

**KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

PRESENT

CARY GRONINGER - CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT
JOE IRWIN
STEVE METZGER

ABSENT

DENNIS DARR

ALSO PRESENT

JIM MOYER – SURVEYOR
SANDY ANGEL – DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY
AMY HURD – GIS TECHNICIAN

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

JANUARY MINUTES/CLAIMS

JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CLAIMS AND MINUTES FROM JANUARY AS PRESENTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL AUDITS. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

WORK ORDER LIST/CLAIMS

JIM MOYER STATED THERE ARE A FEW 2024 CLAIMS THAT OUR STILL OUT, BUT THOSE ARE BEING CLEANED UP. HE NOTED THAT THERE WILL BE MONTHLY CLAIMS SUBMITTED FOR MICHAEL HUFFMAN, WHO IS A LICENSED SURVEYOR. HUFFMAN WILL BE ASSISTING WITH ANY NECESSARY SURVEYING. IF THE WORK IS SPECIFIC TO A PARTICULAR DRAIN, IT WILL HAVE A WORK ORDER NUMBER AND THAT DRAIN NAME NOTED. MULCHING WORK ORDERS WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT WEEK. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE MULCHING OVER SOME BRUSH THAT SPRAYING WILL NOT TAKE CARE OF.

BURKHOLDER UPDATE

JIM MOYER SAID HE MET WITH RANDY SEXTON, THE NOBLE COUNTY JOINT PRESIDENT, AND DISCUSSED THIS DRAIN EXTENSIVELY. DUE TO THE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT AND SINCE JIM IS NOT A SURVEYOR, THEY FELT BRINGING IN AN ENGINEERING FIRM WAS APPROPRIATE. JIM HAS TALKED WITH THE CITY OF WARSAW ENGINEER AND STEVE MORIARTY ABOUT PUTTING TOGETHER A SMALL SPECIFICATION SHEET TO APPROACH SEVERAL ENGINEERING FIRMS WITH. HE WANTS THE FIRM HIRED TO DO ALL OF THE SURVEYING, ENGINEERING/DESIGN WORK, OVERSEE THE CONTRACTOR IN PROGRESS AND PROVIDE AN AS-BUILT AFTER THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A BIDDING PROCESS, SINCE NO FEDERAL MONIES ARE INVOLVED. JIM IS WORKING WITH STEVE SWISENBERGER, WHO IS A DRAINAGE PERSON IN ELKHART COUNTY, AND THEY ARE GOING TO COME UP WITH A COUPLE LOCAL ENGINEERING FIRMS TO CONTACT IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. CARY GRONINGER FELT JIM SHOULD CHECK THE COUNTY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE, BUT HE THOUGHT WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE A BIDDING PROCESS. JIM WILL CALL A JOINT BOARD MEETING TO ACCEPT THE BID. HE PLANS TO GET SOMETHING GOING THIS FALL.

SPRAY PROGRAM/TOP PRIORITY

JIM MOYER INFORMED THE BOARD HE IS GIVING THE SPRAYING PROGRAM TOP PRIORITY AT THE MOMENT. HE DISPLAYED A COPY OF THE SPRAY WORK ORDER WE ARE CURRENTLY USING. IT DIVIDES THE DRAIN INTO SECTIONS AND GIVES EACH SECTION A LETTER IDENTIFICATION. THERE ARE DETAILS ON WHAT IS TO BE DONE IN EACH SECTION. IN PAST YEARS WE ONLY USED THE DALTONS FOR SPRAYING. HE IS GIVING THIRTY MILES TO DALTONS, BUT WILL ALSO BE USING RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT, OF ST. JOE, INDIANA, AND THREE DRONE SPRAYERS. HE ALSO HAS A CONTRACTOR THAT WILL DO BRUSH MANAGEMENT BY HAND IN AREAS WHERE THIS IS NEEDED. LETTERS WILL GO OUT TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN A FEW WEEKS AND SPRAYING WILL START ON JUNE 1ST. CARY GRONINGER ASKED HOW JIM WAS GOING TO WORK THROUGH THE DRAINS. MOYER SAID HE IS CONCENTRATING ON THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTY AND NEXT YEAR HE WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE SOUTHERN HALF. ONCE THAT IS DONE, HE WILL REVIEW WHERE WE STAND. JOE IRWIN ASKED WHAT THE "SPRAY PROGRAM" WAS AND IF THERE WERE ANY CRITERIA. MOYER SAID HE DOESN'T CURRENTLY HAVE CRITERIA. HE WILL EVALUATE WHAT HE SEES IN THE FIELD. THE THREE MAIN SPRAYING CONTRACTORS SAY YOU SHOULD SPRAY TWO YEARS IN A ROW, SKIP A YEAR AND THEN SPRAY A FOURTH YEAR FOR THE OPTIMAL BRUSH CONTROL. AFTER THE FOURTH YEAR, IT WOULD BE AS NEEDED. MOYER IS GOING TO LOOK AT IT DRAIN BY DRAIN AND GET FEEDBACK FROM THE SPRAYERS AND OWNERS. JIM SCOTT ASKED IF IT WAS GOING TO BE SPOT SPRAYING OR AREA SPRAYING. MOYER SAID THE DRONE SPRAYERS WILL BE MORE SPOT SPRAYING WHILE THE TRACTOR SPRAYERS WILL DO AREA SPRAYING. JOE IRWIN STATED THAT WHEN WE DO DEBRUSHING, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BOTH SIDES OF THE DRAIN DONE. MOYER SAID THAT IN THE PAST DOING ONLY ONE SIDE WAS DUE TO GETTING PERMITS FROM THE DNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS. HE FEELS THAT IF THERE IS AGRICULTURE ON BOTH SIDES, HE WILL BE ABLE DEBRUSH ON BOTH SIDES. DISCUSSION LED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT GETTING GRASS ESTABLISHED ON BOTH SIDES IS CRUCIAL TO ENABLING MAINTENANCE AND PREVENTING EROSION. MOYER FELT THAT THE DAUSMAN IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF A TREE FREE DRAIN THAT IS GRASSED OVER. THIS LOWERS MAINTENANCE COSTS. JIM FEELS WE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE PREPARING FOR UPCOMING SPRAYING. WE WILL BE INCLUDING AN INFORMATION BROCHURE ABOUT FILTER STRIPS WITH THE SPRAY MAILING. MOYER SAID THE LAW ALLOWS THE DRAINAGE BOARD TO ASSIST WITH FILTER STRIP ESTABLISHMENT. THERE ARE ALSO SOME OTHER PROGRAMS WHICH OFFER FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR PUTTING IN A FILTER STRIP.

AP JONES

JIM MOYER SAID THIS HAD BEEN ON THE AGENDA IN THE PAST, BUT WAS PUSHED OFF DUE TO BEING A JOINT BOARD PROJECT. A JOINT BOARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH ELKHART COUNTY TO SEE WHO NEEDS TO BE NOTIFIED IN THEIR COUNTY. ONCE WE HAVE THE NEEDED INFORMATION, WE WILL CALL A JOINT BOARD MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT HEARING. ELKHART COUNTY HAS A CUMMULATIVE DRAIN FUND THAT EVERYONE PAYS INTO. THE UPPER PORTION OF THE PROJECT IS IN A WETLAND POND AREA, AND WHEN THE JOINT BOARD MEETS, WE NEED TO TAKE THAT OFF AS PART OF OUR MAINTENANCE. THIS DRAIN NEEDS A LOT OF WORK, ESPECIALLY TO THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTY LINE.

ENOCH FELKNER/WORK ORDER 2025-012

JIM MOYER EXPLAINED THAT THIS DRAIN WAS RECENTLY TAKEN INTO OUR SYSTEM. HE HAS PREPARED THE WORK ORDER AND TOMMORROW IS THE FINAL BID DATE ON DEBRUSHING THIS. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY BIDS YET, SO HE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THE CONTRACTORS HE SENT IT TO. THE BID WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW AFTERNOON. THE CONTRACTORS HAVE UNTIL JULY 1ST, 2025 TO COMPLETE THE WORK.

RECONSTRUCTION LIST

JIM MOYER GAVE THE FOLLOWING UPDATES ON PENDING RECONSTRUCTIONS:

- **BURKHOLDER** – THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE AS DISCUSSED EARLIER.
- **LEVI EATON** – THIS IS THE SECOND PRIORITY. WE WILL BE COLLECTING INFORMATION AND PLAN TO REPORT TO THE BOARD WITH MORE DETAILS LATE SPRING. AT THAT TIME, WE WILL HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON THE BURKHOLDER PROGRESSION AND WHAT OUR FUNDS STATUS IS. IT NEEDS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED AROUND THE LAGOONS FROM THE OLD KRALIS BROTHERS POULTRY PLANT. IT'S COLLAPSED AROUND THE TOE OF THE SLOPE OF THE LAGOONS AND NOT WORKABLE. THE TILE IS GOOD TO THAT POINT. MOYER WOULD LIKE TO REROUTE THE TILE TO THE TEEGARDEN. IT COULD BE TAKEN STRAIGHT NORTH OR ANGLED OVER TO THE TEEGARDEN. IT'S NOT MUCH FARTHER AND GETS US AWAY FROM THE LAGOONS. WORKING AROUND THE LAGOONS IS A VERY DEEP CUT. HE FEELS THE ELEVATIONS WOULD SUPPORT TAKING IT TO THE TEEGARDEN. JOE IRWIN ASKED WHAT WOULD BE DONE WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE LEVI EATON. MOYER SAID THAT AS SOON AS THE LEVI EATON CROSSES THE ROAD PAST THE LAGOON THERE IS A MAN HOLE. THE DRAIN IS GOOD FROM THAT POINT DOWNSTREAM. JOE IRWIN ASKED WHAT THE CONDITION OF THE TEEGARDEN IS. MOYER SAID IT IS AVERAGE AND DOESN'T FEEL IT IS A MAJOR PROBLEM TAKING THE LEVI EATON TO IT. HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS COMBINING THE TEEGARDEN, LEVI EATON AND SHILLING DRAINS INTO ONE SYSTEM. COMBINING THEM WOULD PROVIDE MORE FUNDS TO WORK WITH. HE SAID WITH A NORMAL RECONSTRUCTION, THE SEVERENS FAMILY WOULD BE HIT VERY HARD WITH THE COST. MOYER PLANS TO BRING MORE INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW IN THE SPRING SHOWING COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS. AT THAT POINT, A DECISION CAN BE MADE WITH PLANS TO DO THE WORK IN THE SUMMER.
- **VANCUREN** – THE START DATE ON THIS WILL BE EARLY IN 2026.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JIM MOYER STATED WE HAVE A LOT OF DRAINS THAT ARE PROBLEM DRAINS. THEY MAY NEED ABANDONED, COMBINED WITH OTHER DRAINS, OR CHANGED FROM MAINTENANCE NON-REPAYABLE TO ASSESSED DRAINS. HE PLANS TO TRY TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE SMALLER PROJECTS OVER THE NEXT YEAR. JOE IRWIN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY MAINTENANCE NON-REPAYABLE DRAINS THAT NEED WORK EVERY YEAR. MOYER SAID THERE ARE SEVEN OF THOSE. JOE IRWIN MENTIONED THE GOON FAMILY ON THE NOAH STONEBURNER DRAIN HAVE CONTINUAL PROBLEMS AND THIS SHOULD BE LOOKED AT. MOYER PLANS TO BRING A LIST OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR DRAINS AND PROJECTED HEARING DATES FOR THE COMING YEAR TO TRY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PROBLEM DRAINS.

PART-TIME HELP DISCUSSION

JIM MOYER SAID THE BUDGETS ARE DONE IN THE SUMMER FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AT THAT TIME HE WAS BATTLING CANCER AND NOT ABLE TO GIVE IT THE PROPER FOCUS. HE REMOVED PART-TIME HELP FROM THE BUDGET, BUT HE FEELS IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO REINSTATE THE PART-TIME HELP BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,403. THIS POSITION WOULD BE USED FOR PROVIDING HELP FOR HEARINGS SUCH AS PREPARING ASSESSMENT ROLES AND MAILINGS. MOYER ASKED FOR A MOTION SUPPORTING THIS SO HE CAN GO TO THE COUNCIL TO REQUEST THE FUNDS. CARY GRONINGER ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY OTHER AREA IN THE BUDGET THE MONEY COULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM. HE FELT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE MORE SUPPORTIVE OF A TRANSFER OF FUNDS THAN AN ADDITION TO BUDGETED FUNDS. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. JIM SCOTT SECONDED

THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. JIM MOYER IS TO BRING DETAILS OF WHERE HE CAN TRANSFER FUNDS FROM TO HELP COVER THIS ADDITIONAL COST.

AMY HURD FILLING ASSISTANT SURVEYOR POSITION

JIM MOYER SAID HE HASN'T HIRED AN ASSISTANT SURVEYOR. DURING SUMMER BUDGETING HE CHANGED THE NAME TO A DEPUTY SURVEYOR, WHICH CREATES AN ISSUE REGARDING MONEY AS THE TERM DEPUTY TIES THE PAY RATE TO HIS POSITION. AS STATED PREVIOUSLY, DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES, HE WASN'T UP TO PAR AND NEEDS TO MAKE SOME CHANGES. HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AMY HURD HIS ASSISTANT. HE ALREADY HAS A LETTER TO THE WAGE COMMITTEE REGARDING HIS SALARY AND WILL ALSO BE APPROACHING THE COUNCIL TO ADD AMY HURD AS HIS ASSISTANT AND COMPENSATE HER ACCORDINGLY. HER DUTIES WOULD CHANGE. SHE WOULD ASSIST WITH CONTACTING OTHER GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS, SEEKING FUNDING, AND PERMIT ASSISTING. JOE IRWIN ASKED IF MILEAGE WOULD NEED TO BE ADDED FOR HER. MOYER SAID HE DID NEED HER TO GO IN THE FIELD. HE CAN DEAL WITH WHAT GOES ON OUTSIDE. HE NEEDS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT AMY HAS A VALUABLE SKILL SET THAT THE COUNTY CAN BENEFIT FROM.

THREE DRAINS CURRENTLY IN DEBT THAT COULD BE RAISED 25%

JIM MOYER DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING DRAINS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN DEBT AND HAVE ANTICIPATED MAINTENANCE WORK. HE STATED THAT NECESSARY SPRAYING WOULD STILL BE DONE REGARDLESS OF THE DRAIN BALANCE. HE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE THE ASSESSMENT ON EACH BY 25%, AND A HEARING WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO DO THAT.

- **BOCKMAN** – IT COLLECTS ABOUT \$1,000 PER YEAR AND IS OVER 12 YEARS IN DEBT. THE UPPER END OF THE TILE IS IN BAD SHAPE. JOE IRWIN QUESTIONED THE BENEFIT OF RAISING IT 25% BECAUSE AN EXTRA \$250 PER YEAR WON'T COVER MUCH. CARY GRONINGER ASKED WHAT PROJECTED MAINTENANCE COSTS WOULD BE AND IF IT COULD BE A RECONSTRUCTION INSTEAD. JOE IRWIN ALSO SAID WE JUST HAD A HEARING ON IT IN 2017. JIM MOYER THOUGHT THE COST WOULD BE ABOUT \$5,000. MOYER WILL LOOK FURTHER INTO THE COSTS OF MAINTENANCE NEEDED.
- **ROBBINS MAGEE** – THIS DRAIN IS 2.88 YEARS IN DEBT AND COLLECTS ABOUT \$12,000 PER YEAR. JIM SCOTT MENTIONED WE JUST RAISED THIS IN 2023 TO \$5 PER ACRE WITH A \$50 MINIMUM, AND HE FELT WE NEEDED TO GIVE IT MORE TIME TO WORK ITSELF OUT OF DEBT. JIM MOYER SAID IT PROBABLY NEEDS \$10,000 TO \$12,000 OF MAINTENANCE WORK AND SPRAYING WOULD RUN \$1,000 TO \$2,000 PER YEAR. JOE IRWIN ASKED IF THE MAINTENANCE WAS CRITICAL. JIM MOYER SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME FLOODING, BUT IT WAS NOT CRITICAL. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED WE SHOULD HOLD AT THE CURRENT RATES ON THIS DRAIN. IT CAN BE REVISITED IN A YEAR.
- **HANNA WALKER** – THIS DRAIN IS ABOUT 2.36 YEARS IN DEBT AND COLLECTS ABOUT \$4,000 PER YEAR. THE RATES WERE RAISED TO \$5 PER ACRE WITH A \$50 MINIMUM IN 2023. IT WAS JUST DEBRUSHED AND WE HAVE SEVERAL TILES UPSTREAM THAT ARE IN BAD SHAPE. JIM MOYER SAID WE ARE LOOKING AT ABOUT \$10,000 IN MAINTENANCE COST AND SPRAYING IS AROUND \$1,000 PER YEAR. JOE IRWIN ASKED IF THE MAINTENANCE WAS CRITICAL AND MOYER SAID IT WAS NOT, BUT THERE ARE PROBLEM AREAS THAT HAVE EXISTED FOR A LONG TIME. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, IT WE DECIDED WE SHOULD HOLD AT THE CURRENT RATES ON THIS DRAIN. IT CAN BE REVISITED IN A YEAR.

FOUR DRAINS CURRENTLY COLLECTING THAT SHOULD BE VACATED

JIM MOYER DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING DRAINS HE FEELS SHOULD BE VACATED. PUBLIC HEARINGS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO VACATE THESE DRAINS. EXISTING TILE WOULD BECOME PROPERTY OF THE LANDOWNER AND NO MORE ASSESSMENTS WOULD BE COLLECTED. ANY FUNDS IN THE DRAIN ACCOUNT WOULD BE MOVED TO THE GENERAL DRAIN FUND.

- **VANDERMARK** – THE TILE HAS BEEN PLANTED OVER WITH TREES. THE TREES WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED TO MAINTAIN THE TILE, WHICH IS IN BAD SHAPE. THERE IS AN OPEN SECTION OF TILE, BUT IT IS FILLED WITH COTTONWOOD TREES. THE DRAIN COLLECTS \$127 PER YEAR, WHICH ISN'T ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF MAINTENANCE. MOYER DOESN'T SEE ANY DRAINAGE BENEFIT TO THE WATERSHED. CARY GRONINGER ASKED IF WE VACATE THE DRAIN, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS RIGHT TO OUTLETS FOR THEIR WATER. MOYER SAID THAT IF THERE WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, THEY WOULD NEED TO COME TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD AND WE WOULD HAVE TO DESIGN SOMETHING. A RECONSTRUCTION MIGHT BE NECESSARY. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO HAVE A HEARING TO VACATE THE DRAIN. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. CARY GRONINGER ABSTAINED AS HE IS A PROPERTY OWNER ON THE DRAIN. MOYER SAID HE FELT HE COULD HAVE THIS HEARING IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS SUMMER.
- **ENOCH WATKINS** – THIS DRAIN RUNS SOUTH OF NAPPANEE. THE ENTIRE TILE IS WITHIN THE STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY. IT IS THE STATE'S OPINION THAT ANYTHING IN THEIR ROADWAY IS THEIRS. THE TILE IS IN A DEEP ROADSIDE DITCH. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET THE STATE TO ALLOW US TO DO ANYTHING. THE DRAIN COLLECTS \$305 A YEAR WHICH IS NOT ENOUGH TO MAINTIAN IT. IT IS OLD CEMENT TILE THAT IS BROKEN DOWN WITH TREES IN IT. IF WE DON'T WANT TO ABANDON IT, WE WOULD HAVE TO RECONSTRUCT IT. RECONSTRUCTION WOULD COST \$20,000 TO \$26,000. A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD ALLOW LANDOWNERS TO EXPRESS THEIR THOUGHTS ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION TO POSTPONE A PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL 2026. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
- **RUSSELL WARNER** – THIS DRAIN IS ON LAKE WAWASEE. THERE IS SMALL AMOUNT OF TILE THAT DRAINS UNDER THE ROAD AND BETWEEN TWO HOUSES INTO THE LAKE. THERE IS LESS THAN TEN FEET OF SPACE BETWEEN THE HOUSES. HALF OF THE TILE IS IN THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND WORK IN THIS SECTION WOULD BE DONE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY. THERE IS LITTLE THAT WE CAN DO TO MAINTAIN THIS DRAIN. CARY GRONINGER ASKED IF VACATING THE DRAIN WOULD ELIMINATE THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO ACCESS TO THE LAKE. JOE IRWIN ALSO FELT THAT IF WE VACATE THE DRAIN, WE LOSE CONTROL IF THERE IS A PROBLEM BETWEEN THE ROAD AND THE LAKE. MOYER SUGGESTED DROPPING THE ASSESSMENT AND MAKING IT A MAINTENANCE NON-REPAYABLE DRAIN. GRONINGER FELT WE SHOULD CONTACT STEVE MORIARTY OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR HIS INPUT. THE DRAIN IS CURRENTLY NOT COLLECTING. THE ANNUAL COLLECTION IS \$443 PER YEAR AND THERE IS A BALANCE OF \$2,483 IN THE FUND. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION THAT THE DECISION BE TABLED UNTIL JIM MOYER CAN CONTACT STEVE MORIARTY TO SEE WHAT THE RAMIFICATIONS OF VACATION WOULD BE. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
- **JJ OCONNELL** – THIS DRAIN IS A SWAMPY LOW GROUND AREA THAT IS NOT FARMED ANYMORE. IT IS USED FOR HUNTING. IT COLLECTS \$309 PER YEAR AND DOES NOT COLLECT ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN ITSELF. YOU COULD COMBINE IT WITH DEEDS CREEK WHICH WOULD PROVIDE MORE MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS. IF IT WERE COMBINED, THE LANDOWNERS WOULD PROBABLY BE ASSESSED LESS. JOE IRWIN QUESTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF LANDOWNERS

WANTING TO BUILD HOUSING IN THE FUTURE. JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION THAT THE DECISION BE TABLED UNTIL JIM MOYER INVESTIGATES COMBINING THE DRAIN WITH DEEDS CREEK. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

DRAIN RATING SYSTEM

JIM MOYER PRESENTED A ROUGH DRAFT OF A COMPUTER PROGRAM AMY HURD HAS DEVELOPED TO RATE OUR DRAINS. ITEMS SUCH AS DRAINAGE SIZE, CONDITION, WORK PERFORMED, ACCOUNT BALANCE AND HEARING STATUS ARE QUANTIFIED TO CREATE AN OVERALL RATING. THE HIGHER THE RATING, THE MORE ATTENTION A DRAIN NEEDS. OTHER FACTORS ARE BEING CONSIDERED TO ADD TO THIS SUCH AS THE LAND USE AND SOIL QUALITY. CARY GRONINGER SUGGESTED INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING WATER QUALITY OR EROSION PRACTICES BECAUSE IT MIGHT LEAD TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRANTS. HE SUGGESTED TALKING TO NATE BOSCH OF LILLY LAKES AND STREAMS. THEY MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION WE COULD USE. MOYER FEELS THIS WILL BE A GREAT TOOL FOR MANAGEMENT OUR DRAINAGE SYSTEM. THE BOARD WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS EFFORT

ELIMINATING SECOND TRUCK

JIM MOYER INFORMED THE BOARD HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING RID OF THE PREVIOUS SURVEYORS TRUCK. HE FEELS ONE TRUCK IS SUFFICIENT. HE DID NOTE THAT THIS TRUCK IS ON IT'S SECOND TRANSMISSION.

ADJOURN

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

CLAIMS

2/11/2025

CAUFFMAN	HUFFMAN LAND SURVEYING	\$100.00	2700
KIMES LOGAN	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,350.00	2700
PYLE JOHN	HUFFMAN LAND SURVEYING	\$100.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$8,840.00	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	TIMBER VALLEY	\$1,950.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	KLINE TRUCKING	\$1,085.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$ 13,425.00

GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 0

2/25/2025


KIMES LOGAN	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$228.60	2700
PETERSON	TIMBER VALLEY	\$480.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	LI EXCAVATING	\$7,733.72	1158
PYLE JOHN	KLINE TRUCKING	\$2,790.00	2700
POLE RUN	HUFFMAN LAND SURVEYING	\$75.00	1158
PYLE JOHN	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$4,654.80	2700
SHANTON	TIMBER VALLEY	\$480.00	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	SHANKSTER BROS	\$638.83	1158
SWICK MEREDITH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$7,335.84	2700
SWICK MEREDITH	KLINE TRUCKING	\$2,581.25	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	HOHMAN EXCAVATING	\$356.00	2700

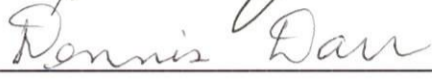
MAINTENANCE: \$ 18,906.49

GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 8,447.55

DECEMBER TOTALS
MAINTENANCE: \$ 32,331.49
GENERAL DRAIN: \$ 8,447.55

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD


Cary Groninger – Chairman


Dennis Darr


Joe Irwin


Jim Scott – Vice Chairman


Steve Metzger