

**CASS/CARROLL COUNTY JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD
for #60 UPDEGRAPH OPEN
JUNE 3, 2014**

The Cass/Carroll County Joint Drainage Board for #60 Updegraph Open held an organizational meeting on June 3, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. EST in Room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Carroll County Commissioner John C. Brown, Carroll County Commissioner William R. Brown, Cass County Commissioner Ralph Anderson, Cass County Commissioner Dave Arnold, Fulton County Commissioner Bryan Lewis, Cass County Surveyor Jenny Clark, Attorney John Hillis, and Secretary Vicky Conrad.

Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order.

ORGANIZATION OF JOINT BOARD

- A. Dave Arnold made a motion to nominate Ralph Anderson as Chairman. John Brown 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ralph Anderson made a motion to nominate Dave Arnold as Vice Chairman. John Brown 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Ralph Anderson made a motion to nominate Bryan Lewis as the 5th Member. Dave Arnold 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Ralph Anderson made a motion to nominate John Hillis as Attorney. Dave Arnold 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Dave Arnold made a motion to nominate Vicky Conrad as Secretary. Bryan Lewis 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Surveyor Jenny Clark distributed and discussed an aerial map showing the project limits. As shown on the aerial map, the project limits will start at the farm crossing marked in Carroll County by the first yellow callout and will go 1 mile to the east into Cass County and then upstream to Cass County Road 50 East which is about 1 mile of ditch. Requests have been made that this portion of ditch be cleaned due to log jams, obstructions, and the back-up of water. General maintenance needs to be completed.

A map of Cass County's portion of the watershed was distributed showing Cass County's benefit acres circled in red. Carroll County did not have a watershed map available.

Jenny Clark discussed the Schedule of Assessments. The watershed includes 3,581.924 acres in Cass County and 851.481 acres in Carroll County for a grand total of 4,433.405 acres. The proposed rate is \$2.50/acre. The rate is currently \$1.00/acre with a current account balance of \$19,790.84. This fund is not collecting for 2014 due to the 4-times limit; hence the need for a public hearing to increase the assessment to be able to clean this 1-mile stretch of ditch.

The estimated cost for clearing and cleaning this 1-mile stretch is roughly \$32,000.00. This estimate does not include extras (laterals, etc.). Several landowners were in attendance and did not object to the need for this project.

DISCUSSION OF INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT

The proposed rate increase is from \$1.00/acre with a \$5.00 minimum to \$2.50 per acre with a \$5.00 minimum assessment. Board members discussed various assessment rates and terms. Dave Arnold motioned to set the rate at \$3.00/acre for the first year and \$2.50/acre for the second year and subsequent years until the fund reaches the 4-times limit. John Brown 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

Dave Arnold motioned to amend the Schedule of Assessments to \$3.00/acre with a \$5.00/acre minimum. John Brown 2nd; motion carried unanimously. Dave Arnold motioned to accept the amended Schedule of Assessments. John Brown 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

Dave Arnold motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, August 4, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. EST in the Cass County Commissioners' Hearing Room #203, Cass County Government Building. Ralph Arnold 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

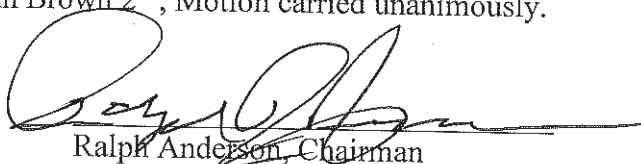
Lee Wayne Yeakley shared photos taken last spring showing how bad the obstructions are in this area of the ditch. He commented that it had been cleaned out on one side several years ago, but the spraying wasn't kept up. He believes this project will make a big difference and will help a lot of people. Jenny Clark commented that most of the past maintenance history included washout repairs and removal of beavers and beaver dams.

Matt Gremelspacher asked about replacing outlets as part of the project. He has already spoken with Ed Waters about replacing an old 8-inch tile that runs into this ditch. Matt asked if this expense could be paid for with this fund and explained that it is in immediate need of repair in the next few months. Matt estimated it to cost \$2,000-\$3,000 but does not have an official estimate from Ed Waters yet. The Board asked Matt to obtain an estimate and present it at the Cass County Drainage Board's next regular meeting on July 7.

Darwin Burkhart shared photos taken April 19, 2013, after heavy rainfall on his property.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Arnold motioned to adjourn. John Brown 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.



Ralph Anderson, Chairman



Vicky Conrad, Secretary