

CASS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
March 6, 2017

The Cass County Drainage Board met at 1:45 p.m. in Room 203 of the Cass County Government Building. Those in attendance were members: Ralph Anderson, Jim Sailors, Jeff LeDonne, Surveyor Josh LeDonne, Attorney Jeff Stanton, and Acting Secretary Vicky Conrad.

Ralph Anderson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017, meeting. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE CLAIMS

Jim Sailors made a motion to approve expense claims CCS-1064 and CCS-1065. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

NEW WORK ORDERS

A. Work Order #142: (73) Strubhar Open

B. Work Order #143: (81) Quincy Myers Open & Tile

Jim Sailors motioned to approve Work Order #142 and #143. Jeff LeDonne 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

A. (133) Charles Wilson I Tile

Surveyor Josh LeDonne reported that ADI finished hooking up the laterals about three weeks ago. Josh left it up to the farmers and landowners to let him know when the ground is fit to have ADI come back to level all the holes and final grade on the project. All of the landowners seemed to be happy when they were done. Drainage Board Attorney Jeff Stanton sent a letter to ADI last week to inform them that we are aware that they have made all the repairs to date and if there are any other problems, we would contact them. Josh reported that there were a couple of wet holes. When ADI was there, Craig Kennell dug up all around one wet hole and could not find a tile or lateral going into it. Josh and Craig concluded that it was due to compaction because the ground was so compacted there. Josh has not received any bills for these repairs from ADI so he believes that they will take care of these.

B. (132) Bussard Open

Josh LeDonne reported that the ditch has been debrushed, dipped, burned, and buried. The spoil will need to be leveled when it is dry enough. This project is about 90% done.

C. (22) Martin Ulerick Open

Work started last week. The contractor is about half way done with debrushing and burning. Jim Sailors asked if they are dipping while they are cutting brush off. Josh LeDonne replied no; they are just half way done on the brush.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Indian Creek

Ralph Anderson asked if the maintenance assessments were turned in by March 1. Josh LeDonne confirmed that Cass County will start maintenance assessments this spring, as well as Fulton and White Counties. All four counties are so far in debt and it will take two years for the reconstruction to be completed. Jenny Keller, Pulaski County Surveyor, had been out of the office due to a death in the family; however, Pulaski County was working last week to get their maintenance assessments started this spring.

B. Brush Spraying

Josh LeDonne will be sending out letters to get quotes for brush spraying because we haven't done this for awhile and some of the ditches are getting bad. Jim Sailors stated that some of these were being done in the fall and this isn't a good time to spray or put chemicals on. Josh stated that brush should be sprayed by July 1 so it won't tear up too many crops. He will include stipulations on what can be used, etc.

C. 2017 Ditch Assessments

A listing of the 2017 Ditch Assessments was reviewed for the Board's reference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff LeDonne made a motion to adjourn. Jim Sailors 2nd; Motion carried unanimously.



Ralph Anderson, President



Vicky Conrad, Acting Secretary