

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

May 6, 2024

8:30 A.M.

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

Pledge

Recognize Quorum

Minutes

Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the April 01, 2024 minutes. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Hilldale Cemetery Ditch-

Jerry Aigner Construction has started working on Hilldale Cemetery Two-Stage Ditch. Aigner Construction is working 4 days a week, they have completed about 80% of the digging and grass has begun growing in the area where the work initially started. The Surveyor's Office recently met with the READI Grant group and the first two invoices for the work have been received.

Quotes for Nutter Ditch-

The City of Martinsville will cover the cost of the necessary pipe work for the levee, therefore the County does not need to obtain quotes for the work. Mr. Oaks stated that the release letter from FEMA was received this morning.

New Business

Green Meadows-

Property owners located in Green Meadows off of Egbert Road contacted the Surveyor's Office in 2019 and in 2021. The pipes in the community are failing and leading to several blow holes. In 2019 Mr. Brock, Mr. Dials, and the Highway Engineer walked and inspected the drainage system. The Drainage Board offered at that time to take it in as a mutual drain if the landowners petitioned the Board to do so. The Drainage Board looked into the issue again in 2021; the Barrett Law was discussed at this time. Green Meadows turned the Board down both times due to the cost. A landowner called the Surveyor's Office last week stating that one of the holes is getting really bad. Mr. Brock stated that in 2019 the cost was roughly a million dollars and has probably doubled now; the landowners will have to bear the cost to fix it, Mr. Brock is not sure that all the landowners will be onboard. If Green Meadows forms an HOA, they could collect fees and an entity may give them a loan. Mr. Brock went on to say that the community is in a bad spot; Green Meadows was put in when there was no Planning and Zoning and the Drainage Board does not handle ditches on private property. If Green Meadows petitioned the Board and the Board did decide to look at the situation again, the County would get a loan or bond and the property owners would pay it back with interest. Mr. Brock suggested the neighborhood get together to discuss their situation.

READI Grant-

Due to the bid for the Hilldale Cemetery Ditch Reconstruction coming in so low, the County is able to work with the City of Martinsville on a few other sites that need attention as well. There are two ditches West of Hilldale Cemetery Ditch that are not regulated; both need maintenance and redirected back to Hilldale. The new developers on Artesian Avenue have cleaned up a portion to the East. A new crossing over Sartor going into the Spring Valley trailer park is also necessary. Its currently undersized and dangerous for emergency vehicles. Mr. Brock is working with Justin Schneck, County Highway Engineer, to get a quote to fix the crossing. A discussion followed mentioning other locations along Sartor Ditch that could benefit as well.

Stormwater Coordinator

Permit Update-

Mr. Dials stated that the draft for the new Stormwater Ordinance continues to be worked through and he plans to present it to the Attorney and the Board in July. The hope is to have it passed by late summer or early fall of 2024 and to be implemented in 2025. There will be a Contractor Workshop hosted in the Lucille Sadler Room on August 15, 2024 to review changes and as a permitting requirement refresher course.

Bass Club River Clean Up Partnership-

The Small Mouth Alliance and Bass Anglers contacted Mr. Dials in regard to a river clean up on August 3, 2024 at Waverly Park and SR 144. The Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality has offered to allow them the use of pickers and buckets for the clean-up. Morgan County Solid Waste has offered to pay for the dumpster. Mr. Dials stated that the group will be going upstream into areas that the Partnerships Annual Clean-up does not go into and that it is a great opportunity for the Partnership to use as credit on the annual report.

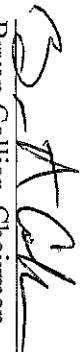
Adjournment

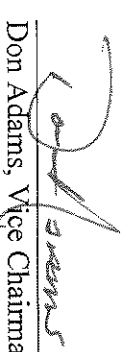
Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.


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ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor


Bryan Collier, Chairman


Don Adams, Vice Chairman


Kenny Hale, Member