

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

*June 5, 2023
8:30 A.M.*

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

Pledge

Minutes

Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the 05/01/2023 minutes, Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

-Hilldale Cemetery Ditch Update

Mr. Brock stated that the best option for Hilldale Cemetery Ditch will be a 6-foot bed in the ditch with a 6-foot wide channel; 6-foot flat on each side. This will put the top of the banks back 10-15 feet. Mr. Dials stated that when Hanna Farms and the Schwab lands are developed, this will allow the area and the area between to handle the water. Release rates will be put onto the developments. The funding is through the Readi Grant. Mr. Brock stated that a REMC power pole is currently in the right-of-way, but is working toward being removed. As soon as the design is received, Mr. Brock stated that the board will need to hold Reconstruction Hearings, the Surveyor's office would work on mailing information to those in the watershed and there would be a hearing for the bids.

-Levee/Nutter Ditch Update

Mr. Brock stated that Burke Engineering is doing our review for Nutter Ditch. The Surveyor's office has held a few discussions with Burke Engineering and will have a recommendation within a month. Mr. Gary Oaks, City of Martinsville, stated that the project is now being broken into two pieces. The northern part has been acquired from INDOT, while the southern part is in the acquisition phases.

-Spraying Update/Stormwater Coordinator Update

Mr. Dials stated that the Herbicide Spraying is complete for the season and that this is the first time in 3-4 years that it did not rain during the two-week window. Mr. Dials feels that we should see good results. The County does not kill the grass, Mr. Dials stated that the grass is good as it helps filter sediment and support the banks. Mr. Dials and the applicator will be meeting next after the Drainage Board Meeting.

Mr. Dials stated that within a month or two the Board will need a resolution for the release rates on Hilldale.

A large blockage on Nutter Ditch, before going into river, has been removed. Mr. Dials stated that the water dropped likely two feet and flows properly now. The Surveyor's Office was unable to get hold of INDOT therefore no extra rip rap was put into place, just dirt. All the Sartor and Nutter Ditch storm debris has been removed.

The Herbicide Applicator found that a land owner along Sartor has topped off a tree and deposited the limbs and debris into the ditch. The Mr. Dials suggested that the Board should develop a policy to report the blockage or pollutant.

-Hodges Lateral Update

Jim Lankford came to the Surveyor's Office with an issue on Hodges Lateral. The Surveyor's Office summer help walked the ditch to photograph the area. Mr. Brock stated that where the blow out occurred there does not seem to be a blockage, so he is not sure at this time what exactly occurred or why the ditch is jumping into the creek. Photos were presented to the Board. Mr. Brock will speak to Mr. Lankford to see if the issue remains, but we are currently in a holding pattern to see if it will jump.

New Business

-City of Martinsville, Drainage Work Along Home Avenue

Mr. Oaks stated that the City of Martinsville is working on a Stormwater project on Home Avenue from Morgan Street to South Street. There are seven outfalls into Sartor Ditch along the area, which Mr. Oaks stated would be consolidated into a stormwater line. A large part of the funding for the project would be through an OCRA grant application. The project is right around a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and the OCRA grant would assist in around six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00). Mr. Oaks stated that the City would need to work with Mr. Dials because of what is to be accomplished in the area. The grant application will be reviewed in July, decided in early September, and the City hopes to have the project completed in 2024.

Surveyor

Mr. Brock stated that the summer help has taken photos of the dumping into Sartor Ditch that Mr. Dials mentioned. With the Boards permission the Surveyor's Office will send a letter in order to have the property owner remove the tree limbs and debris. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve to the Surveyor's Office sending letters to anyone who is dumping into any regulated drain. Mr. Adams stated that the Board needs an ordinance to fine anyone dumping into the Counties regulated drains. Mr. Wisco and Mr. Brock will review Indiana Code to see what is included. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.


The Surveyor's Office continues working on the stormwater ordinances which should be complete soon. The ordinance must be to IDEM in July of 2024.

There will be a fair booth this year with the Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality, Soil and Water, and Solid Waste.


Adjournment

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

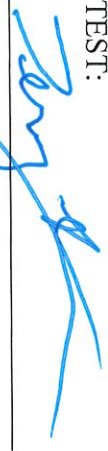
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Bryan Collier, Chairman


Don Adams, Vice Chairman


Kenny Hale, Member

ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor