

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

*February 3, 2025
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
Quorum*

Minutes

Mr. Hale made a motion to accept the 01/06/2025 Drainage Board Minutes. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Mr. Joe Miller, Banning Engineering, presented the Board with the bid package for the Sartor Ditch Culvert Replacement. The culvert is located on the south drive of Outer Drive where it meets Sunset Manor Drive. Currently there are two old rail tanker cars as the bridge, which do not have the necessary capacity. Mr. Miller has worked with Mr. Brock; the survey is complete and they are proposing to increase the two tanker cars to a 14x7 foot box culvert. The associated paving, rip rap, guard rail etc. are included in the bid package. The ditch and the invert will be lowered about 3 feet. The bid will be as a lump sum and Mr. Miller will work with the Surveyor's Office to come up with a date to receive, open, and read aloud the bids before bringing them to the Board for approval. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the bid package for the Sartor Ditch Culvert Replacement. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Mr. Brock stated that Mr. Oakes, Habitat for Humanity, will be approaching the Board today to discuss reducing an easement. Mr. Brock stated that we are not at the point to approve the reduction yet as it has not been officially submitted or reviewed. Mr. Oakes presented the Board with information on the Artesian Place Project, stating that it would be composed of 34 work place development rent to own apartments, 6 habitat homes and a level 4 daycare center. The City of Martinsville has obtained an \$850,000 READI Grant towards the project. The project is planned to help those who are struggling with home ownership. There will be jobs available to the residents within walking distance and accessible childcare. The Artesian Place Project sits on 10.5 acres bordered on the west by Hilldale Cemetery Ditch, which encompasses 2 acres of the property. Mr. Oakes stated that the west bank easement stretches 75 feet while on the east side it is 32 feet. Mr. Oakes is looking for direction on how to approach reducing the 75-foot easement. Mr. Oakes stated that the ditch is within the City's municipality and could potentially be transferred to the City to be considered an Urban Drain. Or Mr. Oakes could officially request that the easement be reduced.

Mr. Brock explained the history of the easement on the east side. Artesian Acres was approved, by Martinsville, without the 75-foot easement listed which remains 75 feet having never been reduced. When Martinsville approved Indian Creek Village, the developer realized there was a 75-foot easement which he then asked the Board for a reduction of in order to build houses. For this reason, the County granted the easement reduction from 75 feet to 41 feet in Indian Creek Village. Mr. Brock stated there have been issues since reducing the easement and feels that it is very important to be careful giving the easement away. The Surveyor's Office will meet with Mr. Oakes to discuss the request further; a full set of plans will need to be submitted and it will need to be brought before the drainage board.


The Board discussed where the increased water will go when the proposed parcels and the parcels further north are eventually developed. Mr. Brock stated that READI Grant funds have been approved to complete work on a portion of the ditch that is not part of the Regulated Drainage System in order to help with some of the increased water.

The Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality's Annual White River Clean Up will be held March 22. Volunteers will meet at Three Rivers at 9 am; lunch will follow the clean-up at Mr. Gatti's.

Adjournment

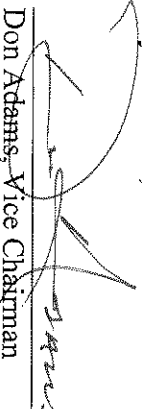
Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hale seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor

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Bryan Collier, Chairman


Don Adams, Vice Chairman


Kenny Hale, Member