

**MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

**October 2, 2017  
8:30 A.M.**

Drainage Board members present were: Norman Voyles, Brian Goss, and Ryan Goodwin. Also present were Deb Verley (Administrative Assistant) and Rod Bray (County Attorney).

**Minutes**

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the September 1, 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**Stormwater Coordinator Update**

Bill Dials stated that Mt. Gilead Church is under construction. The Enclave at Heartland Crossing is underway; although they ran into some utilities while digging the retention pond. Prairie Aggregate off of State Road 144 has been approved for the stormwater plan.

Mr. Dials met with the Town of Monrovia to discuss the Drainage Board and Surveyor's obligation and authority for developments that are getting ready to start. The county ordinance is for unincorporated areas and there was some confusion regarding on what the county would be doing for these developments. It is the obligation of the town to make sure that the plans meet their ordinance for drainage release rates and water quality. The Surveyor's Office will review the plans for state standards.

**Surveyor Update**

Terry Brock stated that since the crops are harvested, his office staff will start to drive the ditches for inspections. IDEM is changing Rule 5, but they will not have a proposal until the first of next year. Bill Dials stated that there has been discussion since 2010 regarding construction related changes. One change would be buffers along waterways; development would not be allowed within so many feet on either side of the waterway. The Drainage Board has a 75 foot easement for regulated drains, but this would include nonregulated drains. Another change would be that regardless of the size of the project, anything over one acre would require two post-construction measures to clean the water.

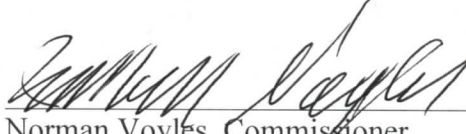
**Waters of the US**

Bill Dials stated that there is a state definition for waters of the state that is almost the same as the federal definition. The state definition is anything that has a defined bed and bank with a continuous segment to a larger water body. If the federal definition becomes more lenient, but the state stays the same, it will not change anything. Mr. Brock stated that the Surveyor's Association is concerned that routine ditch maintenance will require a permit. Mr. Dials stated that if a permit is required through the EPA, then a permit would be required through the state. IDEM states that if any work is being done below the ordinary high water mark, then a permit is required. If it is a larger project, then EPA rules apply.

**Adjournment**

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

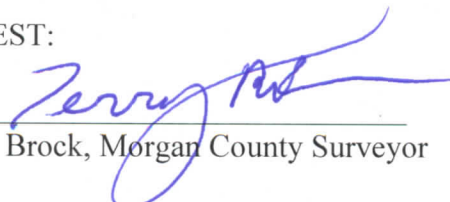
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Norman Voyles, Commissioner

  
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ATTEST:

  
Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor