

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

September 3, 2021

8:30 A.M.

Drainage Board members present were: Kenny Hale, Don Adams, and Bryan Collier. Also present were Terry Brock (Surveyor), Jim Wisco (County Attorney) and Kersin Woodard (Recording Secretary). Bill Dials (Stormwater Coordinator) was not in attendance.

Pledge

Minutes

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the 08/02/2021 minutes, Mr. Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Reassessment of Hilldale Cemetery and Sartor Ditch

Mr. Brock and Mr. Wisco had a meeting to discuss the ditch reassessment. Mr. Brock said that according to Indiana Code we can raise the rates one time up to 25% without a hearing. At a 25% annual intake increase, Hilldale Cemetery Ditch would bring in \$10,654, which is only a \$2,663.50 increase. At the same annual intake for Sartor, \$22,991.33 which is a \$5,547.83 increase. The other option is to do the full reassessment: advertising, hearings, public meetings, and setting the assessment at what we determine it will cost. The last increase was only \$2.00 per acre. Burke Engineering is involved in the current ditch study and are working with Martinsville. It will take several months to complete; Mr. Brock suggested holding off on a hearing until we have received the study. When we do proceed there is a set of rules and procedures, according to Indiana Code, that will need to be followed. Banning Engineering was hired last time and handled it well. We will reach out to engineering firms for quotes.

Green Meadows Subdivision

A letter reviewing the Green Meadows Subdivision drainage issues has been handed out. In 2019 the developer put a 3" pipe in the 18" corrugated metal pipe that ran under the road. This caused the pipe to back up, flood the road and flood homes. Highway went in and corrected the problem. Mr. Brock said that their pipes were put in incorrectly and are failing. The county has no responsibility with the exception of the side ditches, the lot owners are responsible for the pipes. In 2019 we looked at the underground pipes, retention ponds and the outlet. We set a price to take it in as a legal drain, but the residents of Green Meadows decided it was too expensive and chose not to move forward. We would have fixed the outlet, worked on the ponds removing sediment and fixed the blow holes, if it had been taken in as a legal drain. Mr. Adams said that if 50% would agree, the Barrett Law could be an option, which could be paid back through taxes overtime.

Most of the phone calls that Mr. Collier has received place blame on the church, saying it is their fault the water is coming over the driveways and the church's retention pond never has any water in it. The church submitted their plans to us in July of 2010 and DLZ did the review. The church has two retention ponds. All the water goes into the west retention pond, then to the east detention pond and finally to the creek. No additional surface water from the church goes west, so they are not the cause for Green Meadows issues.

Stormwater Update

Mr. Brock said we were not happy with the original herbicide sprayer. Only a couple ditches in the Lake Dich area were completed. We paid the original sprayer what was owed and hired a local company, Hoss, to complete the work in town. Flagstaff was sprayed last week and the city ditches are currently being completed.

Surveyor Update


Mr. Brock said that work has begun on our new ordinances. We have had a few meetings, hired Wessler Engineering and have had an inspection of the County Highway Department. Martinsville, Mooresville and Brooklyn have had their highway and water companies inspected as well.


Gary Oakes, City of Martinsville
Mr. Oakes, in preparing for the future, let the board know the city is currently paving Burton Road to the south and have widened it a little. About 200 yards south of the KFC there is a 4ft diameter culvert that goes under the road and has eroded away on the east side. Something will need to be done, the city has cleaned it out to see what the damage is. But come July of next year, it is likely it will end up the Counties responsibility.

Adjournment

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Hale 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