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KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 2024

PRESENT

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN
STEVE METZGER

ALSO PRESENT

MIKE KISSINGER – SURVEYOR
JAMES MOYER – ASSISTANT SURVEYOR
SANDY ANGEL – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY
MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

APRIL CLAIMS AND MINUTES

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM APRIL AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND DENNIS DARR AND STEVE METZGER APPROVED THE MOTION. CARY GRONINGER ABSTAINED DUE TO HIS ABSENCE FROM THE APRIL MEETING.

PLUNGE CREEK – FREEDOM PORK FARMS VARIANCE REQUEST

THE OWNER WANTS TO PLACE SOLAR PANELS ON THE PROPERTY 40' FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK OF THE DRAIN. SCOTT SANDS, THE PROPERTY OWNER AND MIKE STRAITER OF AG TECHNOLOGIES WERE PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE PROJECT. THEY SAID THAT THE AREA HAD BEEN CLEARED OF TREES TO MAKE IT MORE ACCESSIBLE. THE NEED TO ACCESS THE BUILDINGS FOR MANURE REMOVAL AND THE NEED FOR ROOM FOR SEMIS TO BE ABLE TO ENTER AND EXIT THE PROPERTY SAFELY, LIMIT THE AREA WHERE THE SOLAR PANELS CAN BE PLACED. MIKE KISSINGER CLARIFIED THAT IF THE VARIANCE IS GRANTED, AND IN THE FUTURE THE DRAIN WAS DIPPED OUT AND THE SPOIL HAD TO BE REMOVED, IT WOULD BE AT THE LANDOWNER'S COST. THE LANDOWNER IS ALSO GOING BEFORE THE AREA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A VARIANCE FOR A SET BACK ON THE PROPERTY LINE. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE FOR A 40' SETBACK FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. IF THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION DOESN'T GRANT THE PROPERTY LINE VARIANCE, THIS VARIANCE WILL BE NULLIFIED. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

SWICK MEREDITH – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VARIANCE REQUEST

MIKE KISSINGER EXPLAINED HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS BREAKING THREE LOTS IN MENTONE INTO TWO LOTS. THE TOWN REQUIRES A SEPTIC TANK FOR EACH LOT. THE LOCATION OF THE SEPTIC WILL PUSH THE HOMES CLOSER TO THE DRAIN. THEY ARE REQUESTING A 35' SETBACK FROM THE DRAIN. DENNIS JUDY, THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER, WAS PRESENT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE 35' SET BACK WOULD PUT THE FRONT OF THE HOUSES EVEN WITH THE CURRENT HOMES LOCATED TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. AFTER ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION, STEVE METZGER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FOR A 35' SETBACK FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

WALNUT CREEK – HODOREK VARIANCE REQUEST

MIKE KISSINGER SAID THE LAND OWNER IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE FOR A 20' SETBACK FROM THE DRAIN. THE PROPERTY IS A 20 ACRE PARCEL AND THEY DO OWN SEVERAL OTHER PARCELS SURROUNDING IT. BRIAN HODOREK, THE LANDOWNER, WAS PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE PROJECT. THEY HAD PURCHASED THE PROPERTY IN NOVEMBER AND HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE WORK CLEANING UP THE AREA. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A BARNDOMINIUM THAT WOULD CONSIST OF AN 80' X 100' BARN WITH A 2,500' LIVING SPACE ATTACHED TO IT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO PLACE THIS STRUCTURE WHERE THEY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INCREDIBLE VIEWS AND ENJOY THE WATERWAY. HE NOTED THAT IF YOU PLACE THE STRUCTURE FARTHER THAN THE DESIRED SETBACK OF 20', YOU LOSE VISABILITY OF THE WATER. HE SUGGESTED THAT YOU COULD ALSO ACCESS THE DRAIN FOR MAINTENANCE FROM THE WEST SIDE. THE BOARD DISCUSSED CONCERNS THAT THIS WAS NOT A CASE OF HARDSHIP AS THERE IS AMPLE PROPERTY TO PLACE THE STRUCTURE ELSEWHERE. ALTHOUGH THE BOARD UNDERSTOOD THE LANDOWNER'S DESIRE TO BUILD AT THIS LOCATION, JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE VARIANCE REQUEST. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

JB MILLER DRAIN

MIKE KISSINGER MADE THE BOARD AWARE OF SOME ISSUES WITH THE JB MILLER DRAIN EAST OF SYDNEY. THERE HAS BEEN A STRETCH OF TILE THAT HAS BEEN REPLACED THREE TIMES. MARK MONTEL EXPLAINED THAT THE TILE WAS FIRST INSTALLED TWO YEARS AGO. THREE TO FOUR DAYS LATER IT WAS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. A PROBLEM AREA IN THE CENTER WAS FULL OF SAND. THE TILE WAS REPLACED WITH SOLID TILE. A YEAR LATER THERE WAS A PROBLEM AGAIN. THE SAND HAD COME UP AND BUCKLED A TILE AT A JOINT ALLOWING SAND TO GET IN. THIS TIME A TILE PLOW WAS USED WITH 300' ROLLS AND THE DIRECTION WAS ALTERED SOUTH. THIS ELIMINATED JOINTS IN THIS SECTION. THERE WAS ALSO NUMBER #8 STONE USED TO INSTALL THE TILE. DURING THE PROBLEM PERIOD A LARGE AREA WAS FLOODED RESULTING IN THE CLOSURE OF 900 SOUTH. A MANURE PUMP HAD TO BE BROUGHT IN AND IT RAN FOR FOUR DAYS TO ASSIST IN THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW TILE. MIKE KISSINGER WANTED THE BOARD MEMBERS TO BE AWARE OF THE SITUATION WHEN THEY SEE THE INVOICES FOR WORK BEING DONE COME IN.

DEEDS CREEK COST SHARE STATUS

AT THE DECEMBER MEETING, A \$40,000 CONTRIBUTION WAS APPROVED FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE WATERSHED FOUNDATION AND PIKE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION TO SHARE IN THE COST OF AN 1,800 FOOT PROJECT AT THE UPPER END OF DEEDS CREEK FOR MAJOR STABILIZATION IN A HIGH EROSION AREA. MIKE KISSINGER SAID THAT WORK HAD BEEN DONE TO OUR SPECIFICATIONS. HE WILL HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE IF WE HAVE BEEN BILLED FOR THIS.

NEVIN MCCONNELL STATUS

DENNIS DARR ASKED ABOUT THE NEW DRIVEWAY CULVERT NEAR THE BUCHER/KORENSTRA PROPERTY TOWARD THE UPPER END OF THE NEVIN MCCONNELL. MIKE KISSINGER SAID HE BELIEVED IT HAD BEEN INSTALLED. DENNIS WAS CONCERNED WITH THE SHORT LENGTH OF THE NEW CULVERT. KISSINGER EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS A PRIVATE CROSSING AND THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE DOES NOT DICTATE MINIMUM LENGTH, BUT THE DITCH BANK AROUND THE CULVERT MUST BE STABILIZED TO AVOID EROSION.

MIKE KISSINGER SAID THE TOWN OF SYRACUSE HAS A NUMBER OF FORCED MAIN SEWER LINES AND A WATER LINE CROSSING THE NEVIN MCCONNELL WHERE WE JUST DIPPED THAT WERE PUT IN BEFORE WE STARTED MAINTAINING THE DRAIN. THEY WERE

NOT INSTALLED DEEP ENOUGH FOR THE COUNTY TO SAFELY MAINTAIN THE DRAIN. THERE WAS SOME DIFFICULTY IN THE TOWN LOCATING THESE LINES. IN THE FUTURE HE FELT IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THE TOWN MEETS THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR UTILITIES GOING UNDER A COUNTY REGULATED DRAIN TO PREVENT FUTURE PROBLEMS, AND THE TOWN MAY BE REQUIRED TO REINSTALL THE LINES DEEPER AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE OR CONSULTANT. WE ARE GETTING READY TO CONTINUE ON SOUTH ON THE PROJECT. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE DNR REGARDING THE LAKE AND IF A DAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO CLEAN WITHIN ½ MILE OF THE LAKE LOCATED SOUTH OF CR 1200 N.

DANNER RECONSTRUCTION

MIKE KISSINGER SAID THAT FOURTEEN BID PACKETS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT. WE HAVE A MANDATORY CONTRACTORS MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH. HE WILL NEED TWO DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT FOR THE OPENING OF THE BIDS ON JUNE 7TH AFTER NOON. JOE IRWIN AND CARY GRONINGER SAID THEY COULD BE PRESENT.

ADJOURN

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS

5/6/24

ARTHUR	KLINE TRUCKING	\$475.00	1158
COPPESS	TIMBER VALLEY	\$4,730.00	2700
DOKE	L.I. EXCAVATING	\$200.00	1158
FLEUGLE	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,300.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$68.40	1158
KOONTZ MARY	TIMBER VALLEY	\$310.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	TIMBER FALLEY	\$3,120.00	1158
PETERSON MARTIN	KLINE TRUCKING	\$2,865.00	1158
ROBBINS MAGREE	TIMBER VALLEY	\$156.99	1158
SCHUE ELIZABETH	TIMBER VALLEY	\$260.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	KLINE TRUCKING	\$4,244.45	1158
SHATTO CATTELL	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$1,356.48	1158
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,040.00	1158
SILVEUS	KLINE TRUCKING	\$612.50	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$303.14	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$1,152.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	L.I. EXCAVATING	\$2,885.00	2700
VANCUREN	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,350.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	L.I. EXCAVATING	\$830.00	2700
WELCH JAMES	TIMBER VALLEY	\$780.00	1158
WELCH JAMES	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$115.20	1158
WESTLAKE FETTERS	TIMBER VALLEY	\$520.00	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY	\$520.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$ 12,550.34

GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 16,644.02

5/21/24

ALEXANDER	KLINE TRUCKING	\$787.50	1158
ARTHUR	KLINE TRUCKING	\$2,338.75	1158
CAUFFMAN	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,350.00	2700

COPPESS	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$172.80	2700
DEEDS CREEK	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY	\$800.00	2700
FLUKE HANSON	TIMBER VALLEY	\$830.00	2700
JB MILLER	L.I. EXCAVATING	\$1,594.15	1158
KOONTZ MARY	WARSAW WHOLESale	\$419.25	1158
OMAR NEFF JEFFERSON	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,040.00	2700
PETERSON MARTIN	TIMBER VALLEY	\$780.00	1158
PLUNGE CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY	\$8,075.62	2700
		\$5,429.38	1158
SEDALIA WHITE	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,350.00	1158
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$240.00	2700
SHATTO CATTELL	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,610.00	1158
SLOAN ADAMS	GARY DANT	\$570.00	1158
SOLOMON SECHRIST	BANIC DRAINAGE & FARMS	\$2,449.50	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$17.93	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	GARY DANT	\$120.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$625.29	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$787.50	2700
VANCUREN	KLINE TRUCKING	\$620.23	2700
WALNUT CREEK	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$1,340.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$570.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$360.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,610.00	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,090.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$ 22,518.87
GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 14,879.03

5/30/24 CREDIT CARD CHARGES

FLEUGLE	CORPORATE PAYMENT SYS	\$199.98	1158
HANNA WALKER	CORPORATE PAYMENT SYS	\$99.99	1158

MAINTENANCE: \$ 0.00
GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 299.97

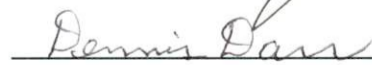
MAY TOTALS

MAINTENANCE: \$ 35,069.21
GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 31,823.02

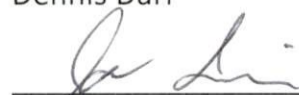
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