

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2021

The Cass County Drainage Board met at 1:47 p.m. in Room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Ruth Baker, Ryan Browning, Mike Stajduhar, Surveyor Josh LeDonne, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Acting Secretary Vicky Conrad. Secretary Brena Pearson was absent.

Ryan Browning called the meeting to order.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Mike Stajduhar made a motion for the following appointments: Ryan Browning, Chairman; Ruth Baker, Vice Chairman; Jeff Stanton, Attorney; and Brena Pearson, Secretary. Ruth Baker 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT BOARDS

Ruth Baker made a motion to appoint Ryan Browning to the Gary Miller Open & Tile Joint Drainage Board. Mike Stajduhar 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

Ruth Baker made a motion to appoint Mike Stajduhar to the Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board. Mike Stajduhar 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Ryan Browning made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2020, meeting. Mike Stajduhar 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

Surveyor Josh LeDonne reviewed expense claims CCS-1380 thru CCS-1387. Mike Stajduhar made a motion to approve expense claims CCS-1380 thru CCS-1387. Ruth Baker 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

NEW WORK ORDERS

i. (61) Sheets Open

Surveyor Josh LeDonne reported that this is near U.S. 35 north of Co. Rd. 325; one stretch has not been brushed yet. He would like to do 2,000 feet this year. This is on both sides of U.S. 35. He estimates a cost of \$20,000-\$30,000. This will be a lot of manual labor; an excavator can't get in there because the old spoils are 10 feet tall. He hopes to have bids at the next meeting.

ii. (126) Flynn Tile

We did some repairs thru the hay field on Dennis Ramer's property this year. Since the crops have been off, we found another 200 feet that is broken down and needs replaced. The rest of the tile is good. Josh estimates this to cost about \$5,000.

iii. (7) Trib E to Jones Open & Tile (corrected to #109 Trib D to Jones)

Surveyor Josh LeDonne reported that this work order is actually for #109 Trib D to Jones instead of #7 Trib E to Jones Open & Tile. We need to replace the last 500 feet of 18" tile going into Indian Creek. The landowners would like to get this project done now that there is a good outlet since Indian Creek is done. Josh estimates it to cost \$30,000. He will have estimates for the next meeting.

iv. (23) Montgomery Tucker Open & Tile

This is just south of St. Rd. 16 and east of St. Rd. 17. There is a tile in the woods; the tile has been taken out at some point. There is also other tree blockage and suck holes on the other side. Josh will visit the area and determine a plan. Ruth Baker asked about the tile length. Josh stated that it hasn't been decided where to start and stop yet. He hopes to have estimates at the next meeting.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

i. (45) Wipperman Open & Tile

Surveyor Josh LeDonne reported that this is where the Co. Rd. 400 project is happening. Josh distributed a map showing the location of about 10 suck holes. The open ditch was cleaned about a month ago as far as they could. Josh contacted the State to ask when the State installs their tile if they could do it wide enough that they might lay our tile in too and then we could hook up and have a good outlet for the Wipperman. He hasn't heard back from the State yet. He thought this might save some money. Josh believed it might be about \$8,000 if we do it ourselves. This needs to be fixed because it is so broken down by the airport.

Josh is working on the watershed. The open stopped at Co. Rd. 300. He believes the original watershed was for the tile but they included a small part of the open to have a good outlet. There is no tax base on the other side; it needs to be included so that everything flows better.

OTHER BUSINESS

i. Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board meeting: January 13, 2021, at 9 a.m. in Cass County

ii. Gary Miller Open & Tile Reconstruction Public Hearing: January 22, 2021, at 1 p.m.

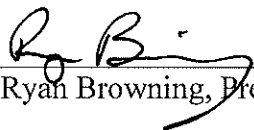
iii. (112) Noah Simmons Tile Public Hearing: Rescheduled to February 1, 2021, at 2 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

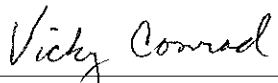
There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Stajduhar made a motion to adjourn. Ruth Baker 2nd; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.



Ryan Browning, President



Vicky Conrad, Acting Secretary