

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

November 6, 2023
8:30 A.M.

Drainage Board members present were: Bryan Collier and Kenny Hale. Also present were Terry Brock, Surveyor and Kerstin Woodard, Recording Secretary. Don Adams, Vice Chairman was not able to be in attendance.

Pledge

Recognize Quorum

Minutes

Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the 10/02/2023 Drainage Board meeting minutes and the 10/12/2023 Hilldale Cemetery Ditch Reconstruction Hearing minutes, Mr. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Old Business

-Sartor Ditch Update

Tree removal on Sartor Ditch continues to move forward; the brush on the banks and field will be burned once the weather changes.

Mr. Collier stated that the MSD of Martinsville had approached the Drainage Board asking for rights to use the County's easement on Sartor Ditch between the First Baptist Church and Smith Elementary School; they are now worried it is out of the budget. Mr. Brock stated that the banks are stabilized at the moment, but the church parking sits right on the bank which continues to erode. School busses driving through would cause the road to collapse, which would be on the school. Mr. Brock stated that there is no base to the road, it is not up to standard, and its primary intended use is for mowing. In order for the school to use the road the fence would need to be moved east 10 feet and the whole road would need reconstructed with guardrails put up. It is not a safe situation and would only take one crack for the road to collapse.

-MS4 Audit

Mr. Brock presented the Board with a copy of the completed MS4 Audit review. The audit went well; almost everything was marked Satisfactory except a construction runoff that received a marking of Marginal.

New Business

A Mr. Jerry Ham was not present to address the Board.

-Lake Ditch Update

It is within the Lake Ditch 10-year plan to dip all the Tributaries; the main portion of Lake Ditch was dipped in 2022 and Bayliss will be held off for another year. Mr. Brock submitted Maintenance Specs asking for approval to obtain bids for the maintenance work. Mr. Brock also submitted a letter of notice to be sent to the effected landowners. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the Surveyor's Office obtaining bids for the Lake Ditch Tributaries Maintenance and to approve the notice letter being mailed to the effected landowners. Mr. Collier seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

Surveyor Update

Mr. Brock stated that after the Hilldale Cemetery Ditch Reconstruction was approved last month, property owners had twenty days to file for a judicial review; none were filed. The Reconstruction Specs and Bid Package will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Collier asked if the excess dirt had been discussed, suggesting that the contractor should disc the soil or use a chisel plow to help with the compaction issue. Mr. Brock stated that the dirt would be discussed when the Specs.

Adjournment

Mr. Hale made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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ATTEST:

Bryan Collier, Chairman

Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor

Don Adams, Vice Chairman

Kenny Hale, Member