

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
Sherrie Timmons

Minutes for June 3, 2024

Mike Wickersham calls the meeting to order. The first item is to approve the Minutes for Monday May 6, 2024 meeting. Gary Friend moves to approve the minutes as presented, Gary Girton seconds, Minutes approved as presented, motion carries.

Next is the surveyors report. Ed starts, we have the stormwater plan approval for River Start 4. We have Brad Dilger here to present. Brad starts, yes as I mentioned before river Start 4 will be in the general location of northwest of Modoc and West of Hwy. 1 between 300 and 500. We've gone through and received stormwater approval for the substation, switchyard, Now this is the approval for the full PV array, including the lay down yard. And general schedule will be, you know are intended start would be in July for the lay down yard and then give the contractor about a month to prepare for a full mobilization in August. Ed ask if anybody wants to see the detail drainage report. There it is and it's 800-page glory. Detailed plans are here and everything looks decent. Mike ask Ed if he is OK with it. Ed replied I am, I'm recommending it. They've done a good job, they fit our ordinance very well. Gary Friend says after hearing the recommendation from the surveyor, I would motion to approve the River Star Wars storm water. Drainage plan. Gary Girton Seconds, all in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Thank you. All opposed same sign. Motion Approved, Motion Carries.

Next item is the price station. AEP substation, and this is an existing substation at the ethanol plant site. OK. And they are expanding on basically close to doubling the size of it. We've got the plans for it here. Basically, they want they're going to take their water on this one across the road. And take it to the Price Ditch, which is across the road about 800 feet. The landowner Mr. Bateman was concerned about the manholes. But the manholes are going to be two feet below ground, so you don't have to deal with them farming. Stormwater storm sewer lines get manholes every 400 feet, which is a city block, basically. Gary Friend ask, Are they on private property? Ed replies, Yes, their own private property and they're establishing an easement. We may want to consider making this a prong of the Little Miss legal drain. Because of the fact that. Any maintenance on that ditch, which will be a generation or two away, will still be done off of Cardinal site. They will have a right of way easement. Mike ask if that ditch is going to run west to east.

Ed replies, Yes, and its size so that so they could drain their field into it. Mike ask, where is that water draining now? Is it across that field? Ed replies, Current no. Currently that water. Is draining to a ditch that runs to the north. But if you drive by that site on the wet day, you'll see it's not draining anywhere well. Mike says, so this is going to put more water in the price ditch. Ed says, it's water that ends up there in a mile anyway, but yeah. I would recommend considering making this prong a public ditch because it's on more than one property. Usually I talk about 3, but it's on two properties. Mike asks if it is going to add to the expense of the public ditches there now? Ed replies, I mean no more than any other one would. Mike says, so this should be a public ditch. Ed says I think it fits the criteria. I think it fits the general criteria to be one, one of the discussions in other counties has been. It should the drainage boards be adopting the retention basins for these businesses. Because one of the things we ran into a body company on their site now that 80-acre complex is owned by about 10 different people and getting the surface drains maintained is a real challenge. Mike asks, so is a 25-foot easement wide enough for a public ditch? Ed replies, our easement developed area is 20 foot. In a non-developed area its 150 feet. Truthfully, A 25-foot maintained tile ditch is adequate. Mike asks So, you recommend approving this plan? Ed replies, I recommend approving the plan. Mike adds, you've heard the recommendations and we want to move on the approval. Have a motion to approve and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. All opposed. Same sign. Motion to approve the price station carries.

Ed says, OK, I have another page to be passed around. Next thing I have to bring up is the Henry Rowe while legal green. The Henry Rowe legal drain was vacated in about 1980. Best I can find. So, nobody's collected any money. Nobody spent any money out for years. A group of land, owners would like to reconstruct it and put it back on the rolls. Gentleman is carrying the petition as we speak. This will make you aware that this is probably coming at our next meeting. There is a tile portion that is kind of sad. There's an open portion that that group of people clean about 30 years ago needs cleaned again and it'll be a benefit to everyone. Mike ask where Henry Rowe is located. Ed replies 350 E. The ditch, actually, if you know where Randy Keys lives on 32. It starts east of him, about an eighth of a mile, and it runs through fiddle house property and then it and it crosses over onto Wayne Fisher. Then it gets to the intersection, I believe it is 100 N it turns into an open drain. Currently, it's two eight-inch tile for about half its length. Two eight-inch tile side by side, which is something they did back in the 1880s and it is an engineering nightmare. They put them in inside by side. What they didn't know was 75 years later one side carries water one side fills up and they may switch places every couple 300 ft. Mike ask when it's all said and done, we're going to have to accept it based on your recommendation. Ed adds to be honest, they're going to build my plan. Mike adds typically it's been the rule if we're going to take it on, it needs to be brand new and according to how we want it done. Ed replies And I'd say I had one landowner come in with some concerns and we spent some time going over all that, and I think he's going to be on board. I expect to see his signature on the petition, which comes in. And another thing that came up, technically, we probably should have discussed it and Commissioners, but. I on our right away, our utility right away. Steph, I got a call from you. I got a request that was in the city meeting city. This particular request is to lash a fiber optic to a phone table overhead. Which I get some of these. And so, I contacted the city and they would like for me to take care of these. For them I. Have the city utilities on my GIS it's not an issue and I told them they pending your guys approval, I would just be taking care of that and e-mail them. Mike says, that's not a drainage issue is it. Es says it is when they're buried underground.


We get them for above or below because some of these plans have buried wire and overhead wire, and this particular one was stripped these 200 feet of overhead wire. Mike replies, I don't have a problem with you working on it. Ed says, Well, that is all I've got for the meeting.

Anything else come before the drainage board today?

Meeks replies, I'll just give everybody a heads up and Winchester is considering a stormwater utility. The meaning is to charge so much per house and so much per for water, stormwater. I don't know how that affects us. It's going to affect the drainage board I know that.

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

Signed this 1st day of July, 2024 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman



Gary Friend, Vice Chairman



Gary L. Girton, Member



Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor