

**MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**  
*December 4, 2023*  
*8:30 A.M.*

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

*Pledge*

*Recognize Quorum*

Minutes

Mr. Hale made a motion to accept the November 6, 2023 Drainage Board Minutes. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

-Lake Ditch Tributaries

The bid specs for six of the Lake Ditch tributaries were presented and approved at the November meeting. Mr. Dials stated that he reached out to four contractors who have completed work for the County in the past to obtain quotes: Stafford Excavating, Kerns Excavating, On the Level, and Anderson Excavating. Anderson Excavating is the only contractor to provide a quote. The Board received a letter from Mr. Brock recommending approval for Anderson Excavating's bid of:

Crone Ditch	\$8,000.00
Hurt Ditch	\$12,800.00
York Ditch	\$8,800.00
Smith-McClellan Ditch	\$4,000.00
Allen Ditch	\$12,800.00
Mann Ditch	\$10,400.00

Mr. Brock stated that Mr. Anderson completed the maintenance work on the main portion of Lake Ditch in 2022. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve Anderson Excavating to complete the maintenance on the six Lake Ditch tributaries at the quoted prices. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

-Hilldale Cemetery Ditch Specs and Bid Package

Joe Miller, Banning Engineering, addressed the Board stating the bid packages for the Reconstruction of Hilldale Cemetery Ditch are now ready. Mr. Miller and Mr. Brock have been discussing a bidding schedule.

Mr. Miller stated that he would like to have the bids ready to award at the first meeting in February. Mr. Miller asked for approval to work with Mr. Brock and an attorney. If a schedule can be worked out, Mr. Miller stated that the bids could be read aloud and a recommendation could be brought before the Board at the second January Commissioner's meeting. Mr. Brock stated that a special meeting will need to be held before the second Commissioner's meeting in January, in order to open the bids, which would allow the bids to be awarded on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Miller explained that collecting the bids would mean reading them aloud in a public forum, reviewing the bids and bringing them before the Drainage Board at the second January meeting. Mr. Miller suggested that the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup> would be a good time to open the bids. Mr. Hale made a motion approving Banning Engineering and the Surveyor's Office to work with an attorney and to approve the bid packages for Hilldale Cemetery Ditch to be reviewed on January 16, 2024 at 5:45 pm. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0. Mr. Brock stated a pre-bid meeting will be set to meet with all the contractors, walk through the ditch, and review the specs.

Mr. Hale made a motion to amend the January 16<sup>th</sup> opening of the bid to January 18<sup>th</sup> which is the correct date of the second Commissioner's meeting in January 2024.

Mr. Dials addressed the Board, after speaking to Mr. Miller, he stated that he felt the previously chosen dates will be putting the Contractors and Mr. Miller under unnecessary time restraint and suggested that the reading be held at the February 5, 2024 Drainage Board Meeting. Mr. Dials stated that this would allow adequate time for everyone to work through the bids, as this is a complicated bid. Mr. Dials stated that with work likely starting in early spring, pushing it back will allow time for everything to be done correctly and hopefully help in receiving multiple bids from bigger contractors in order to get a good price. Mr. Hale amended his motion(s), changing the date to February 5, 2024 during the regular Drainage Board meeting. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Adams made a motion to cancel the January 15<sup>th</sup> 5:45 meeting. Mr. Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve, with a correction to the March date, the 2024 Drainage Board Meeting Dates and Submission Schedule. Mr. Hale seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Jerry Ham who lives in Fewell Subdivision on Flair Avenue addressed the Board. Mr. Ham stated that last spring a storm caused a large tree to fall into the ditch near his home. Mr. Ham stated that he reached out

making several calls to many people but received no help. Mr. Ham took care of the tree, but stated there is a very large stump still there, he would like to know why he has been unable to get help? Mr. Dials, Mr. Brock, and Mr. Collier had all previously spoken to Mr. Ham. Mr. Brock stated that the ditch is not part of the Counties regulated system, the County has no jurisdiction and neither the Drainage Board nor Surveyor's Office are able to do work there.

Mr. Gary Oakes, City of Martinsville, addressed the Board stating that he knows the improvements on Sartor Ditch are not quite complete but the City appreciates the maintenance. The City received the final mapping from FEMA which will take effect in 2024. The maps do not include the levee but decertifies the existing levee. Mr. Miller stated Burke Engineering had reviewed the levee for Nutter Ditch and FEMA has commented suggesting to have a maintenance schedule. Mr. Miller stated that there will be a trash rack on the front of the pump house and Banning will provide the maintenance schedule. The City will be resubmitting to FEMA this week. Mr. Miller stated that conditional approval will be asked for at the January Drainage Board meeting based off of FEMA's concurrence that the levee meets their requirements. Mr. Miller expects it to go to bid in late January or February and will take an estimated 18 months to build the levee.


**Stormwater Coordinator Update**

Mr. Dials stated that the Ordinance continues to be worked on; he will meet with the City of Martinsville, the Town of Mooreville and Wessler Engineering this week.


**Adjournment**

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

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
Bryan Collier, Chairman

  
Don Adams, Vice Chairman

  
Kenny Hale, Member

ATTEST:

  
Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor