
Surveyor Update

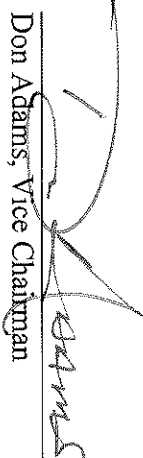
DLZ has contacted Mr. Brock; they will be redoing the Martinsville High School baseball and soccer fields. DLZ will need to come before the board to ask for a new outlet to be put into Sartor Ditch. Mr. Brock will look over the plans, but the project will go through Martinsville.

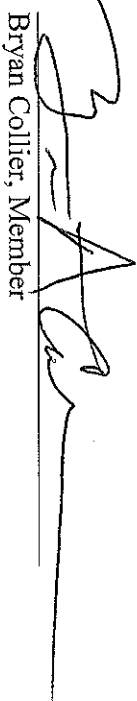
Adjournment

Mr. Collier made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

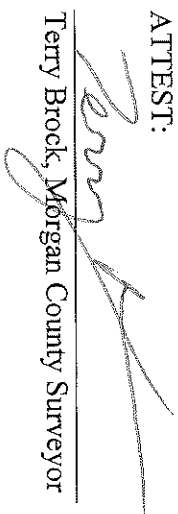
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Kenny Hale, Chairman


Don Adams, Vice Chairman


Bryan Collier, Member

ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor