

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
December 5, 2011

The Cass County Drainage Board held their regular scheduled meeting December 5, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, Attorney James Knight, Surveyor Jenny Clark and Secretary Becky Tocco .

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes for November 7, 2011. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

Gene Powlen made a motion to approve the minutes for Noah Simmons #112 on November 7, 2011. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

CCS – 0751 #61 Sheets for \$380.00; \$74,236.31 in maintenance fund
CCS – 0752 #121 Indian Creek for \$666.90; (31,901.33) in maintenance fund

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve all claims. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Trib D to Jones – Harrison Township

A few concerned landowners have contacted Jenny this past month with questions and wanted to know of any meetings coming up; Rusty Logan has not been good with communication for this so far.

Dave Arnold made a motion to terminate services of Newport Surveying for this project. Gene Powlen seconded; Motion passed.

Gene Powlen made a motion to reopen the project to Banning Engineering instead. Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

B. Grable Tile #4 – Adams Township

Pierre Smith from INDOT contacted Jenny saying he received the letter sent certified and that he needs more time to research the project. We will contact John Hillis to see if he has received a letter from Pierre and report back next month.

C. Quincey Myers Open #81 – Jefferson Township

Brad Ward, White County Surveyor, is going to take a look at this ditch and get back to us about whether we should have a joint board. We will table this until we hear back from Brad.

D. Work Order #7 – Shankeland Tile #96

Dale Forgey submitted another estimate for replacement of tile on Cohee and Forgey properties. Jenny had also sent out letters to six (6) other contractors for estimates. It will be a couple of weeks before they are in; this is tabled until the next meeting in January when all estimates will be available.

E. Work Order #8 – Kessler Tile #56

Jenny asked Blackman's to get an estimate on repair of the tiles. She will report back on this next month. Don Towne of Fulton County was contacted; they sent us their acreage and a watershed map of landowners benefitted.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BD Bradfield Tile #86

Alvin Mennen was present about his water problems; he is requesting help to reshape the direction of the tile. Jenny met with him to tour the area last week and survey the damaged areas; she provided pictures and a map for us to look over.

Jim Sailors made a motion to table this until the January 2012 meeting when we will have more information and estimates. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

B. Gene Barr submitted an invoice to be reimbursed for work done on the Charles Wilson Open and Tile #24. He wasn't aware of the new policy of submitting a work order before having work done.

Jim Sailors made a motion to research past minutes for terms of claim submittal before we pay this claim. Gene Powlen seconded; motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gene Barr, 5763 N 575 W Royal Center, IN, reported that there were several beavers making problems in the area at the culvert at Royal Center Pike on the Sheets Ditch. We will check on it and get back to him as soon as we can.

ADJOURNMENT

Gene Powlen made a motion to adjourn; Jim Sailors seconded; motion passed.

David S Arnold, President

Rebecca Tocco, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING - #7 Trib E to Jones
Harrison Township

The Cass County Drainage Board held a public hearing for the Trib E To Jones #7 on December 5, 2011 at 3:20 p.m. in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Gene Powlen, Attorney James Knight, Surveyor Jenny Clark and Secretary Becky Tocco.

Dave Arnold called the meeting to order.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The purpose of this hearing is to expand the watershed to include the remaining portion of the tile as well as include the open ditch to its terminus into the W.E.Jones Open Ditch (Indian Creek), raising the assessment to be able to adequately maintain this ditch. The proposed assessment is \$5.00 per acre with a \$5.00 minimum, along with \$20 per lot. There are 1657.345 acres and 109 lots in this watershed. We propose to add another 45.5 acres from a new parcel, making it 1702.845 total benefit acres.

Jim Sailors made a motion to accept the Surveyor's Report. Gene Powlen seconded; motion carried.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS or COMMENTS FILED

Larry and Carleen Woodke submitted a letter on December 2nd, a day late of the deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Stevens, 7774 N 250 W, Lucerne, IN stated that he thinks the work needs done. He wanted to know it will be just an open ditch or both a tile and open ditch. He also stated that there is a problem area north of his house that needs cleaned out as well as the bulkhead.

Thomas Farrer, 2596 W 600 N, Lucerne, IN owns a property in Lucerne that has 2 lots. He thinks it is excessive to charge \$20 per lot.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

Gene Powlen moved to set the assessment rate at \$5.00 / acre and \$5.00 minimum; lots will be assessed at \$10. Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Powlen motioned to adopt the Surveyor's Maintenance Report. Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Powlen motioned to adopt the Schedule of Assessments for Periodic Maintenance; Jim Sailors seconded. Motion carried.

COLLECTION DATE FOR FIRST INSTALLMENT FOR ASSESSMENT

The first collection will be due with Spring tax installment in 2012.

Jim Sailors motioned to set the proposed date, Gene Powlen seconded. Motion carried.

There being no other business, Jim Sailors motioned, and Gene Powlen seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dave S Arnold, President

Rebecca Tocco, Secretary