

Randolph County Drainage Board

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Present:

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

Minutes for September 3, 2024

Mike says it's after 10:30. I'll call the meeting to Randolph County Drainage Board to order. The first item on the agenda is to approve our minutes for Monday, August 19th, 2024. We received a copy of these via e-mail, any additions, corrections or deletions? Gary Friend says, none, I will make a motion to except them. Gary Girton seconds. Minutes approved as presented, motion carries.

Mike says, the next item is the surveyors report. Ed says, first thing on the list is the stormwater plan approval for the 4H incorporated. David Inderstrodt with Maze design where the design engineer for the project. Basically, we've designed any questions, I'm here just to answer, but the design includes a new detention area, not only for the new addition, but also for capturing most of the stormwater of the existing building to improve the drainage conditions on the whole site. And then that will discharge in the same path that it has, the U.S. 27 side ditch. So, we'll be holding back enough for the 100-year storm per design requirement. Mike asks Ed, are you recommending approval of this? Ed replies, I'm recommending approval. I do have a question for you. Why did you guys decide to go to the highway side? Or have you talked to the state of Indiana about discharging that water from the retention basin into the side ditch? David Responds, typically what we've done with Indiana, many other projects, as long as you hold the detention back, we're not discharging additional run off. So, we don't need to get approval to continue to maintain the same discharge. We're not creating a new discharge or additional discharge that you know to flood out the roadways where sometimes then they would require you to do a topographic survey half a mile each direction and prove that their ditch can hold the water you're putting in it instead of the other way around them. We're not discharging any additional by the creation of this pond. We're currently the site, have no detention at all, that everything, just sheet drains into the waterways. Ed says, the other reason I asked them because there's 8- or 10-inch tile that goes from the parking lot to north and your crossing it. I have no objection, I just thought it was interesting. the plan will work. Mike makes a motion to accept the drainage stormwater site plan for the 4H incorporated, Gary Girton seconds. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. All opposed. Same sign. Motion approved, motion carries.

Ed says, the other thing we have is we want to set a hearing date for the reconstruction of the Henry Rowe Legal drain. The Henry Rowe drain is the one that was vacated 50 or 60 years ago,

and we're talking about reactivating it and replacing it. Mike asks, who's going to pay to replace it? Ed replied, General drain will and then the landowners will pay it back. The land owners will be assessed. They have filed a petition to reconstruct. This is the first time we've reconstructed one that had actually been vacated. Gary Friend ask where is this? Ed replies, this is north of 32, It starts on Larry Wiley. You know where Doc Howell is with the 32 W at 400 E, it runs through Doc Howell property and overall into property owned by the Brunts Brothers, which is Fisher Farms. And then it at the next mile north there it turns to open ditch where it goes to the White River. That's between 400 E and 300 E, between 32 and White River, basically. There is a section of it that is open that a few land owners got together and cleaned that's what's driving this project. The land owners, that's upstream are not interested in paying on it unless they get their drain fixed too, so that's why we're here. Gary Friend So taking this out of an abandonment? They're going to pay the whole bill, right? Ed replies, Well, this is the reconstruction, they're going to pay for the whole thing anyway. General Drain will finance it and by setting hearing, you know, we're going decide to accept it back as it as a ditch or not. If we if we reconstruct, general grain to pay the contractor and then they'll have the standard up to five years to pay it off. Gary friend ask if this is the money that we put in there from the wind farm. Ed says Yeah, so it is the money we keep reusing. Mike ask So what is the difference in this and can Schwieterman vacated ditch across his property so we would not take it back unless it was in perfect running order. Ed says, it was never a county ditch, and he didn't come and bring a petition with land owners wanting to do it. He just he wanted to fix his farm and nothing else. If he wanted to put this much effort in it and put it all together, we would have put it together for him. But Mr. Almonrode that carried the petition on this, he has literally, we told him, we give him a list of affected land owners and affected acreage. He has gone to everyone the drain and he is lacking, I think, one signature of having everybody. Gary Friend ask, to revise that so I can understand because I was not here to recall that. What's the parallel dis they want to do the same thing? Mike states He has a ditch on his property that first of all, he argued it wasn't vacated. Ed says it was never a county dish in the 1st place. Mike continues, because it wasn't County ditch I told him the only way we could fix it is if it became a county ditch. But in order for it to become a county ditch, it had to be in working order. And basically, we told him you fix it and then it will become the county ditch. My question is, are we doing that here? Ed says, I don't believe so because this was the county ditch. Mike says. But even if it was, it's no longer is. They'd be fixing it and then us accept it as a county ditch. Ed says They're paying for it. Mike says, so they'll pay for it, not in maintenance assessment, but in loans. Ed continues They're going, they're going to spend about \$250 an acre, I believe to redo this ditch and it will be paid back over 5years. Gary Friend asks, to clarify, the land owners wanting this will be paying for it all. Ed says yes, they're going to pay for it. This will make it in perfect working order and We'll maintain it from there and it will be continued to be assessed. We'll collect enough maintenance funds to have some maintenance money. We could collect four years, usually on a new reconstruction a couple of years gets us. if something has to be fixed, first year warranty usually covers it. If we put a ditch in completely new. On the record, we've got a little money in there to make a repair, but they don't pay on it until it starts causing trouble. No, Ken could do this, but he could go through the same procedure. Mike said, Recall telling him. I also recall telling that it would need to be fixed before we accept it. Ed says, we've always told people that it had to be bring us a ditch that's ready to go. Part of this is things I've learned over 18 years here. You can petition to have a ditch done, but we won't take a piece of junk and then start sending maintenance money on it. This would be this is complete reconstruction we're talking about. There's one or two

people that we expect to hear from the hearing. One lady very much against, because it's in her backyard, she doesn't like it. She's got some ornamental trees. She doesn't believe we can clean around the ornamental tree. Gary friend ask, we're going to get 75 foot right away if we do it right. Ed say yeah, we're 75 foot each way. If we if we can afford this, we have the right to clear cut our backyard. It doesn't mean we're going to. I made it a point if somebody's got something try to work around it as long as it doesn't cost the neighbors extra money. One of the petition carriers offered to pay their share of the ditch. Gary Friend ask If it is passes he will be forced into it. Ed says, if you approve it, but you don't have to approve it. Mike says, so we need to set a hearing set a hearing date. Ed says, we should set it at our next month meeting that gives us time to get the notices out. And. Mike says We have set a time for that, want to set this for 11:30 am. 11:30 October the 7th, 2024. Anything else coming with drainage for today.

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

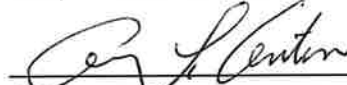
Signed this 7th day of October, 2024 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



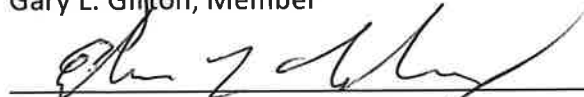
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