

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

*April 07, 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 Kersin Woodward, Recording Secretary.

Pledge

Quorum

Minutes

Mr. Adams made a motion to accept the 02/03/2025 Drainage Board Minutes. Mr. Hale seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Mr. Dials let the Board know that the Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality's Annual River Clean Up was held on March 22. There were around 80 volunteers who were able to remove a great deal of trash, debris, and tires.

The Morgan County Annual report was due on April 1st, Mr. Dials stated the results were received with no deficiencies.

Mr. Dials stated that the Board has used the same herbicide applicator for several years, in the continued effort to see results with a 3-5-year program allowing the completed work to be credited to one person as to whether the work is completed or not. Mr. Dials stated the Dewey Goss, Hoss Spray, is a Morgan County resident who has done a great job completing the last few years and we would like to extend the contract in order to hire him again. The total cost last year was \$37,587.00 total divided amongst the 8 drains. After discussion, it was decided to continue using Hoss Spray on an annual contract basis, changing the contract to meet the needs for each year. Mr. Dials will obtain a quote for this year from Mr. Goss and get a contract together.

Mr. Brock stated that the Morgan & Hendricks County Joint Drainage Board will be taking a look at Mudd Creek (Rietzel Drain) north of I-70 in Adams Township running all the way to Coatesville. The Hendricks County side looks good, runs well and has an assessment put on it; the Morgan County side does not. Joint Drainage Board will take it over and will put an assessment on it. The meeting date and time have not been set yet.

New Business

The Morgan County Surveyor's Office hired Anderson Excavating on an emergency basis to remove trees and debris from Sartor Ditch at a cost of \$500.00 prior to the large storm we had about three weeks ago in order to prevent flooding. All the big stuff was removed, but neighbors upstream continue to throw all sorts of things into the ditch, which then catches on the bridge that will be removed on Outer Drive. Mr. Collier asked everyone to take a brief moment of reflection and to issue a word of caution about the dangers of floodwaters as a community member lost his life this past weekend while trying to clean a ditch. Please keep the family in prayer.

Joe Miller, Banning Engineering, addressed the Board to give an update on the Sartor Ditch Culvert. Seven bids were received and submitted for review. Bids were opened and the base bids were read on May 18th. Bids were submitted with an alternate bid which was added after realizing that extra work would be needed on the road in order to get back to the site. Yardberry Companies came in at the lowest; both base and alternate falling within the allotted budget and meeting the requirements. READI Grant will cover the costs. Mr. Hale made a motion to award the bid to Yardberry Companies in the amount of \$293,258.60 which includes the alternate bid. Mr. Adams seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.


Mr. Brock asked for the authority to sign off on the contract once it has been received. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve Mr. Brooks authority; Mr. Adams seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Kenneth Norman of 1315 Cross Street, Martinsville addressed the Board regarding flooding issues in Cadet Manor. Mr. Norman has lived at this address for nearly 50 years and stated that when he first moved in he was told to maintain the ditch, so he has mowed and kept it up. Grand Valley Development's drainage runs under I69 into Sartor Ditch backing up into the culvert south of him going into the trailer park. Mr. Norman stated that he was told when I69 was built that the issues would be fixed but they have not and have led to him paying for expensive flood insurance even though he is not in a flood zone. Mr. Norman asked if the culvert could be replaced or if the ditch could be dredged, stating that he has never seen any weed control completed on the portion of the ditch near him. Mr. Brock responded stating that the Board has discussed the lack of water retention on the Grand Valley side before and knows the water coming through is an issue. The Board and the City of Martinsville have both looked for the development plans but have been unable to locate them; they were completed during a previous administration. Mr. Brock stated that while the Board can't offer a quick fix, the Board is aware of the issue and is working on trying to figure out how to correct the issues to allow water to be retained in Grand Valley.

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