

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

May 2, 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).

LAKE DITCH MAINTENANCE

Terry Brock stated that once the permits are filed for the maintenance of Lake Ditch and the specifications are compiled, they will have a mandatory pre-bid meeting and will drive the ditch with all the contractors. There are three permits required, DNR, IDEM, and Corp of Engineers (368, 401, and 404).

Pete Foley stated that the Council had questions about the maintenance fund and the process of cleaning the ditch. He will draft an ordinance to present to the Council this evening to establish a maintenance fund. The question of how to fund the ongoing maintenance and how to fund all drainage projects in the future is unresolved. Mr. Brock stated that he talked to Hendricks County today and recommended going with a general drainage fund and putting a percentage of the levy into the fund. Norman Voyles stated that the Cumulative Bridge Fund is a penny per hundred and it brings in over \$300,000 per year. Pete Foley stated that if a general ditch maintenance fund were to be established with the levy, then that fund could be used for maintenance of Sartor, Nutter, or Lake Ditch. Terry Brock stated that if they institute a maintenance fee, then each property that benefits from the ditch would have an assessment and that would pay back the general drain fund. Each ditch would have its own assessment. A watershed study would have to be completed and they would have to allocate the benefits for each property. There would be public hearings regarding assessments.

MINUTES

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.


ADJOURNMENT

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

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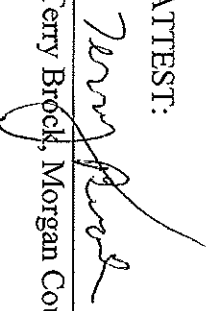


Norman Voyles, Commissioner



Brian Goss, Commissioner

Don Adams, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor