

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

PRESENT

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN
JIM SCOTT – VICE CHAIRMAN
DENNIS DARR
JOE IRWIN

NOT PRESENT

STEVE METZGER

ALSO PRESENT

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

NOT PRESENT

MARK MONTEL – DRAINAGE SUPERVISOR

CARY GRONINGER – CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

DECEMBER CLAIMS AND MINUTES AND JANUARY CLAIMS

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

VARIANCE – DEWAYNE & JENNIFER STUTZMAN – ARMEY: KEY 033-010-001.A

LAMAR BURKHOLDER OF BURKHOLDER EXCAVATING CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REPRESENTING DEWAYNE AND JENNIFER STUTZMAN. THEY REQUESTED A VARIANCE TO INSTALL A NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM AND ADDITION WITHIN THE REGULATED DRAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY. MIKE KISSINGER EXPLAINED THAT IN THE PAST THE COUNTY DEBRUSHED THE EAST SIDE OF THIS DITCH AND TOOK IT INTO THE SYSTEM. AT THAT TIME LAND OWNERS WERE TOLD THAT ANYTHING ALREADY EXISTING ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE DITCH WOULD BE GRANDFATHERED IN. ON THIS SITE THERE IS AN EXISTING OUTBUILDING THAT IS 46 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK THAT IS GRANDFATHERED IN. AFTER DISCUSSION, JOE IRWIN MADE A MOTION THAT A 50 FOOT MINIMUM SETBACK BE GIVEN FOR THE SEPTIC TANK, A 60 FOOT MINIMUM SETBACK FOR THE SEPTIC FIELD AND A 63 FOOT MINIMUM SETBACK ON THE ADDITION. JIM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

SEDALIA WHITE – DISCUSSION OF RATES

THE DRAIN IS 5.3 MILES OF OPEN DRAIN AND 8.2 MILES OF TILE DRAIN. THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1.25 PER ACRE WITH A MINIMUM OF \$6.25. THE YEARLY COLLECTION IS \$4,717.1 AND IT IS CURRENTLY IN DEBT \$6,568.80. WE ARE AWAITING AN INVOICE ON CURRENT TILE REPAIR WORK. THE DRAIN WAS IN DEBT FROM 2000 TO 2015, BUT CARRIED A POSITIVE BALANCE FROM 2015 UNTIL JANUARY OF 2024. AN \$18,000 DEBRUSHING PROJECT IN JANUARY, 2024 PUT IT BACK IN DEBT. AVERAGE YEARLY MAINTENANCE FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS WAS \$5,900. THE LAST HEARING WAS NOVEMBER OF 1982 AND THERE WAS A 25% INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER OF 1997. UPCOMING MAINTENANCE INCLUDES ADDITIONAL CLEARING OF WOODS OVER TILE

AND DEBRUSHING APPROXIMATELY 3,800 FEET OF OPEN DITCH AND REPAIR OF TILE ESTIMATED AT \$25,000 TO \$30,000. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS ESTIMATED AT \$12,000 TO \$15,000. KISSINGER RECOMMENDED \$5 PER ACRE WITH A \$25 MINIMUM. THIS WOULD COLLECT \$19,127 WITH A FOUR YEAR MAXIMUM OF \$76,509. JIM SCOTT MOTIONED TO ADVERTISE AT \$5 PER ACRE WITH A \$50 MINIMUM AND A FOUR YEAR MAXIMUM. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. JIM SCOTT REQUESTED SEEING NUMBERS FOR \$4 PER ACRE WITH A \$40 MINIMUM FOR REFERENCE BEFORE THE HEARING.

GOSHERT DISCUSSION

KISSINGER SAID THERE IS A STRETCH OF APPROXIMATELY 1,300 FEET OF 12 INCH TILE THAT NEEDS REPLACED. THE LANDOWNER IS OFFERING TO PAY INSTALLATION COSTS IF THE COUNTY PAYS FOR MATERIALS. IF THE COUNTY DOES IT ALL, IT COULD BE A RECONSTRUCTION. THE DRAIN IS 2.75 YEARS IN DEBT AND COLLECTS \$5,333 PER YEAR. THE RATE IS \$7.50 PER ACRE WITH A \$31.25 MINIMUM. THE LAST HEARING WAS IN 2017 AND IT WAS RAISED 25% IN 2020. THE TILE PROJECT WILL PUT THE DRAIN 4.3 YEARS IN DEBT AND AFTER THE SPRING COLLECTION IT WOULD STILL BE APPROXIMATELY 3.7 YEARS IN DEBT. JIM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$8,500 FOR MATERIALS ONLY. IF THERE ARE FUNDS LEFT AFTER GETTING TILE, IT CAN BE APPLIED TO STONE IF NEEDED. INSTALLATION WILL BE BY THE OWNER WITH A COUNTY APPROVED CONTRACTOR. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

WELCH-TODD SMITH PROJECT UPDATE

JIM MOYER SAID THE TILE HAS BEEN MOVED AWAY FROM STATE ROAD 19 AND EVERYTHING HAS BEEN HOOKED UP AND IS WORKING WELL.

SPRAYING PROJECT

KISSINGER HAS SPOKE WITH DALTONS AND THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN MATERIAL COSTS. HE WILL BE MEETING WITH THEM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. JIM SCOTT REQUESTED A COMPARISON ON WHAT IS SPENT ON SPRAYING VERSUS MOWING. KISSINGER IS TO GET THOSE NUMBERS.

YEAR END REPORTS

KISSINGER REVIEWED THE YEARLY DRAIN COLLECTIONS AND EXPENSE REPORTS. HE ALSO WENT OVER THE DRAINAGE WORK FOR THE YEAR AND UPCOMING RECONSTRUCTION WORK, PENDING RECONSTRUCTIONS, MAINTENANCE HEARINGS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS.

GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON

JOE IRWIN ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF WORK ON THE GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON DRAIN. KISSINGER RESPONDED THAT A NUMBER OF ITEMS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THERE ARE STILL SOME REMAINING.

ADJOURN

BEING OF NO FURTHER BUSINESS JIM SCOTT MAD A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JOE IRWIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CLAIMS:**2/13/2024**

ARMEY	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$437.38	2700
ARMEY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1,490.00	2700
FLEUGLE	BEECHY EXCAVATING	\$600.00	1158
KOONTZ MARY	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2,690.00	2700
LECKRONE NELSON	M KOLESIAK	\$8,212.50	2700
LECRONE NELSON	M KOLESIAK	\$3,697.50	2700
MCCLEARY GOCHENOUR	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$630.00	2700
PETERSON MARTIN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$3,060.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$2,690.00	2700
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING & EXC	\$4,070.00	2700
WILLIAMSON SARAH	M KOLESIAK	\$1,100.00	2700
YEAGER ANDREW	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$755.00	2700
YEAGER ANDREW	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$62.62	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$28,895.00**GENERAL DRAIN: \$600.00****2/27/2024**


DANNER	M KOLESIAK	\$8,927.50	2700
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ESSIG	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$64.71	2700
		\$255.29	1158
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$143.40	2700
GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	KLINE TRUCKING	\$525.00	2700
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GAY EASTERDAY ROBINSON	JJT HAULING & EXC	\$865.00	2700
KIMES LOGAN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$410.00	2700
PETERSON MARTIN	KLINE TRUCKING	\$871.25	2700
PHILLIPS WALTER	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$640.00	2700
PLUNGE CREEK	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$730.68	2700
POLE RUN	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$155.00	2700
SHANTON	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$800.00	2700
SHOEMAKER ISAAC	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1,490.00	1158
SILVEUS	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$800.00	1158
STONEBURNER PUTNEY	KLINE TRUCKING	\$1,395.00	2700
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SWICK MEREDITH	LI EXCAVATING	\$7,643.91	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1640.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$1,250.00	2700
WALNUT CREEK	WARSAW WHOLESALE	\$741.60	2700
WELCH JAMES	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$421.96	1158
WELCH JAMES	DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS	\$63.01	1158
WELCH JAMES	LI EXCAVATING	\$13,135.94	1158
WELCH JAMES	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$480.00	1158
WESTLAKE FETTERS	KLINE TRUCKING	\$5,730.00	2700
WYLAND	TIMBER VALLEY CLEARING	\$960.00	2700

MAINTENANCE: \$43,499.30**GENERAL DRAIN: \$16,646.20**

FEBRUARY TOTALS
MAINTENANCE: \$72,394.30
GENERAL DRAIN: **\$17,246.20**

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD


Cary Groninger – Chairman


Dennis Darr


Joe Irwin


Jim Scott – Vice Chairman


Steve Metzger