

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

*June 3, 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 May 06, 2024 minutes. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Hilldale Cemetery Ditch-

Mr. Brock stated that the Hilldale Cemetery Ditch Reconstruction is just about complete. The banks have been stabilized, animal guards and field tiles have been put in, beneath the field tiles have been armored, and the ditch has been dipped both up and downstream. The ditch is now working and clean, rip rap is keeping the banks from eroding and the grass on the North half is sprouting. Mr. Brock stated that there have been a few weather-related issues along the way but the ditch looks good and worked well after the recent big rain. A few spots eroded where the fields were draining directly into the ditch; Aigner has since stabilized those areas, making a few extra cuts and stabilizing those areas as well. Two invoices have been submitted to the READI Grant so far.

Martinsville Levee-Nutter Ditch-

Mr. Gary Oaks, City of Martinsville, updated the Board on the progress of the Martinsville Levee. The North portion of the levee is under contract while the South is out for bid. Mr. Oaks stated that the bid meeting is later this week and the bids for the South portion will be opened on June 26, 2024. Mr. Oaks is not certain when Joe Miller, with Banning Engineering will come before the Board due to an issue with the Rail Road.

New Business

Sartor Ditch Crossing on Outer Drive-

Mr. Brock presented the Board with a letter recommending the bridge over Sartor Ditch on Outer Drive be replaced. The bridge is too small, the two pipes, concrete and steel are an obstruction which holds back debris and water, and it is also a significant safety issue to emergency vehicles. Due to the Hilldale Cemetery Ditch Reconstruction coming in below bid, Morgan County has an opportunity to use excess monies from the READI Grant to complete the work on Sartor Ditch. Mr. Brock has already discussed the added projects with the READI Grant people and they are excited to help the County. The County Highway Engineer provided an estimate of the cost to replace the bridge at \$ 375,000.00. Mr. Brock asked for approval of his letter which deems the bridge necessary to be replaced and to allow the READI Grant funding to be secured. Mr. Hale made a motion to give the Board's blessing to include the Outer Drive Bridge Crossing in the READI Grant, Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Brock is working with the City of Martinsville to prepare a submittal to the READI Grant to use the excess funding to also work on the ditches North of Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. The ditches are not part of the Counties regulated drains and Mr. Brock stated that an MOU will have to be completed through the Drainage Board in order to do the work.

Stormwater Coordinator

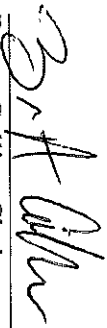
Mr. DiAls stated that Mr. Goss, Hoss Herbicide has been working is should be close to wrapping up the herbicide application. Mr. DiAls hopes for an odd year where the crops are low and the vegetation is thick, which seem to be the current conditions, in order to have a good application this year.


Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality made the decision to be the Sponsor of the Day on July 13th at the Morgan County Fair rather than having a booth the whole week in the Merchants Tent this year.


Adjournment

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

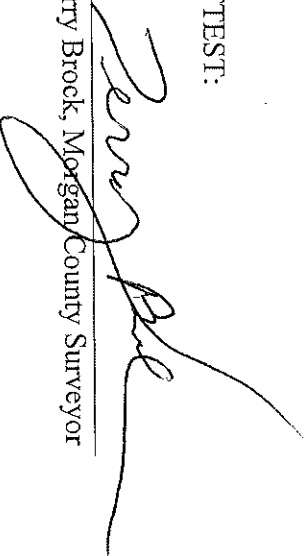
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Bryan Collier, Chairman


Don Adams, Vice Chairman


Kenny Hale, Member

ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor