

**MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

*May 2, 2022  
8:30 A.M.*

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

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**Minutes**

Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the 04/04/2022 minutes, Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Old Business**

The Surveyor's Office received an email from Mark Bailey, INDOT's Director of Hydraulics, regarding Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. Mr. Bailey has a few questions for Dave Eickelberger, with Burke Engineering, before speaking to us. Mr. Brock suggested holding Hilldale Cemetery Ditch off until the June Drainage Board meeting.

Mr. Brock attended a Read Grant meeting and stated that funding is being looked into in order to fix Hilldale Cemetery Ditch besides the dredging, such as the option for a two-stage ditch. There is a 1.5 million dollar estimate to complete the needed work. Mr. Brock stated that the Read Grant looks promising as our ditch is listed number two on the Read Grant priorities list of six area counties.

Mr. Brock met with both parties involved in the Petition for Removal of Obstruction, it is being worked through and a hearing is not needed at this time.

A Joint Drainage Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Mr. Brock and Dave Gaston, Hendricks County Surveyor, approved comments from Burke Engineering on the review. Banning Engineering answered our questions but we have not received our final approval at this time, it will be ready before the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Surveyor's Office has reviewed the erosion control, a meeting has been set up and as long as everything has been completed as requested, approval can be given.

The Annual Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality River Clean Up was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rachel Peine, Public Educator, wrote a short article over the day for the county employee newsletter. It was a successful day with more than 60 volunteers.

**New Business**

The Surveyor's Office received performance bonds for Allison Estates Section 1 and 2. The performance bonds are for the erosion and sediment control. As part of the final phase the Surveyor's Office has approved drainage and the erosion and sediment control. Mr. Wisco, the County Attorney, reviewed the performance bond, which Mr. Brock asked the board to approve. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve both of the performance bonds for Allison Estates Section 1 and 2. Mr. Collier seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

The City of Martinsville has filed two Petitions for Encroachment and Crossing onto Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. Gary Oakes with the City of Martinsville addressed the board. Mr. Oakes stated that as the City develops, Hilldale Cemetery Ditch will need to be crossed at the very north end with both water and sewer. The second crossing will be on the south end near the curve of Artesian Avenue for water. Mr. Brock presented the board with a copy of the county ordinance that included diagrams showing compliance. A utility must stay 5 feet below the bottom of the ditch.

Mr. Brock presented the board with photos for the first petition, an encroachment and crossing, which will go under Artesian Avenue. There will be a 12-inch water main that will go close to the bridge within the easement. The 5-foot requirement has been met, it will be a directional bore and Mr. Brock recommended approval. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the first Petition for Encroachment and Crossing of Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. Mr. Hale seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Brock presented the board with photos for the second petition, an encroachment onto the easement at the corner of Artesian Avenue at the end of the regulated portion of the ditch. The force main will come across and go north, Mr. Brock recommended approval with the understanding that the County is held harmless for any work that may need to be completed in the area. Mr. Adams made a motion to accept the second Petition for Encroachment of Hilldale Cemetery Ditch. Mr. Hale seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Oakes will have both petitions recorded and must supply the Surveyor's Office with copies.

The 2022 Herbicide Spray Specifications were presented to the board, along with the only bid the Surveyor's Office received. The bid from Hoss Spray Solutions, LLC, a local Morgan County Company which was used last year as well is for 18 cents a foot with a new chemical. Mr. Brock stated the new chemical works differently by staying on the trees and plants a lot longer. It is the same chemical used on Nutter Ditch to kill the trees last year, it does not affect the grasses. Mr. Brock recommended accepting the bid. Mr. Collier made a motion to accept the 2022 Legal Drain Herbicide Application bid from Hoss Spray Solutions, LLC. Mr. Hale seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

#### Stormwater Update

The new construction permits are still being worked through with IDEM.

#### Surveyor Update


Mr. Brock presented a list of each ditch fund and the current balances. There will be revenue for each account this month.

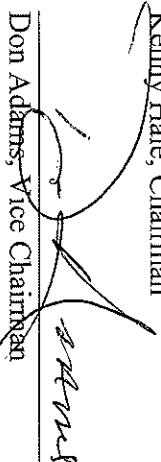
Mr. Hale asked about the study progress, by Banning Engineering over the repeated flooding of the Paragon ditches. The study has been started but Mr. Brock has not spoken to Joe Miller yet, he will reach out to them.

#### Adjournment

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

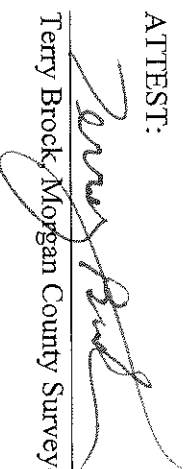
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ATTEST:

  
Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor