

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

December 05, 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 11/07/2022 minutes, Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

INDOT Completion Letter Invoice

INDOT agreed to pay \$30,440.00 for the emergency work completed on Hilldale Cemetery Ditch, to be completed by the end of 2022. Mr. Brock is to supply INDOT with the invoices for the work and to certify that it is completed to our standards. Mr. Brock submitted a letter to the board, addressed to Ms. Sarah Rubin of INDOT, requesting reimbursement. Mr. Adams made the motion to approve the letter to INDOT for reimbursement of the emergency work completed on Hilldale Cemetery Ditch, Mr. Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Hanna Farms Section 1

Chad James with HWC, representing Hanna Farms Section 1 addressed the board, stating that Section 1 of Hanna Farms, a 240 single family lot development planned off of Artesian Avenue, is asking for Drainage Board approval. Mr. Brock presented the board with a letter from Wessler Engineering recommending their approval. The development will be located within the City of Martinsville's limits but will drain into Hilldale Cemetery Ditch, therefore it was reviewed to be sure the ditch could handle the added water. According to the numbers given in the water study completed by Burke Engineering, this development will put the ditch at capacity. Without further work on Hilldale Cemetery Ditch, the ditch will not be able to handle Hanna Farms Section 2 or any other development. Mr. Dials stated that he and Mr. James have previously spoken and he suggested that due to the survey being completed a year ago, a final look should be taken at the elevations. Mr. Dials also stated that a hold harmless agreement will need to be signed and should be a condition of the board's approval. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve Hanna Farms Section 1, with the condition of agreement to the hold harmless, Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Classification of Ditches

Mr. Brock submitted a letter to the board classifying the ditches, for the upcoming year as needing either reconstruction, maintenance or to be vacated. Due to Hilldale Cemetery Ditch no longer functioning as designed, it has been classified as needing reconstruction, which is the first step in the reconstruction process according to IC 36-9-27-34. The rest of the ditches have been classified as needing routine maintenance; no ditches were classified as needing to be vacated, at this time. There has been some trouble locating Landersdale Levee therefore it may need to be vacated in the future, if still unable to be located. Mr. Brock stated that there are currently assessments on only Lake Ditch, Nutter Ditch, Sartor Ditch, Hilldale Cemetery Ditch and Sedwick Ditch. The others will need to be looked at. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the drain classifications as submitted, Mr. Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Brock stated that a vote is needed from the board in order to proceed with the reconstruction process of Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. The funding is available through the Readl Grant. Mr. Collier made a motion to begin the reconstruction process of Hilldale Cemetery Ditch, Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Property Crop Damage

Mr. James Leonard has submitted an invoice for two acres worth of crop damage due to emergency work completed on Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. Mr. Brock and Mr. Dials measured the area and agreed with Mr. Leonard on two acres of damage, using the crop prices at the time to estimate the cost of the damages. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the reimbursement of \$2,882.00 for the corn and soy bean damage on Mr. James Leonard's property. Mr. Hale seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Stormwater Coordinator

Mr. Dials stated that a farmer on property north of the ditch also received crop damage and would soon be submitting an invoice as well.

Mr. Dials was approved at the last Drainage Board meeting to obtain time and material quotes for work to be completed on Lake Ditch. Mr. Dials reached out to three reputable contractors. Stafford Excavating is unavailable right now. A quote was not received from Kerns Excavating, who previously completed the work in 2012. Anderson Excavating submitted a quote; Mr. Dials stated Anderson had provided good numbers, with a rough estimate of 20-30 days to complete the work. Mr. Dials would like to get the work on the 10.6 miles

started sooner rather than waiting for the spring rains to come, which will prohibit work from being completed. Mr. Dials made a recommendation to accept Anderson Excavating's quote. Mr. Collier made a motion to complete the repairs necessary as bid on, following Mr. Dials recommendation to accept Anderson Excavating's quote for time and material. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Surveyor

Mr. Brock stated that he has spoken to several other counties, most seem to complete maintenance work with time and materials, accepting all bids early on and using the ones available at the time maintenance is needed through the year.

Adjournment

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Hale 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