

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

December 2, 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. Adams made a motion to accept the 11/04/2024 Drainage Board Minutes. Mr. Hale seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

-Hanna Farms/Illicit Discharge

Mr. Dials met with Ryan Thomas of Forestar at Hanna Farms who agreed the Hanna Farms construction have contributed to the sediment load in Hildale Cemetery Ditch and they are going to clean it up for free. Mr. Dials gave Mr. Thomas the same specifications that were given to our contractor four months prior. Mr. Thomas did not give a start date but it sounded as if they would address the issue within the next month. Mr. Dials stated that the practice of discharging where they were discharging was unacceptable and bad practice in general. Forestar should discharge back into their own system, into their own pond, helping to filter sediment. If they cause the issue again, they will have to clean the ditch again. Under Artesian Way there is about a foot of sediment which will likely require a vac truck and to be sprayed.

-Assessments

Mr. Brock has set up a meeting with Joe Miller, Banning Engineering to review the ditches and to go over the ditches that aren't assessed. Mr. Brock hopes to bring it forward to the Board in January or February.

-Sartor Ditch Crossing

Mr. Brock has spoken to Joe Miller about the crossing over Sartor Ditch. Mr. Miller will write the final bid specs which will give the bidder a better understanding of what standards are expected. Mr. Brock hopes to have it ready to advertise by the end of December.

New Business

-MOU with Martinsville

Mr. Brock stated that the MOU with Martinsville for the levee and the pump house gates needs to be started. Mr. Brock assumed it was getting closer to being tested to which Mr. Oaks responded that the box culverts were approved last week. Mr. Brock stated that the County Attorney and Martinsville's Attorney will need to meet together with Joe Miller to write the MOU explaining expected standards, inspections, etc. Mr. Dials stated that there is a standard operating procedure which the Drainage Board has not seen yet, explaining how the pump works, when it will be used, and when it opens and closes. Mr. Dials expressed that it is crucial for the staff of Martinsville and the Drainage Board to go over it so that everyone knows the ins and outs and when and what they are supposed to be doing. Everyone needs to be well aware of the procedures.

-Bayliss and Bayliss Lateral

Mr. Dials submitted the Bayliss and Bayliss Lateral maintenance specifications to the Board. Mr. Dials would like to put them out for bid to have it awarded at the January Drainage Board meeting. One of the farmers in the area contacted Mr. Brock about several small beaver dams which the Surveyor's Office will have the trapper remove. The Bayliss maintenance will complete the work on Lake Ditch; the main portion being completed two years ago and the tributaries, except Bayliss, completed last year. This fulfills the assessment recommendation to dip Lake Ditch every so many years. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the Maintenance Specifications for Bayliss and Bayliss Lateral to be sent out for bid. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

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

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Bryan Collier, Chairman

ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor


Don Adams, Vice Chairman


Kenny Hale, Member