

MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

March 1, 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), and Kerstin Woodard (Recording Secretary).

Pledge

Prayer

Minutes

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the 01/04/2021 minutes, Mr. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Mr. Brock had not yet received the original hard copies of any documents, nor had a representative for the petitioner shown up for the sign encroachment onto Nutter.

Mr. Adams made a motion to table the hearing of the sign encroachment onto Nutter until the April 5, 2021 meeting, Mr. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Stormwater Update

Each of the board members packets included a copy of the 2021 Herbicide Specifications, Mr. Dials asked that they be reviewed. Mr. Dials would like to get the specifications sent out soon in order to have quotes available at the next meeting, so they can be reviewed and a contractor accepted at that time. A few weeks ago, Mr. Dials had been contacted by an outfit in Arkansas which flies helicopters to do herbicide application to drains and legal drains. Mr. Dials commented that if our legal drains were to become inaccessible by our equipment, that we might revisit looking into the company. Mr. Dials explained that we spray for woody plants, shrubs, trees; anything that will add to the cost of maintenance. The herbicide specifications require the applicator to be licensed and insured and that everything is used in accordance with the label. The herbicide is designed to be sprayed around water ways. It is incidental contact only as to not kill the fish, nor will it harm row crops. Grasses are left alive and although it is not meant to kill trees of a certain diameter, the bottom branches on larger decorative trees may be killed. The stormwater program currently operates under a Rule 5 and Rule 13, Mr. Dials said that IDEM is making some changes. It will no longer be called a Rule, but a General Stormwater Permit and a General Construction Permit. Mr. Dials said the changes will mean we must rewrite our ordinances and reapply for a permit to run the mandated stormwater program. Mr. Dials has spoken with Wessler Engineering and will be meeting with them on Wednesday to discuss pricing. Cost is shared between 5 partners, Morgan County covers approximately 27.5 %. Once IDEM approves and signs off, then we will have 180 days to complete several tasks. When those are complete and accepted by IDEM, we will then have another 180 days to complete and turn everything in.

The Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality River Cleanup will be held March 13, 2021. All the volunteers will meet at the Three Rivers fishing location at 9 am. Each volunteer will receive a t-shirt or water bottle; donuts and coffee will be provided that morning and lunch will be at Mr. Gattis after the cleanup. The cleanup will extend to the Paragon and Henderson Ford ramps as well. The cleanup has been advertised by the Public Educator on social media, the radio and the local newspaper. There will be no rain date scheduled, the cleanup will go on unless the river is too high and a flood warning is issued.

Surveyor Update

Mr. Brock said he did budget for the stormwater permit changes that Mr. Dials discussed. A large part in choosing to work with Wessler Engineering is Mary Atkins, whom was on the committee with Mr. Brock. The submittal for review of the next building at Westpoint is to be received by Hendricks County this week. Joint Drainage Board should be held at the end of the month for their review of the submittal. Mr. Brock will get all the information prior to the review to Mr. Hale and Mr. Adams.

Mr. Brock recently had a meeting discussing Lot 15 in Flagstaff Industrial Park with a representative from Moorsville's Redevelopment, Mike Dillenger with Morgan County Economic Development Corporation and Banning Engineering.

Work on Sartor is still being done to put in bridges on Mahalassville and Ohio Street but it has been rerouted for I-69. Mr. Brock said there will not be a lot of work done in that area until we know for sure what the state is doing.

Work on Nutter Ditch is still incomplete, Mr. Brock is keeping an eye on it for now.

At the April 5th, 2020 meeting Mr. Brock plans to have the annual report for the ditches with the type of maintenance and a schedule of what is needed to be done.

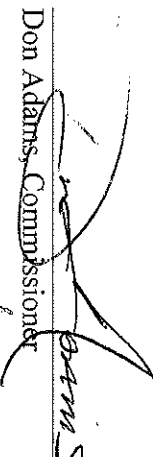
Adjournment

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

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Kenny Hale, Commissioner

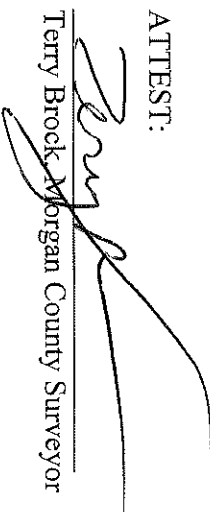


Don Adams, Commissioner



Bryan Collier, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor