

## CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2020

The Cass County Drainage Board met at 1:45 P.M. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Ryan Browning, Ralph Anderson, Surveyor Josh LeDonne , Secretary Brena Pearson and Attorney Jeff Stanton. James Sailors was absent.

Ryan Browning called the meeting to order.

### MINUTES

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes for July 6, 2020 meeting. Ryan Browning 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
Motion carried unanimously.

### EXPENSE CLAIMS

Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve expense claims CCS-1336 –CCS-1339. Ryan Browning 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW WORK ORDERS

#### i. (117) McNitt Open & Pump:

Old Frye property off of 275. This is a muck ditch, the pump has a bushing out. Surveyor LeDonne needs to have an estimator come out and see what needs to be done. Finding a contractor that has time to do it is a problem. The pump is still working but it needs attention. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the work order. Ryan Browning 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

#### ii. (42) Jesse Martin Open:

A broken tile is causing the banks to wash out. Ralph Anderson made a motion to approve the work order. Ryan Browning 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

### CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

i. Spray Contract: All the spraying is completed, the bill should be coming in.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### i (57) Gary Miller Open:

Most of the landowners want a total reconstruction from the ditch. Starting with a 36” tile down to a 30” tile then to a 24” tile. We need a joint board 1 from Cass Co., 1 from Fulton Co. and 1 from Miami Co. A meeting needs to be held in mid. September, then try to have a public hearing in November. The work won’t begin until the summer of 2021. There is quick sand and muck, the work needs to be done in the summer. The landowners with property in this Open are okay with going through the crops. Ralph Anderson made a motion to appoint Ryan Browning to the Gary Miller Open joint board. Ryan Browning 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

#### ii. (46) William Hubler Joint Drain:

The William Hubler Drain is on the Cass Carroll line down around Young America, Carroll Co. wants Cass County to take over the drain. Surveyor LeDonne reports that Cass Co. has the most acreage on this drain. The open ditch is in Carroll Co. and the tile is in Cass Co., the tile needs reconstructed. Ralph Anderson made a motion that Cass Co. assume the responsibility of the William Hubler Joint Drain. Ryan Browning 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Lora Redweik, 5524 N. 600 E. Twelve Mile came before the board to ask if the drains involve the creeks. Surveyor LeDonne explained to Mrs. Redweik that the Twelve Mile creek is partially maintained but the drain stops on Passions property then turns into a creek. Mrs. Redweik asked who’s responsibility is it to keep the creek clear of trees and debris. Surveyor LeDonne informed Mrs. Redweik that if it not on the tax base, it’s the landowners responsibility.

Ralph Anderson also added that it is the landowners responsibility unless it’s an act of God, but it is in the landowners best interest to keep the creek clear of debris.

The only way the county will take responsibility of this problem is if the landowners petition the county then the county will hold a public hearing.