MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

April 4, 2011
11:00 A.M.

Drainage Board members present were: Norman Voyles, Brian Goss, and Don Adams. Also present were: Terry Brock (Surveyor), Deb Verley (Administrative Assistant), and Pete Foley (County Attorney).

PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTION

Terry Brock stated that Ray and Helen Young filed a Petition for Removal of Obstruction against Michael and Laura Harper. Mr. Brock stated that the watercourse runs through an agricultural field and the NRCS repaired the watercourse in 2007 or 2008. Mr. Harper installed an in-ground pool and altered the watercourse in violation of IC 36-9-27.4. Bill Dials, Morgan County Stormwater Coordinator, handed out photos and described how the watercourse has been altered. Mr. Dials stated that the petition was filed January 14th and a letter was sent to Mr. Harper on February 14th stating that the Surveyor's Office found an impediment to a natural surface watercourse in violation of IC 36-9-27.4 and that the obstruction needed to be removed. Mr. Harper called the office this morning to report that he had done some work to remove the obstruction. Jonathon Young stated that as of February 14th he is now the owner of the property. Mr. Young stated that NRCS installed the waterway that drained into a swale. Mr. Harper mounded dirt around the entrance and the water is eroding Mr. Young's property to make a new course to the south.

Mike Harper stated that he has lived on the property for 15 years and 8 or 9 years ago the developer installed the swale. The waterway was redone 3 years ago and they have been flooded 3 times since then. Mr. Harper stated that he did not realize that the chute had been covered to such an extent that it covered the rocks. Over the last several days he dug a trench and uncovered the rocks. His intent was not to flood the neighbors but to prevent the water from flooding his property. Mr. Young stated that he is willing to work with Mr. Harper to get the waterway working again. Mr. Harper stated that there is nothing else that he can do. Mr. Brock stated that he looked at the area this morning and it looked like it was eroding. Brian Goss suggested that Mr. Harper work with the Surveyor's Office to see what can be done and allow 30 days to complete the repairs. Don Adams stated that the extended forecast calls for more rain and that may affect the deadline. Mr. Brock stated that when everyone involved agrees to the terms, he will put it in a letter.

Pete Foley outlined the findings the Board could make to issue an order to remove the obstruction. Brian Goss made a motion to table the issue in order to defer any action on the petition until the next meeting, May 2nd. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

LAKE DITCH MAINTENANCE

Terry Brock stated that he will appear before the Council this evening to present a $2 million additional appropriation for the maintenance of Lake Ditch. Don Adams asked if the Council establishes the maintenance fund. Pete Foley stated that the Board of Commissioners recommends that the fund be established and the Council approves it. Terry Brock stated that the ditch was originally dug in 1925 instead of the 1940s as he previously thought. It cost $149,000 to dig the ditch and $15,000 in surveying costs. Sheppard Land Surveying is logging the elevation of all the bridges on the ditch.

STORMWATER COORDINATOR REPORT

Bill Dials, Stormwater Coordinator, stated that the Brown County Water Department obtained a permit for construction. By the end of the week the Wildwood Dam Reconstruction Project will have a permit. The offsite mitigation is the Burkhart Creek Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

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Norman Voyles, Commissioner

Brian Goss, Commissioner

Don Adams, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor

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February 7, 2011
11:00 A.M.

Drainage Board members present were: Norman Voyles, Brian Goss, and Don Adams. Also present were: Terry Brock (Surveyor), Deb Verley (Administrative Assistant), and Pete Foley (County Attorney).

REORGANIZATION

Brian Goss made a motion to approve Norman Voyles as Chairman. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 2-0. Norman Voyles abstained.

Brian Goss made a motion to appoint Don Adams as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0. Don Adams abstained.

MINUTES

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

DITCH MAINTENANCE

Terry Brock stated that he obtained several quotes for work on Lake Ditch. The average cost of the quotes is $20 to $30 a linear foot and the ditch is 12 miles long with approximately 5 to 10 miles of tributaries. Mr. Brock stated that this could be done in phases. They will dig the channel, taper the banks, and armor any places that need it. Mr. Brock stated that counties fund the maintenance in different ways; Hancock County uses a general drain fund and ditch assessments replenish the fund. Hendricks County has a tax levy for ditches. Mr. Brock will present this to the Council this evening and he has set several meetings to gather more information.

OBSTRUCTION

Mr. Brock stated that the Surveyor's Office received a complaint for removal of an obstruction. They will visit the site and report back next month. It is located on the east edge of Mooresville.

STORMWATER COORDINATOR REPORT

Bill Dials, Stormwater Coordinator, stated that he reviewed the Duke Energy project in the southern part of the county along SR 37, and a project for Brown County Water. He also looked into using the Lake and River Enhancement Fund to remove debris from the river and found out that it cannot be used to remove log jams, but proposed House Bill 1198 would remove regulations to be able to use this fund to remove log jams. The fund comes from boat registration fees.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0. Don Adams stepped out of the room.

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Norman Voyles, Commissioner

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Don Adams, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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