

Randolph County Drainage Board

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Present:

Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman
Gary Friend, Vice Chairman
Gary L. Girton, Member
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney
Casey Keener, Drainage Board Secretary

Minutes for October 16, 2023

Mike Wickersham calls the Drainage board meeting to order. The first item on the agenda is to Approve the Minutes for our Monday, October 2, 2023 Meeting. We received these via E-mail, are there any additions, corrections, or deletions to those minutes. Gary Girton makes a motion to except the minutes as presented. Gary Friend seconds, Motion is approved. Motion Carries.

Mike states that the next item on the agenda is the Surveyors report. Ed Says you will notice a lack of engineers and Tom's here today. Which is why we were going to be here today, I was contacted by the engineer Friday and they told me they were not ready. I didn't have time to do my review in one day and they where redoing the plan. So, we all agreed that we should do this again in two weeks. I've got a couple of questions for you guys. You guys have been talking about cleaning up around the communication tours. We had a project all drawn up to drain the water at the north tour and we have never funded it. The crops are getting read to come off and it is the right time to be thinking about it. I need to update the quote, Its two years old now. We are going to be looking at somewhere between the 25 to 30-thousand-dollar range. Is this

something we should do as an ARPA or do we have a better place to fund this. Mike says, well I don't really have a better place to fund it. Ed says I can make a plan and present it at the commissioners meeting. Mike says I do recall that work need to be done out there. I think the next step is to bring us a proposal so we can take a look at all of this at the same time. Gary say it may be something we could do out of special funds such as edit. ARPA is less restrictive with less ability. I will check in to it to see if it is an allowable use of the funds. Ed is going to check with the contractor to make sure everything is up to date on the estimate. The other thing that we have is in Parker City behind the dollar stores. I've been trying to coordinate with the Thompson Group because they have been saying that they want to build more houses. Gary Friend ask this is behind the dollar store in Parker? Ed say well behind the two dollar stores you have this swamp land behind them. They are swamp land because the two retention ponds don't have a good outlet. To get that outlet ditch I was looking at either a complete reconstruction on a prong of the William Current. Which isn't really fair to the landowners, because this area was overdeveloped for the capacity of the ditch. Mike ask if we allowed that. Ed replies its just progression, everyone that has built has put in the retention that they were supposed to. What happened was that on the retention ponds the first one was done before I got here. The second one I specified dry retention the didn't, in their defense they didn't have a good ditch to attach to. At the same time, they never came to use and said they had a problem. The quick fix would be to hook it up to the Thompson subdivision, which the water goes there anyway. Thompsons are willing to upgrade to build more house adjacent to the current sub-division. This is progressing slowly. Mike is asking Ed what he is suggesting? Ed says I was considering ARPA money to upgrade this prong of the ditch. Anything we do here is going to be expensive, I will put together some numbers. Mike ask who are we helping? Ed says basically everyone; the town of Parker has wet land on the west side of the road. Gary Friend say I don't think ARPA is best plan for this. I think roads, drainage and bridges should be considered alternative funding. Mike say you could consider economic development as well. Ed says the Thompsons are planning to upgrade the drainage in the sub-division,

they are upgrading the size. We need upgrades on the next two farms downstream. There is some discussion on the location of the ditch and the properties it is on. Mike would like to see the project on a map. Ed agreed to bring one. Mike says if there is a problem over there and more housing going in them we can look at edit. Ed is going to gather some information and talk to Joe Copeland.

Mike says that the project on 40 South looks good, Ed agrees that they done a good job. Ed say We are getting ready to put the overflow in at Willows Edge. I met with Scott Fisher and we are putting in the retention pond.

Gary Friend makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Girton seconds, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed this 6th day of November, 2023 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman



Gary Friend, Vice Chairman



Gary L. Girton, Member



Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor