

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2011

The Cass County Drainage Board held their regular scheduled meeting February 7, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, Attorney John Hillis, Surveyor Jenny Clark, Secretary Becky Tocco, Randy Miller, Willie Elliott, Josh Warner, Rusty Logan, Tom Rusk and John Wright.

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes for Harriet Barr Trib to Rolhausen #129. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes for January 3, 2011. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

CCS – 0690 #112 Noah Simmons for \$6830.81; maintenance fund balance of (\$404.89)
CCS – 0691 #114 Ginsberry Ansberry Bird Open for \$2035.15; maintenance fund balance of \$24,512.52
CCS – 0692 #114 Ginsberry Ansberry Bird Open for \$2040.00; maintenance fund balance of \$24,512.52
CCS – 0693 #121 Indian Creek for \$2091.15; maintenance fund balance of (\$23,263.20)
CCS – 0694 #81 Quincy Myers for \$6703.27; maintenance fund balance of \$7994.87

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve all claims. Dave Arnold seconded; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Henderson Tile Update

Randall Miller and Associates were present with information on estimated costs for engineering work needed. A 30" tile was recommended to fix phase 1 of the project. This cost, along with other parts of the repair, made the total estimated cost \$325,820. It was suggested that we have a public hearing to see what the landowners want.

Dave Arnold made a motion for a public hearing on June 6, 2011 at 3:00, with a proposed rate of \$300 per acre. Jim Sailors seconded. Motion passed.

B. Noah Simmons Update

Tabitha with Banning Engineering contacted Jenny to say they needed a little more time to get the report finished and would be here for the March 2011 meeting.

C. Trib D to Jones Update

Rusty Logan was present to give an update. There is a possible meeting set for March 17th, 2011 at Lucerne Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. with the land owners. Mark Beach's concern about the work to be done was discussed. He doesn't want anything done to disturb the wetlands, just have the hole fixed.

D. Fredrick Tile #100 Public Hearing

Set for today at 3:00 p.m. to reconstruct headwall and replace 2400' of 24" tile.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Requested Quotes

1. Beecher Open Ditch #1 – Adams Twp
Blackman Excavating, Inc---\$3600.00 B & S Excavating-----\$13,520.00

Jim Sailors made a motion to hire Blackman Excavating to do the work. Dave Arnold seconded. Motion passed.

2. Harness Turley Open Ditch #14 – Jackson Township
B & S Excavating-----\$9840.00

Jim Sailors mad a motion to hire B & S Excavating to do the work. Gene Powlen seconded. Motion passed.

B. Other Projects

1. Hancock Oswalt #88 – Boone Twp
Bill Fox requested tile work to be done from 900 North to his property line;\$10,861.61 in maintenance fund. The Commissioners asked Jenny to get bids and report back next month.
2. Conn Open #62 – Harrison Twp
Kevin Kiser is having problems with tile under water, need about a mile of ditch cleaned out; \$90,201.79 in maintenance fund. The Commissioners asked Jenny to get bids and report back next month.

C. Mertz and Muck Branch Joint Drain – White County

White County needs to conduct maintenance on this ditch and has sent a request for us to waive our rights.

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the waiver of our rights to White County. Gene Powlen seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Rusk, 4127 N Royal Center Pike, Royal Center, IN was present to tell of a problem area on Ubenhour Miller west of 375W, north of Royal Center Pike that has his culvert under water. He also has a beaver dam that needs removed.

John Wright, 10436 E 1350 S, Galveston, IN was in to check on progress of the Conwell Moss in Howard County. Dave is going to put in a call to Howard County to check on it and let him know.

There being no further comments, Jim Sailors made a motion to adjourn. Gene Powlen seconded. Meeting adjourned.

David S Arnold, President

Rebecca Tocco, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING - #100 FREDRICK TILE
Boone & Harrison Townships

The Cass County Drainage Board held a public hearing for the Fredrick Tile on February 7, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Jim Sailors, Attorney John Hillis, Surveyor, Jenny Clark, Secretary Becky Tocco and Tom Rusk.

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The purpose of this hearing is to increase the assessment in order to replace the first 2400 feet of 24 inch tile from Dorothy Jones' property to the east side of Perman Hoch's woods. More tile will be replaced as money allows for the next phase. The proposed assessment is \$15.00 per acre with a minimum assessment of \$5.00. The watershed contains 706.418 acres, and will collect \$10,594.92 annually.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS or COMMENTS FILED

There was an email sent one day late from Jennifer Jones.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Rusk, 4127 N Royal Center Pike, Royal Center, IN was present with questions of whether anyone had been out to look at the tile. Weather had stopped anyone recently to look at it, as water will only flow again in the spring.

Jim Sailors had concerns about the flow of the water and wanted to also talk to Sam Snyder. Tom Rusk requested that we wait until we can see how the water will be before we decide on this assessment.

Gene Powlen made a motion to continue the hearing on May 2, 2011 at 3:00p.m. Dave Arnold seconded. Motion passed.