

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

PRESENT

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT - ABSENT
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.

AUGUST CLAIMS AND MINUTES

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM AUGUST AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

SEDALIA WHITE DISCUSSION

MIKE KISSINGER REPORTED THIS JOB ON THE HEIGHWAY FAMILY PROPERTY WAS COMPLETED BY L.I. EXCAVATING. THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DOING THIS PROJECT WITH A \$45,000 LIMIT. THE PROJECT DID GO OVER THIS LIMIT BY 6.6% AND HE WENT AHEAD AND COMPLETED IT. THEY WERE ABLE TO LOWER THE TILE AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO DRAIN MORE AREA TO THE WEST. CARY GRONINGER ASKED WHAT HAD CAUSED THE OVERAGES. MIKE SAID THE NEED TO GO DEEPER ADDED COSTS ALONG WITH SOME INCIDENTAL COSTS. THE INSTALLATION COST WAS \$27,200 AND THE PARTS WERE \$20,700 WHICH RESULTED IN ABOUT A \$2,900 OVERRUN.

DANNER RECONSTRUCTION/CROP REIMBURSEMENT

MIKE KISSINGER REVIEWED THE FINAL REPORT FOR THE DANNER RECONSTRUCTION. IT CAME IN QUITE A BIT UNDER THE ESTIMATE OF \$104,837.45. THE BID FROM L.I. EXCAVATING WAS \$63,875.70 AND A LITTLE LESS TILE WAS USED SO IT CAME IN AT \$63,359.20. 28 TILE HOOKUPS, WHICH WERE NOT IN THE BID, WERE \$7437.52. THERE WAS A CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDING SOCK AT \$2,234 AND ANOTHER CHANGE ORDER TO REPAIR A COUNTY ROAD AT \$425. MISCELLANEOUS PARTS FROM DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS WERE \$681.96. MARK MONTEL WENT OUT TO MEASURE FOR CROP DAMAGE. THERE WERE SIX ACRES AND THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID \$900 PER ACRE REIMBURSEMENT WAS REASONABLE, WHICH IS A TOTAL OF \$5,400. THAT GIVES A TOTAL COST OF \$79,537.68 (\$252.97/ACRE). KISSINGER REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR THE CROP DAMAGE PAYMENT OF \$5,400. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT. DENNIS DARR SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

UPDDATE ON POLE RUN/ATWOOD PROJECT

AT A PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING A LANDOWNER HAD EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT FLOODING IN THIS AREA. MIKE KISSINGER SAID THEY ARE GOING TO REPLACE ABOUT 850 FEET OF TILE THROUGH ATWOOD AND WEST OF ATWOOD. THEY HAVE SURVEYED THE AREA AND UTILITIES HAVE BEEN MARKED. THE GAS LINE HAS BEEN VACCED BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY. IT WILL NOT CAUSE A PROBLEM AND WE WILL BE WELL UNDER

THAT LINE. L.I. EXCAVATING WILL BE DOING THE PROJECT IN THE MIDDLE TO LATE OCTOBER. WE ASKED FOUR TILE PROVIDERS FOR QUOTES ON MATERIAL. THREE WERE WITHIN \$300 OF EACH OTHER AND ONE, SHANKSTER BROTHERS, WAS \$2,300 LESS THAN THE OTHERS. THE COUNTY HIGHWAY IS GOING TO PAY FOR TWO ROAD CROSSINGS. THE COST FROM THE POLE RUN MAINTENANCE FUND WILL BE \$15,000 TO \$18,000 SO IT WILL TAKE MOST OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY IN THE FUND. WE FOUND A LANDOWNER THAT WILL LET US STORE THE TILE TEMPORARILY.

POLE RUN HEARING PRESENTATION

JOE IRWIN REMOVED HIMSELF FROM THE BOARD AS HE IS A LAND OWNER IN THIS WATERSHED. MIKE KISSINGER SAID THAT THE LAST HEARING WAS IN 1984 AND THE RATE WAS RAISED 25% IN 1997. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.35 PER ACRE WITH A \$6.25 MINIMUM AND ANNUAL COLLECTION OF \$6447.21. THE CURRENT FUND BALANCE IS \$15,490.95 BUT MOST OF THAT WILL BE USED FOR A PROJECT SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER IN ATWOOD (SEE ABOVE). THIS IS A UNIQUE DRAIN BECAUSE 60% OF THE OPEN DRAIN IS INACCESSIBLE BY MACHINE, BUT WE HAVE SPENT A LARGE AMOUNT ON BEAVER CONTROL. THERE IS A CONCERN ABOUT WHAT WE WILL DO WHEN OUR CURRENT CONTRACTOR FOR BEAVER CONTROL, GARY DANT, NO LONGER OFFERS HIS SERVICES. MIKE IS AWARE OF SOMEONE THAT WILL DO THE WORK, BUT THE COST IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT KISSINGER FIND OUT WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT ANNUALLY ON BEAVER CONTROL WITH GARY DANT. HE IS ALSO TO GET RATES FROM THE OTHER CONTRACTOR IN FULTON COUNTY. THE HEARING FOR THIS WOULD BE IN NOVEMBER, BUT KISSINGER WILL HAVE THOSE NUMBERS FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING. A NUMBER OF SAMPLE RATES WERE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. JOE IRWIN, A FARMER AND PROPERTY OWNER IN THE WATERSHED, STATED HE FELT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN THE ATWOOD AREA WHICH WOULD PRIMARILY BE ON TRACTS OF LAND THAT PAY THE MINIMUM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE RATE. FOR THIS REASON, HE FEELS THE BOARD SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE MINIMUM RATE. HE QUESTIONED THE WORK LISTED ON THE REPORT FOR THE NORTHEAST PORTION OF THE WATERSHED NEAR CR 400 N. KISSINGER HAS INCLUDED THAT IN HIS COST ESTIMATE OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COSTS OF \$12,000 TO \$18,000. IRWIN FELT THAT \$3 PER ACRE AND A \$30 MINIMUM WOULD BE A FAIR AMOUNT. THAT WOULD BRING IN APPROXIMATELY \$21,000 PER YEAR. THE BOARD DISCUSSED ADVERTISING THE RATES OF \$4 PER ACRE WITH A \$40 MINIMUM DUE TO CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE RISING COSTS OF BEAVER CONTROL. THEY COULD DECIDE TO LOWER THOSE RATES AFTER REVIEWING MORE DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED IN OCTOBER. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, DENNIS DARR MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE \$4 PER ACRE WITH A \$40 MINIMUM. STEVE METZGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

RODNEY SHELURN/PROPERTY OWNER WITH MOWING CONCERNS

PROPERTY OWNER RODNEY SHELURN SHARED THAT HE OWNS 22 ACRES ON CR 200S IN WARSAW. MOST OF IT IS WOODED, AND THE JOHN PYLE TILED DRAIN RUNS FROM THE NORTHWEST TO THE SOUTHEAST OF HIS PROPERTY. HE HAS BEEN MAINTAINING THE PROPERTY AND KEEPING THE TREES DOWN AND TRYING TO KEEP IT NATURAL. HE FEELS THAT THE COUNTY MOWING AND SPRAYING THE PROPERTY IS A WASTE OF MONEY BECAUSE IT IS JUST GRASSLAND. HE FEELS THAT HE IS TAKING CARE OF THE PROPERTY HIMSELF AND THERE IS NOTHING THAT IT INTERFERING WITH THE DRAIN. HE WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO COME LOOK AT THE PROPERTY. CARY GRONINGER SUGGESTED MIKE KISSINGER GO LOOK AT THE PROPERTY. MIKE SAID HE WOULD GO OUT TO SEE IT AND TAKE PICTURES FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW. KISSINGER SAID THAT EVEN IF WE DO NOT MOW OR SPRAY, WE MAY STILL NEED TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE PROPERTY TO MAINTAIN OTHER AREAS AND WHATEVER IS PLANTED THERE IS AT RISK. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE DIFFICULTY IN TRYING TO KEEP TRACK OF NUMEROUS

EXCEPTIONS TO THE MOWING AND SPRAYING SCHEDULES WITH 1,100 MILES OF DRAINS THE COUNTY MAINTAINS. SHELBURN ASKED KISSINGER TO NOTIFY HIM OF WHAT IS DECIDED ON THE MATTER.

DALTONS SPRAYING STATUS

JOE IRWIN ASKED WHAT THE STATUS OF SPRAYING BY DALTONS IS. MIKE KISSINGER SAID THAT THE SPRAYING IS COMPLETE. WE ONLY RECEIVED TWO COMPLAINTS AND THOSE HAVE BOTH BEEN ADDRESSED AND MADE RIGHT. KISSINGER SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY EVERY FIVE YEARS THE BOARD DECIDES WHAT COMPANY THEY WANT TO USE FOR SPRAYING. IT MAY BE TIME TO DO THIS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. DALTONS HAS ALWAYS GIVEN US A VERY GOOD PRICE BECAUSE THEY WANT TO KEEP THE BUSINESS IN THEIR HOME COUNTY.

ADJOURN

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

CLAIMS

9/10/24

BIERCE	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$15,742.70	1158
		\$5,777.30	2700
CAUFFMAN	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$9,010.00	2700
VANCUREN	M KOLESIAK CONST	\$10,675.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	EVEREST EXCAVATING	\$1,500.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$ 26,962.50
GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 15,742.70

9/24/24


ACHOR CHARLES	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$304.40	2700
ACHOR CHARLES	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,730.00	2700
ARMEY	DALTONS	\$7,560.00	2700
BEYER BRADY	DALTONS	\$2,835.00	2700
BIERCE	TIMBER VALLEY	\$800.00	1158
BIERCE	WARSAW WHOLESAL	\$145.65	1158
DANNER	TIMBER VALLEY	\$640.00	2700
DEEDS CREEK	DALTONS	\$9,780.75	2700
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FLUKE HANSEN	TIMBER VALLEY	\$640.00	2700
GILLIAM FRED	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,120.00	2700
HALL ISAAC	TIMBER VALLEY	\$800.00	1158
HOOPENGARNER	DALTONS	\$7,182.00	2700
KEEFER EVANS	DALTONS	\$3,307.50	2700
KOONTZ MARY	TIMBER VALLEY	\$800.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	DALTONS	\$2,646.00	2700
KOONTZ MARY	DALTONS	\$756.00	2700
MCCLAIN PETER	DALTONS	\$1,701.00	2700
MCCLEARY GOCHENHOUR	DALTONS	\$4,536.00	2700
METZGER JOSEPH	DALTONS	\$756.00	2700
NEFF OMAR JEFFERSON	DALTONS	\$8,505.00	2700
PETERSON MARTIN	DALTONS	\$3,780.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	DALTONS	\$2,268.00	2700
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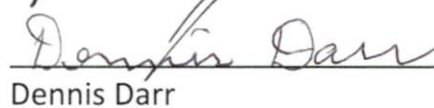
POLK GEORGE	TIMBER VALLEY	\$800.00	2700
POLK GEORGE	TIMBER VALLEY	\$2,724.74	2700
		\$1,370.26	1158
PYLE JOHN	DALTONS	\$756.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	DALTONS	\$3,780.00	2700
ROBINSON GA	DALTONS	\$3,969.00	2700
RUPLE ALLEN	DALTONS	\$1,890.00	1158
SHANTON	DALTONS	\$2,010.96	2700
SHANTON	DALTONS	\$1701.00	2700
SILVER CREEK	DALTONS	\$1,890.00	2700
SLOAN ADAMS	DALTONS	\$3,402.00	1158
SMITH GEORGE	DALTONS	\$1,701.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$1,701.00	2700
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SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$4,914.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	DALTONS	\$2,079.00	2700
WESTLAKE FETTERS	DALTONS	\$2,646.00	2700

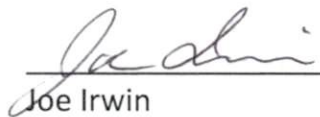
MAINTENANCE: \$ 99,080.35
GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 8,407.91

SEPTEMBER TOTALS
MAINTENANCE: \$ 126,042.85
GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 24,150.61


KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD


 Cary Groninger – Chairman


 Dennis Darr


 Joe Irwin


 Jim Scott – Vice Chairman


 Steve Metzger