

**MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

*April 1, 2024  
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. Adams made a motion to accept February 5, 2024 and the February 20, 2024 minutes. Mr. Hale seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

**Old Business**

Hilldale Cemetery Ditch-

Mr. Brock has conversed with the contractor, Aigner Construction Inc. and the engineer, Joe Miller with Banning Engineer; Hilldale Cemetery Ditch Reconstruction continues to move on schedule. Mr. Brock will meet with the contractor and engineer this week regarding staking the ditch and will reach out to the farmers regarding the anticipated start date of mid-April.

Lake Ditch-

Mr. Dials stated that the work by Anderson Excavating on the Lake Ditch Tributaries has been completed and paid for, right on schedule with no complaints from the farming community.

Monrovia Subdivision, Evergreen Pointe-

Mr. Brock attended a tech meeting a month ago for the planned Evergreen Pointe subdivision located off of West Union Church Road, North of SR 42. The subdivision would be located in the Town of Monrovia but the drainage is planned to be put in the County. Mr. Brock informed Monrovia that they would need to annex or meet our ordinance. The plans are put on hold for now.

**New Business**

Martinsville Levee/Nutter Ditch Bids-Quotes for Maintenance-

The levee is getting closer to being approved and the culverts discussed in the last Drainage Board meeting will be graded lower. Mr. Brock asked for permission to send out request for quotes. Mr. Adams made a motion to allow requests to be sent out for quotes; Mr. Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nutter Ditch-Culvert Request Jack Broyer/Bender Lumber-

Mr. Broyer would like to put a culvert along SR 39 Bypass going into Nutter Ditch to use as a driveway. Mr. Broyer has previously come before the Board. Mr. Brock informed Mr. Broyer that engineer plans would need to be submitted to the Surveyor's Office, it would have to meet the Boards standards and he will have to come before the Board. Mr. Broyer was also informed the County has a 75-foot easement from the top of the bank. Though Mr. Broyer has not officially requested the crossing, Mr. Brock stated that he may approach the Board members.

Copies of Hoss Spray Solutions quote for the herbicide spraying was presented to the Board. Mr. Dials reminded the Board, that a few years ago it was decided to use a 3-5-year herbicide maintenance agreement under the same contractor. Hoss Spray Solution's quote matches last year minus the area of the Hilldale Cemetery two-stage ditch; the actual amount to be paid will only be for the miles sprayed. The quote breaks down each drain separately, which will be paid from each of the drain's individual funds. Mr. Dials asked for the Boards approval. Mr. Hale made a motion to award Dewey Goss, Hoss Spray Solutions, the herbicide contract in the amount of \$ 39,211.38 broken down per ditch as quoted. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**2024 Morgan County Regulated Drain Herbicide Application Program**

Lake Ditch: Total 127,000 feet at \$0.18 per foot, total cost \$22,860.00

Sartor Drain: Total 27,690 feet at \$0.18 per foot, total cost \$4,984.20

M.A. Nutter Drain: Total 22,740 feet at \$0.18 per foot, total cost \$4,093.20

Bayliss Ditch: Total 18,800 feet at \$0.18 per foot, total cost \$3,384.00

Hilldale Cemetery Drain: Total 8,000 feet at \$0.18 per foot, total cost \$1,440.00

Sedwick Drain: Total 3,825 feet at \$0.18 per foot, total cost \$688.50

Flagstaff Business Park: Total 9,786 feet at \$0.18 per foot, total cost \$1761.48

While walking the lower end of Sartor Ditch, Mr. Brock and Mr. Dials found a large pile of debris that has backed up out of Indian Creek. In the area the City of Martinsville plans to build a new skate park it was discovered that a pipe leading to the inlet on South Drive had collapsed and caused a blow out along the ditch. Mr. Brock deemed it an emergency; Anderson Excavating gave quotes to do the clean-up and the repairs. The pipe and rip rap replacement will be billed back to the City of Martinsville. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the bid from Anderson Excavating in the amount of \$ 3,200.00 in order to fix the pipe and rip rap, and the amount of \$ 3,000.00 to clean the debris out of Sartor Ditch. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

**Stormwater Coordinator**

The annual Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality River Clean-up took place on March 9, 2024. Mr. Dials stated that there were around 50 volunteers and they were able to remove 15 cubic yards of trash and debris from four locations, despite the bad weather.


Mr. Dials will be submitting the annual report for the MS4 program to IDEM after today's meeting. The report has been completed and signed by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Hale addressed the Board in regard to drainage concerns on Lingle Road, stating that any substantial amount of rain causes flooding up to and inside several structures in the area. The situation has gotten worse since the farmers in the area redirected everything a few years ago. Mr. Hale stated that the farmers legally redirected it on their own properties. Mr. Hale has been working with Mr. Fisher at the Highway Department in order to get a culvert on Arthur Road changed. The pipe running under SR 67 and the Rail Road track is fine, but the large pipe running the opposite way has been plugged since 2018. Down the road further south is a State pipe that you can only see the top of. Mr. Hale has reached out to the State several times with no results. Mr. Hale is working with Mr. Fisher to try to take care of this pipe as well. The water is not only a problem for the property owners in the area, but the school buses as well and needs to be addressed. Mr. Brock stated that it is not part of the Counties regulated drains, but as a Board, if landowners come before the Board stating that there is an obstruction, it can be investigated and the State notified that the landowners have petitioned for a removal of obstruction. The Board has not been petitioned at the moment, but Mr. Hale and Mr. Brock wanted the Board to be aware of the issue.

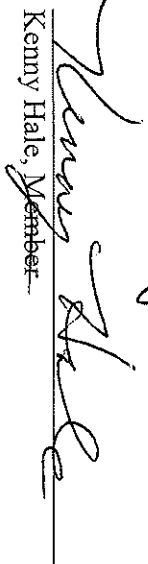
**Adjournment**

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

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

  
Bryce Collier, Chairman

  
Don Adams, Vice Chairman

  
Kenny Hale, ~~Member~~

ATTEST:

  
Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor