

Randolph County Drainage Board

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Present:

Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman
Gary L. Girton, Vice Chairman
Michael D. Wickersham, Member
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney
Casey Keener, Drainage Board Secretary

Minutes for December 5, 2022

Tom Chalfant calls the Randolph County Drainage Board meeting to order. First is the approval of minutes for November 7, 2022. Gary Girton moves to approve the minutes as presented, Mike Wickersham seconds, Minutes approved, motion carries.

Surveyor's Report


Ed say we have a couple of things. First the Auditor got a call Friday, about what we are doing about our MS4 designation. Well, we discussed that and choose a plan several months ago. I checked and I mailed it and Casey checked and had E-mailed it as well. So, she E-mailed them asking them if there was anything further that we needed to do. The next morning, we received and E-mail back saying she tied calling after I had left for the day. Tom ask it she left a voice mail. Casey says, no she just left the email saying she tried calling. She didn't leave any other message. Ed says we hired Christopher Burke engineering to take care of this. Casey says, the lady she contacted was from Burk. Ed says, Ok. Mike says we should reach out and talk to her. Ed agrees, Mike says so that's the plan.

Next is a project that got presented the other day for Frontier. They are putting fiber optic in the Parker, Farmland area. This is the northern part of Parker and most of Farmland. I've been in contact with the representative with this and we had a discussion on it. I said his drawings are unreadable. He replied that the drawing is geared for the installers. So, I ask if he an overlay to show where things are actually at, he said no. So, I pulled out and sent him ditch maps of the area he was talking about. The challenge is that Mike Haffner say he is not responsible for inside city limits because there are no county roads. So, he called them and told them not to be sending him stuff for the Towns of Parker and Farmland. I told him to call them back because I have to review drainage where ever they are at. We got that all worked out and where discussing the possibility of a permit process, I think we need one but not sure what we need to do. It was brought up to hire a service to take care of this but I do not think that is the answer. At least on my end its not. Mike says why wouldn't you just be a part of the highway easement when they ask for it, that way if there are any ditches that can be addressed then. Ed says that's what we have been doing when I am notified, but am not always notified. Frontier is about the only one


that is good about notifying us. The other thing is the want to use 811 and run with it, the problem is you can't put the legal drains on 811 and be able to electronically track them. There is a discussion on so past issues. Meeks states that he spoke with Kim at Parker and told he that when they contact her to send them to the Street people. So, we need to contact farmland and let them know the process, I'm not sure why they are having a problem with it. Mike said that having your own form is only going to work if they know to contact you. There is another discussion on the process and how it should work. We may need to change the highway department form to add something about the ditches and contacting the surveyor's office. They decided to wait and address this later.

Mike Wickersham makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Girton seconds, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

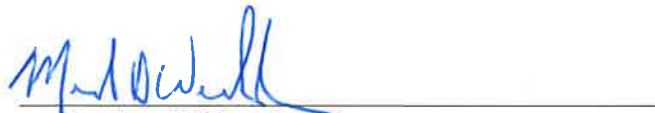
Signed this 3th day of January, 2023 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



Gary Friend



Gary L. Girton



Michael D. Wickersham



Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor