

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

June 2, 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 Deb Verley, Recording Secretary.

Pledge

Quorum

Minutes

Mr. Adams made a motion to accept the 05/05/2025 Drainage Board Minutes. Mr. Hale seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

-Sartor Ditch/Outer Drive Culvert Replacement

Mr. Brock stated that the initial preconstruction meeting for the Sartor Ditch/Outer Drive culvert replacement, has been held with the contractor, Yardberry Companies. The pipes have been ordered and the Surveyor's Office is working with the City of Martinsville to give the residents a two week notice for road closures. Yardberry expects the work to take a month to complete with a contracted completion date of July 31st, 2025.

-Allison Estates

Mr. Justin Schneck, County Highway Engineer, addressed the Board to ask that the Allison Estates Section 1 Stormwater Sewer Bond number 0814344, in the amount of \$35,707.00 be released. Mr. Schneck had made inspections on the infrastructure and stated that it is working as it should two years later. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the release of the Allison Estates Section 1 Stormwater Sewer Bond. Mr. Adams seconded the motion: motion carried 3-0.

New Business

-Encroachment of Nutter Drain/Hudson Plumbing

Mr. Brock stated that the Surveyor's Office has not received the Petition for Encroachment from Hudson Plumbing, but Hudson has already extended their parking area on top of the regulated pipe in Nutter Drain. Mr. Brock has had several conversations with Dean Hudson; the latest being this past Friday. During their initial conversation when Mr. Hudson expressed his plans to extend his parking area, Mr. Brock explained that the County has 75 feet of easement and Mr. Hudson would have to complete a Petition for Encroachment along with a Hold Harmless Agreement. Mr. Hudson had already put down asphalt before finally coming into the office to pick up the paperwork; the documents are now in the mail as Mr. Hudson is in Florida. Mr. Hale asked if Mr. Hudson had gotten it permitted through the city, to which Mr. Oakes replied no. Mr. Brock stated that it would need to be heard in July and the Board would then have to decide how to handle it.

Mr. Brock submitted an aerial photo stating all of the Nutter Drain pipe needs to be surveyed allowing the Drainage Board to know locations of any encroachments. Mr. Brock also submitted a list of the project specifications that will be given to the potential surveyor's in order to obtain quote. Mr. Brock stated that he planned for the survey to show everything within the right-of-way and the types of encroachment; the manholes, the elevations, size and types of pipes etc., addressing anything permanent within the easement. A letter will later be sent to the property owners stating that there is an encroachment and the County has the right to maintain within the right-of-way. In the case of the houses that are encroaching, if built previous to 1965 when the right-of-way came into effect would be grandfathered in with the rights to encroach. Mr. Adams approved the Surveyor's Office obtaining quotes for and completing the survey on M.A. Nutter Ditch. Mr. Hale seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Gary Oakes addressed the Board stating that the City and Banning have been moving forward with the pump house on Nutter Drain. Mr. Oakes received a message just this morning from a resident at 156 S West St, complaining about Nutter Drain being overgrown with weeds. Kids have been playing in it and needles have been found. In the area where the reinforced concrete pipe was recently put on Nutter in order to allow the farmers to get in and out off Hacker Road, there are two pretty large trees leaning into the ditch and Mr. Oakes has asked for them to be removed. Mr. Brock stated that the contractor who put the pipes in must go back and fix the driveway as well, as there are some large holes. Mr. Oakes stated that the contractor is out there today taking out trees and putting in rip rap on both sides of the ditch.

-Martinsville/Nutter Drain Levee-MOU Draft

Mr. Brock received the first draft of the Nutter Drain Levee MOU from Banning on Friday. A conversation was held in regard to who would be responsible for what: who would be trained to understand the Levee, who will be responsible for putting the gates together and who will monitor the website, gauges and trigger responses, etc. The Fire Department was mentioned as a main component. Mr. Collier stated that all three crews of the Fire Department have already been out to learn how to put the aluminum walls up with the I-beams which will be stored in a storage barn off of Hacker Road. Mr. Brock will work with Banning Engineering so that the MOU states which departments in Martinsville will be responsible for what and what

will trigger each action. Mr. Brock stated that an MOU may be needed with the Rail Road company as well. Mr. Collier suggested mock training once or twice a year, annually. Mr. Dials stated that a working meeting will need to be held to go over everything with all the involved parties.

-Joint Drainage Board-Mud Creek/Reitzel Drain

A Joint Drainage Board meeting will be held to discuss West Point and Mud Creek. Mr. Brock received a submission from Burke. Westpoint is finishing the roads and putting in the water lines to open up Morgan County properties. Mr. Brock will work with Mr. Hale and Mr. Adams to get a meeting date picked for mid-June.

Stormwater

Hoss Herbicide, the herbicide contractor, is out now working on the ditches.

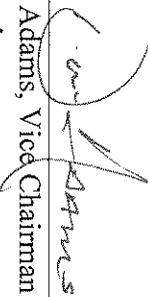
A request has been put in with Aigner, about a month ago, to come back and reseed Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. The Surveyor's Office is still holding the final payment.

Adjournment

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

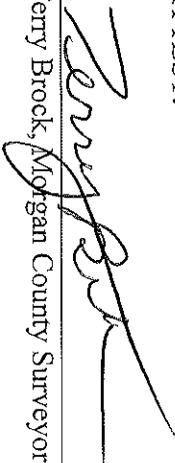
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ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor