

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
June 6, 2011

The Cass County Drainage Board held their regular scheduled meeting June 6, 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, Willie Elliott, Randall Miller and Butch Williams.

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes for May 2, 2011. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes for the Fredrick Tile Public Hearing continuation held on May 2, 2011. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

CCS – 0717 #121 Indian Creek for \$438.13; (\$27,471.56) in maintenance fund
CCS – 0718 #112 Noah Simmons for \$1450.00; (\$9410.70) in maintenance fund
CCS – 0719 #9 Hollenback Crawford for \$823.13; \$1305.64 in maintenance fund
CCS – 0720 #117 McNitt Pump for \$1300.00; \$2219.92 in maintenance fund
CCS – 0721 #106 Jacob Clary Tile for \$1497.10; \$9223.13 in maintenance fund
CCS – 0722 #57 Gary Miller Open for \$821.00; \$5074.27 in maintenance fund
CCS – 0723 #108 Ubenhour Miller for \$800.00; (\$13,321.45) in maintenance fund

Jim Sailors moved to approve all claims; Gene Powlen seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Grable Tile #4, Twelve Mile, IN

Eugene “Butch” Williams, 8111 E St Rd 16, Twelve Mile, IN was present with information and pictures of the damage done to his building on Monday, May 23, 2011. He was unable to come to the May 2, 2011 meeting to hear an update on this ditch. He had some confusion as to whether the tile to the south of his property was a county tile that we should fix. Jenny clarifies which tile was our responsibility and which one was a private tile for Mike and Bonnie Burns to fix.

B. DeHaven Tile #37 – Jackson Township

Mark Chambers, 5357 E St Rd 18, Galveston, IN and Royce Chambers, 6363 E St Rd 18, Galveston, IN were present to voice their concerns about the current and ongoing problems with this ditch and area between Deer Creek and St Rd 18. Jenny stated that there is hardly any good tile left and it could be that we need to do a complete reconstruction on this tile. Royce stated that after talking with some neighbors, he discovered that many years ago this was reported to Lionel Billman, who said that the bridge on 18 needs to be lowered. Lionel didn’t do anything more about it, and a couple of the neighboring landowners wouldn’t cooperate at that time either. We will do more research on the problem area and possibly start the process for a public hearing in late summer for this ditch.

C. Trib E to Jones – Harrison Township

With all of the work being done to get ready for today’s and next month’s two public

hearings, there hasn't been any time to prepare an updated watershed or get estimates.
We will report back next month.

D. Landis, Clem V Ruble Obstruction Hearing

John gave a history of what has happened with this case from the beginning and presented a rough draft of what we have decided on.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Work Order Implementation

Board approves of the form provided, just needs a fund balance line added to it.

B. Action on Orders

1. Updegraph 2, #84 – more information is needed as well as a cost estimate, so it is tabled for the next month's meeting.

2. Fredrick Open #97 – this has already been taken care of by the Commissioners.

3. Mays Open & Tile #43 – tile hole W of 500 S needs repaired; Board approved the work to be done.

C. Conwell Moss #122 – Jackson Township, Joint Drain with Howard County

1. Two board members need to be appointed from Cass County.

Dave Arnold made a motion for Jim Sailors and Gene Powlen to be on the board; Gene Powlen seconded. Motion passed.

2. Randall Miller presented maps of both counties' tiles; our tiles do not match or meet up with each other. Research from both counties' files showed no documentation ever that we granted Howard County the authority to tap into our tile.

D. Willow Brook Ranch Subdivision – Jackson Township

Marion Pullen has been dumping debris into the ditch at the intersection of 1000 East & 1225 South. This is causing major water problems for the immediate, adjacent landowners. This is not on one of our assessed ditches. Commissioners requested that Jenny send a letter to Mr. Pullen asking him to stop the dumping and clean out the ditch and culvert.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no comments, Jim Sailors moved to adjourn. Dave Arnold seconded. Meeting adjourned.

David S Arnold, President

Rebecca Tocco, Secretary