

**CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
May 2, 2011**

The Cass County Drainage Board held their regular scheduled meeting May 2, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Dave Arnold, Gene Powlen, Attorney John Hillis, Jim Sailors, Surveyor Jenny Clark, Secretary Becky Tocco, Jeff Smith, Perman Hoch, James Stevens, Brian Herd, Jeff Banning and Tabitha Briones.

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

Dave Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes for April 4, 2011. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

CCS – 0716 #14 Harness Turley Open for \$10,611.90; \$9,681.40 in maintenance fund

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the claim. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Frederick Tile #100 Public Hearing continuation

B. Noah Simmons Update from Banning Engineering

Tabitha Briones and Jeff Banning were here to give an update of their progress with the project. They spoke with Jeff Smith of the Highway Department about possible solutions at the roadways. He suggested that we cover the right-of-ways at 800 N and 600 E. After going through their most recent data and maps, they recommended fixing the main branch because there are no reports of tile damage or recent repairs at the other tributaries involved. It was also recommended that any tributaries south of 800 N be combined into the watershed for the new assessment over the next 25 years.

Dave Arnold made a motion to set a public hearing for this ditch on Tuesday, Sept 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

C. Encroachment Petition

Brian Herd, 9717 N 175 W, Lucerne, IN was presenting a petition to install a crossing at the Uubenhour ditch to access landlocked land.

Jim Sailors motioned to approve, as long as there was no restriction of water. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

D. Grable Tile – Twelve Mile

Butch Williams has contacted Jenny with concerns about whether or not the tile was going to be replaced under the road after the project was done. Jenny then spoke with Don Leonard, Area Engineer for INDOT, who assured her that it would be.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Trib E to Jones #7

James Stevens, 7774 N 250 W, Lucerne, IN was present with information about work needing done. His sister, himself and Matt Webber have been paying for previous work in the past, but now there is too much for them to handle. He says the bulkhead needs redone, there is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of muck needing to be cleaned out. Dave wants Jenny to get estimates on the cost involved and then we can move forward to a public hearing.

B. #37 DeHaven Tile

Mark Chambers called with concerns about at least 20 large suckholes. Jenny met with him and went for a ride-along on the ditch bank on St Rd 18. Jenny spoke with Melvin Milburn at the Highway Department – it could be months before they even look at fixing it and when they do dig it will probably be destroyed. Jenny recommended abandoning the existing tile and rerouting it toward the field. Until we hear from Mark Chambers, this is tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Hillis gave a couple of options to dealing with the current developments concerning the Clem, Landis V Ruble obstruction hearing:

1. Review and clarify existing information
2. Call for additional evidence, starting a new trial

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

David S Arnold, President

Rebecca Tocco, Secretary