

Randolph County Drainage Board

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Present:

Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman
Gary Friend, Vice Chairman
Gary L. Girton, Member
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney
Casey Keener, Secretary

Minutes for August 5, 2024

Mike Wickersham calls the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda is to approve the Minutes for Monday July 1, 2024, meeting. We have received minutes via e-mail. I hope we had an opportunity to review them. Gary Girton moves to approve the minutes as presented, Gary Friend seconds, Minutes approved as presented, motion carries.

Mike says, next item is the surveyors report. Ed starts, we have not received the new plan yet, but we have the Price power station revision. Which is the change of Plans at the ethanol plant. They're going to tie into the existing storm sewer on the plant. Mike asks, did they get the variance they wanted on? Ed replies, Yes, all their stuff is ready to go. I haven't got the final updated drawing on this, but it'll work. Casey ask if we are going to need a revised Stormwater approval form on this. Ed says, Yeah, we really needed A form for that. I didn't think they asked you to do that. OK, I guess we will ask the board and see what they want to do. We signed an approval for the original plan and that changed. Do you want to have a new? I said the new plan will also work. Obviously, the water is going West instead of. East. Mike says, but it is a different plan. Ed says, Yes, it is a different plan. Casey asks, do we have to have a new form. Mike says we do need a new form, it is are we going to approve it without the form today, based on your recommendation. Or we don't approve it today and you bring the new plan to us at our next meeting. Have you seen the plan? Ed replies I have seen the draft, and it works perfectly. They're going to have. change their retention because they have to raise their pond a little bit to make it work. But it will drain to the catch basin. Mike asks if this is part of their new plan. Ed replies, Yeah, that's part of it. But like I said, they haven't sent me the final plan yet. I only Seen the draft. Mike asks, is there a problem in waiting till next month? Ed replies, I don't think so, nobody's talking about getting under the structure out of the way. Mike adds, I think you need to see the plan that bring us your recommendation and we'll approve it based upon that. Ed replies, we can do that. Gary friend says, we could meet in two weeks are that might be then. Mike says, you could call this guy and see if he wants to meet in two weeks too. Ed says, we'll roll that. I shall get them to get me my final draft on this. Mike ask if there are any project updates? Ed replies, they moved in and started that on Sugar Creek. They actually started at 32 at the ditch back there along the cobalt property. I mean,

literally all I did mow weeds off of it. We when we did the other, we played it too. Mike says, I know we did the big one after 2012, because I was here and I got the first call. Ed says, I do remember you getting the first of many calls. Mike said, we cleaned it up and made it just spotless down there and had two or three people call and say what the heck did you do that for? Now I know I got to look at that. Ugly other side. Ed says, can't win. Mike says, I got one It's the same sugar Creek at the Golf course. You know the pond out there and we spent money on the open ditch between the pond and I guess it's City Street now, 40 S the city has that. There's a tile that runs under that road that is blocked according to Mark Todd, who owns the golf course whose property drains through that tile, according to Chris Martin. So, Mark, Todd would like to hire the labor to pull that tile or replace that tile and I suggested that if he's willing to do that, then out of the ditch proceeds we could buy tile to replace that tile so wouldn't have to buy the tile, but he could provide the labor to replace it. And so, I'm bringing that to us this morning that we buy that tile and he replaces it. I would make a motion that. And I don't know what that tile would cost. Ed says, I will say a couple 1000. Mike says, I'd make a motion to pay up to \$3000 for tile to run under County Road or City Street 40, to be replaced by a Winchester Golf Club. Gary Girton seconds the motion, motion approved, motion carries.

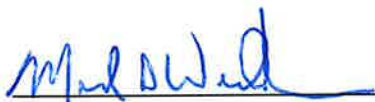
Mike says, I think its still county tile even though it runs under City Street. Ed says, Oh, we've got county tile under city streets all over the place. The problem here, let me give you a quick historical perspective on this mess. When they built the golf course and that was many, many years ago. They came to the drainage board and vacated all the county tiles on the golf course property. Fast forward to roughly 2022 years ago, Greg Peterson built the pond. When Greg Peterson built his pond, they vacated the county pile on Greg Peterson's property. Now county water still drains through all this. So, it was vacated, and they assumed responsibility for it. Sort of, the golf course has been good on theirs. We have repaired tile on the golf course property at the top end. Even after being vacated because people on the ditch, you know we have a 1/2 mile that's been vacated. There's county to Tile running in into this half mile that drains for two miles upstream. Go through this half mile area and then it goes back into county tile. If we have to do a repair in there, I have a choice, I could either repair with funds that we get into that ditch, which by law you to do that you bill the effective landowners, well the effective landowners are the people that already paid this ditch tax. So beyond vacating that Ditch really was pretty meaningless. Mike says, so you mentioned other Petersons property, but that open ditch that we repaired last year. It's not under Peterson. It's between Peterson and 47th. It's the same thing, they vacated all that. Mike says, Oh, they did vacate that. Ed says, yes. If I go back and read the minutes. I believe they vacated all the way to 40 S. Mike says on the north, all the way, because they've already done from the South. So, did they vacate under the road? I guess it doesn't matter. Well, it could become the city then if they make it to vacated and, on the road, and become the city. He's working with Chris Martin on that. Ed says, Chris has stepped up really good on this stuff. Chris has been very good to work with all these years. Mark also has. I think this is a good plan going forward. It's our responsibility however we look at it.

I've got a problem. Trying to figure out what to do 2 two areas basically 400 E White River. This is and this is a mile and 1/2 after what you've ever quits being county tile. So I don't I think that's too far downstream to go back on the Cox Hinshaw. Account. But we've got a blockage all 400 E about 100 feet down river. You know too far from the Highway department to reach in the

woods. And if this thing was the to back up like it potentially could, it could flood a house or two. It's tornado debris that's accumulated around the downed tree, and I don't have a method of paying somebody to take it out. That's this is where it's at and I'm going to talk to the landowner. They own their own equipment, they do some of this type of work. Not sure I can convince him to go back in there, take that out. Mike asks, Is it on his land? Ed says it is on his land. If it was on our ditch I would spend a couple thousand getting it removed. This is on White River. I don't know. We'll see where it lands. I intended to talk to Randy before this meeting and I haven't had a chance to do it. Mike asks, anything else was draining report. The only other thing is I'm still dealing with the people that own woods at the Base Rd. East or West of 500 E that there. They're being cool about i, but they're they still got about 1/4 of a mile of trees in the ditch trying to figure out who's going to do what. Actually, the contractor they contacted to potentially fix it, didn't have any idea how to price it. Gary Friend ask if anyone received insurance money for that? Ed says, Not all the not all open edge. And as it stands right now, I don't think we're going to get any state aid on the stuff we cleaned on the open ditches close to town. Those drains are just going to eat that.

Gary Friend makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Girton seconds, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed this 19th day of August, 2024 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman

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Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor