

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2024**

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

MIKE KISSINGER - SURVEYOR
SANDY ANGEL - DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY
MARK MONTEL - DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

JULY CLAIMS AND MINUTES

DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM JULY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VARIANCE/SWICK/MESSER

MIKE KISSINGER EXPLAINED PAST OWNERS PLACED THE HOUSE ON THIS PROPERTY IN 1966, WHICH WAS A YEAR AFTER THE DRAINAGE LAW WENT INTO EFFECT. THE 75' SETBACK FROM THE DRAIN WAS NOT ENFORCED FOR THE HOME PLACEMENT. THE CURRENT OWNERS CAME TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GET A BUILDING PERMIT TO PUT IN A SHED EAST OF THE HOME. THEY WERE SENT TO THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE WITHIN THE 75' DRAINAGE SETBACK. IN 1982 A PREVIOUS OWNER CAME IN REQUESTING TO PUT A FLORIDA ROOM WITHIN THIRTY FEET OF THE DRAIN. IT IS ACTUALLY ONLY 12' FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. MIKE SAID HE MEASURED EVERYTHING AND THE SEPTIC FIELD IS 50' FROM THE DRAIN, THE SIDE ENTRANCE DECK IS 20', THE WELL IS 45', THE FLORIDA ROOM IS 12' AND THE PROPOSED SHED IS GOING TO BE 55' FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK. DEBBIE MESSER, THE LANDOWNER, WAS PRESENT. SHE SAID THE SHED IS 12' BY 20' AND WILL BE PLACED ON GRAVEL. MIKE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WOULD BE A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE A VARIANCE. HE FELT THE OTHER EXISTING ITEMS THAT ARE WITHIN THE 75' SETBACK SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT THIS TIME. JOE IRWIN MOVED TO APPROVE A VARIANCE FOR THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AT 12', 45' FOR THE WELL AND 50' FOR THE SEPTIC. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

ATWOOD/POLE RUN DISCUSSION

MIKE KISSINGER RESEARCHED WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE REGARDING STANDING WATER ISSUES IN THE ATWOOD/POLE RUN AREA. THE AREA WAS RESURVEYED TO SEE WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF STANDING WATER ON THE WEST SIDE OF 700 W. WE WILL NEED TO START AT HIGH STREET AND RUN TILE SOUTHWESTERLY TO GAULT STREET AND FROM THERE TO A POINT WHERE IT CROSSES 700 W AND ON THE WEST SIDE OF 700W. THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF CROSSING GAULT STREET AND 700 W. WE ARE GOING TO PUT SOLID TILE IN THE AREA OF TREES BETWEEN HIGH AND GALT STREET AND KEEP IT ON THE SAME ROUTE. THE COST WILL BE BETWEEN \$13,000 TO \$15,000. THERE IS CURRENTLY ABOUT \$15,000 IN MAINTENANCE FUND AND IT BRINGS IN ABOUT \$6,400 A YEAR. POLE RUN IS A LARGE SYSTEM AND A LOT OF IT WE CAN'T TOUCH BECAUSE IT IS IN WETLANDS. MIKE

FEELS WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO HAVE A RATE HEARING ON THIS DRAIN BECAUSE ANYTHING WE DO ON THIS DRAIN WILL BE EXPENSIVE. HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE A GAS LINE GOING DOWN GAULT STREET. THIS COULD IMPACT DRAIN WORK TO BE DONE ON THIS PROJECT. THE CURRENT DRAIN COMES UP THREE FEET FROM HIGH STREET TO HIGH STREET, AND IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHY THERE IS THIS BIG OF A RISE. RECONSTRUCTION IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE NEEDED MAINTENANCE PROJECT FROM HIGH STREET ACROSS 700 W TO THE UPPER END OF THIS POLE RUN TILE ARM. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

VACATION OF PORTION OF PLUNGE CREEK

MIKE KISSINGER PRESENTED A PETITION TO VACATE A PORTION OF A REGULATED DRAIN SUBMITTED BY TIMOTHY AND EMILY DENEVE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO VACATE 600' RUNNING EAST-WEST THROUGH A MAJORITY OF PARCEL ID 019-058-002.B BECAUSE THEY WANT TO CONVERT IT TO A PRIVATE TILE. THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS ON THEIR FARM TO THE WEST. EVERY PROPERTY OWNER AFFECTED BY THIS HAS SIGNED OFF ON THE PETITION. THE STATUTE SAYS ANYTIME 100% OF PROPERTY OWNERS AGREE TO VACATION, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC TO DO THIS, YOU SHALL VACATE. THE WATERSHED DOES NOT CHANGE, BUT WE WILL NO LONGER MAINTAIN THIS SECTION. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO VACATE THIS SECTION OF PLUNGE CREEK. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

SEDALIA WHITE/HEIGHWAY STATUS

MARK MONTEL REPORTED THAT WE ARE ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAY DONE WITH THIS PROJECT. THE WOODED AREA HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CLEARED OUT SO THERE IS ABOUT A 100' WIDE PATH THROUGH THE WOODS. THE WORK SHOULD BE DONE TODAY OR TOMORROW. THE NEW TILE WAS LAID OFF TO THE SIDE AND THEY WILL HAVE TO COME BACK AND REMOVE THE OLD TILE. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LANDOWNER'S SON-IN-LAW DURING THE PROJECT AND THEY HAVE APPROVED OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

SPRAYING OF DRAINS

MIKE KISSINGER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SPRAYING IS ABOUT 70% DONE. WE HAD SOME ISSUES ON SOME AREAS THAT WERE BROADCAST SPRAYED WHEN THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE MAKING AN ADJUSTMENT FOR THAT.

ADJOURN

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

CLAIMS

8/13/24

GOSHERT JAMES	WERTENBERGER TILING	\$950.00	1158
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KOONTZ MARY	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,300.00	2700
SCHUE ELIZABETH	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$626.22	2700
SCHUE ELIZABETH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$975.00	2700
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WALNUT CREEK	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$379.20	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$ 6,115.42
GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 12,516.93

8/27/24

DANNER	GARY DANT	\$720.00	2700
DANNER RECONSTRUCTION	L.I. EXCAVATING	\$425.00	2600
ELDER	RIGHT OF WAY MGMT	\$1,356.40	2700
GOSHERT JAMES	SHANKSTER BROS	\$307.81	1158
GOSHERT JAMES	TIMBER VALLEY	\$480.00	1158
KUHN ISAIAH	TIMBER VALLEY	\$15,000.00	1158
LONG CY	GARY DANT	\$630.00	2700
MCCLEARY GOCHENOUR	GARY DANT	\$630.00	2700
SHANTON	GARY DANT	\$180.00	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	TIMBER VALLEY	\$780.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,300.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$420.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	GARY DANT	\$270.00	2700
WHITE SEDALIA	SHANKSTER BROS	\$20,706.36	1158
WHITE SEDALIA	L.I. EXCAVATING	\$27,283.76	1158

DANNER RECONSTRUCTION \$ 425.00

MAINTENANCE: \$ 5,506.40

GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 64,557.93

AUGUST TOTALS

DANNER RECONSTRUCTION \$ 425.00

MAINTENANCE: \$ 11,621.82.82

GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 77,074.86

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD



 Cary Groninger – Chairman

Absent

 Jim Scott – Vice Chairman



 Dennis Darr



 Steve Metzger



 Joe Irwin