

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
February 3, 2014

The Cass County Drainage Board held their regular scheduled meeting February 3, 2014, at 1:45 p.m. in Room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Ralph Anderson, Dave Arnold, Jim Sailors, Surveyor Jenny Clark, Attorney James Knight, and Acting Secretary Vicky Conrad. Absent were: Board Attorney John Hillis and Drainage Board Secretary Cindy Howard.

Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on January 6, 2014. Dave Arnold 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

Claims CCS-0875 through CCS-00878 were presented. Dave Arnold made a motion to approve all claims. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

NEW WORK ORDERS

A. WO #85 – Gary Miller Open & Tile #57

This is a joint ditch between Cass County and Miami County. Jim Sailors motioned to approve Bill Clemans' request to repair a tile hole on his ground in Miami County. Mr. Clemans requested that Blackman Excavating provide an estimate. Jenny Clark reported that this is 24" tile and will be a sizable repair; she estimated the cost to be at least \$1,000. Dave Arnold 2nd; Motion carried unanimously. Dave Arnold made a motion to repair the tile up to \$1,500. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES AND DISCUSSION – BANNING ENGINEERING

A. Powell Tile #80

Jenny Clark reported that construction is complete. The laterals will be connected and the tile will be buried completely when the weather allows. The contractor will submit a final bill when this is completed. Letters were sent to the landowners regarding the price adjustment.

B. Charles Wilson Open & Tile #24

Jenny Clark reported that Joe Miller with Banning Engineering is working on a plan for this project.

C. Bradfield Tile #11

A public hearing is scheduled for March 3, 2014. Jenny Clark reported that letters were sent to the landowners with the Public Hearing Notices regarding this reconstruction project and the proposed \$280/acre assessment. She encouraged the landowners to attend the public hearing and explained how the reconstruction assessment would work.

D. DeHaven Tile #131

Jenny Clark reported that Banning Engineering could not complete a landowner meeting in January due to the bad weather. Jeff Healy with Banning Engineering is still working with INDOT.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2014 Assessments

Jenny Clark explained that this list is given to Candy Heath in the Auditor's Office to inform her which Cass County ditches are collecting assessments, which are not being collected, their rate, balance, and 4-times limit. The list of joint drains for 2014 collection will be complete once information is received from Howard County. Jenny Clark also reported that several 25% increases were completed for 2014 collection in addition to the public hearings; certificates are in the process of being signed.

B. Work Order #78

Lee Wayne Yeakley and Joe O'Donnell have requested approximately 1 mile of ditch be cleaned and cleared on the #60 Updegraph Open ditch. A letter was sent to 10 contractors regarding open work orders; Brad Sparks with B & S Excavating was the only contractor to respond. His estimate was for \$31,260. This joint drain with Carroll County is not collecting for 2014 because it has exceeded the limit. Additional funds cannot be collected without a public hearing. Dave Arnold made a motion to set a public hearing date. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously. A date cannot be set until Carroll County is contacted. Dave Arnold motioned to proceed with setting a hearing date after contacting Carroll County. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

C. Work Order #83

B & S Excavating submitted the only bid of \$5,920 for repairs to the Phillips Open #59 behind Ironmonger in Walton. Jim Sailors made a motion to approve the estimate. Dave Arnold 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

D. The next Indian Creek Joint Board Meeting will be held on February 20.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Sailors motioned to adjourn. Dave Arnold 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.


Ralph Anderson, President


Victoria L. Conrad, Acting Secretary