

**MORGAN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

***July 6, 2015  
8:30 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 Rod Bray (Attorney).

**Minutes – 6/1/15**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**Storm Water Coordinator Update**

Bill Dials stated that the spray contractor, Dalton, was able to spray Sartor Ditch, half of Nutter, and most of Hildale Cemetery last week, but the late arrival and growth of the crops has prevented any further spraying. Lex Dalton stated that this is his 44<sup>th</sup> season of applying herbicide in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan and he can't remember a wetter May and June. Mr. Dalton stated that Indiana Code allows the Drainage Board a 75 foot easement along the ditch bank for maintenance; however, most of the farmers plant within that easement and it makes access to the ditch bank "pretty tough". Hendricks County has taken the position of maintaining the ditch even if it damages the crops.

Mr. Dials stated that the Drainage Board had asked for a 10% assurance for \$23,806.92 the bid. Mr. Dalton asked if the \$2,380.69 would be returned and stated that he would hold the same price for next year. Mr. Dials stated that on Nutter Ditch, half of the project was under water; it's hard to spray a ditch when most of the crop is yellow and 6" tall in the low spot and the crop on the bank is 10' tall. Don Adams made a motion to return the 10% assurance payment. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dials stated that he received an email from INDOT regarding the retention pond that was discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Dials will schedule a site visit with an INDOT representative and one of the Drainage Board members.

**Surveyor Update**

Terry Brock stated that a landowner expressed his thanks for the work that has been done on Lake Ditch.

**Comments**

Ken Norman stated that he lives on the southeast side of town and is concerned about Sartor Ditch. His property borders the ditch and there is vegetation in the ditch that makes the water back up. Terry Brock stated that the ditch was just sprayed and there should be some improvement soon. Mr. Norman stated that he is maintaining his section of the ditch but many of the neighbors are not maintaining theirs. Mr. Brock stated that he would look at the area.

An unidentified woman stated that Sartor Ditch, in the area around the First Baptist Church, has trees in the ditch and she is concerned that in the fall the leaves will make it worse. Mr. Brock stated that the ditch was sprayed Thursday but he would also check this area.

**Adjournment**

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

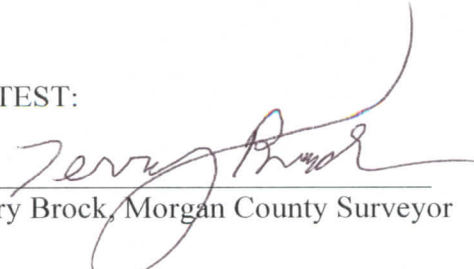
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Norman Voyles, Commissioner

  
Brian Goss, Commissioner

  
Don Adams, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor