

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

*August 2, 2021
8:30 A.M.*

Drainage Board members present were: Kenny Hale, Don Adams, and Bryan Collier. Also present were Terry Brock (Surveyor), Bill Dials (Stormwater Coordinator), Jim Wisco (County Attorney) and Kerstin Woodard (Recording Secretary).

Pledge

Minutes

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the 07/05/2021 minutes, Mr. Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

INDOT Meeting:

A meeting was held with INDOT, the City of Martinsville, HNTB and Burke Engineering on Thursday July 29th at 2pm. There is temporary riprap and structures at Hilldale Cemetery and Sartor Ditches; that will be pulled to see if it will be of any help to the area. Mr. Brock summarized the meeting as being unproductive, as basically we were told our ditch needs worked on. INDOT will send the minutes and any information they have to Dave Eichelberger at Burke Engineering, we will then move forward from there.

New Business

Ditch Capacity Study for Hilldale Cemetery and Sartor Ditches from Burke Engineering:

A proposal from Burke Engineering to study the ditch capacity for Hilldale Cemetery and Sartor Ditches was handed out. With the construction of I-69, Artesian Avenue and Grand Valley Development, both ditches have been effected. With the anticipated new development for Indian Creek Village and the possible commercial and multifamily unit development in the area, Surveyor Brock recommends we do the ditch capacity study. A discussion was held with several concerns about the prior commercial development within the watersheds. The Surveyor's Office was onsite during one large rain event and could not determine if the runoff had any retention or detention for these projects. The study will show if these commercial properties are functioning properly and will also show if the Morgan County Drainage Board will need restrictive rates into the ditches. It will also show if new development will need larger retention. Mr. Brock said if we only use money from our general drain fund, which must be paid back, we will not have the funds to do any work on either ditch. Gary Oakes, Planning and Engineering for the City of Martinsville, said the city will need to see the numbers in order to decide if they will be able to help. Mr. Collier made a motion to do the drainage capacity study for Hilldale Cemetery and Sartor ditches, Mr. Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Stormwater Update

Mr. Dials and the Partnership for Water Quality have a booth with educational information set up at the county fair.

Surveyor Update

Mr. Brock said we are still waiting for the Rule 13 and Rule 5 to change over to a general permit, the last he heard was that it would be October. We are in the process of our ordinance, but it is on hold until IDEM tells us what to do.

There may be a Petition for the Removal of Obstruction filed before the next meeting.

Mr. Collier said that he receives at least one or two phone calls a week in regard to issues in Green Meadows. Mr. Brock said that we have been working on that area for years. Mr. Brock and Larry Smith, have in the past gone out to Green Meadows and studied through the entire watershed. There are a lot of underground pipes that are broken and/or put in wrong. A proposal was prepared and the Drainage Board was ready to bring it in as regulated drain. Green Meadows backed out after seeing the cost involved.

Mr. Hale asked whether we should start the process to raise the ditch's retention rates. Mr. Brock said that we can raise it up to 25% at one time without a hearing, anything over the 25% will require a hearing. Mr. Collier made a motion to move forward looking into raising the retention rates, Mr. Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


Mr. Collier and Josh Messmer, County Administrator, have spoken and would like to pursue a Morgan County outwash aquafer study. The State did a cursory study through IF A, which looked into the 9 donut counties. They were able to identify places like Boone County are drying up and places like Morgan County have more water than will be used. The researcher whom did the study for the IF A approached us saying that we need to study the production capacity of our aquafer, we need to see how it is moving and what the replenishment rate is. It was explained that if we had an understanding of what our aquafer's production was, then we could put stipulations on the removal of water from it. The study will be costly and there will be bore wells throughout the distribution area of our aquafer. Mr. Messmer said that we have a commodity that can be quantified and sold to other people in a way that it protects our citizens if


done correctly. This needs to be a regional partnership between Martinsville, the Morgan County Rural Water Company, American Water, and Hill water which are all tied into it and it should be expected that everyone be a part if we move forward. Mr. Collier made a motion for Mr. Messmer to take the lead, with Mr. Collier's assistance, to coordinate the county aquafer study. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

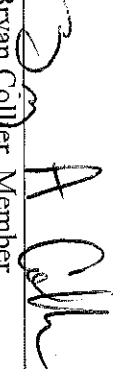
Adjournment

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

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Kenny Hale, Chairman


Don Adams, Vice Chairman


Bryan Collier, Member

ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor