

Randolph County Drainage Board

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Present:

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

Minutes From: January 6, 2020

Thomas E. Chalfant calls the Randolph County Drainage Board meeting to order.

Board Appointments - Mike Wickersham made a motion to nominate Tom Chalfant as Chairman of the Drainage Board. Gary L. Girton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Gary Girton made a motion to nominate Mike Wickersham as Vice-Chairman of the Drainage Board. Tom asked if there were any other nominations, none heard. Tom Chalfant seconded Gary's motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Thomas E. Chalfant asks the Drainage Board if there are any additions, corrections, or deletions to be made to the December 2, 2019 minutes. He will accept a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Wickersham made a motion to approve the minutes, Thomas E. Chalfant seconded the motion, motion carried.

Repayment to GDIF from Fall 2019 Collections - Ed handed the cover sheet that was prepared with a list of ditches for the Randolph County Auditor to transfer the shown amounts from the listed ditches to the General Drain Improvement Fund (GDIF). The list was emailed to the Board members last week. After the Drainage Board Members looked at the list, Mike Wickersham made a motion to approve the list totaling \$60,986.63, Gary Girton seconded the

motion, motion carried. The document was signed by the Board members. Jan will give signed document to Auditor's Office after this meeting.

Auditor's Assessment Certificate - Ed handed copies of the list of drains to be assessed for 2020. Mike Wickersham asked Ed if he was approving this list for collection next year and Ed replied "yes". So Mike Wickersham made a motion to approve the Certification of Assessments for Annual Maintenance 2020, Gary Girton seconded the motion, motion carried. The document was signed by the Board members. Jan will give signed document to Auditor's Office after this meeting.

Ditch Rate Increase - Board members received a list of all ditches with their current balance and rates. Ed made the Board aware that he would like to increase some ditch assessments by 25%. A lengthy discussion followed. The Board members took the reports so they have a chance to look at all the information before the next Board meeting on February 3, 2020. Mike Wickersham asked Ed if he could get a copy of all the ditches and their rates/balances. Mike also requested a list of the 17 ditches that Ed would like to increase. He would like it to show the individual landowners, acreage, 2019 assessment and the proposed 2020 assessment. Ed said that Jan could email all the Board members with that information.

William Shockney Shoemaker Prong - Ed reports that we are starting to take money in on the William Shockney Shoemaker Prong. Ed said that the Auditor's Office and the Treasurer's Office did a great job in entering the information to start receiving money. Ed also said that he was going to put a surface inlet on Tillson's property.

Miscellaneous - Ed also reported that two reconstructions are paid off, Thomas Davis and Ada Abel. Gary Girton asked Ed what the situation was over on 500 South at State Line. Ed informed the Board that there was no water standing on the road and the crossing was cemented. A lengthy discussion followed regarding reconstruction balances and general drain balances.

Thomas Chalfant says if there are no further questions or comments, he will accept a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike Wickersham made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary Girton seconded the motion, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed this 3rd day of February, 2020, in the Randolph County Commissioners' Room,
Winchester, Indiana.



Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman



Michael D. Wickersham, Vice Chairman



Gary L. Girton, Member



Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor