

Motion to approve minutes from 12/12/2022, Chris Ross, 2nd Kevin Nigh, approved 3/0.

Amos Ditch: TDS has requested to cross Amos ditch in 3 places (on 750 S and 800 S). Taylor Sumerford, county surveyor, would like to be present when they do the work as it is an old tile, and he wants to make sure nothing is damaged. TDS has agreed to let Taylor know when the work is going to happen so that he can be there. The drainage board members look over a map and discuss it. Kevin Nigh motions to approve the request to cross Amos Ditch as their plans show, 2nd Chris Ross, approved 3/0.

McFarren Ditch: Taylor Sumerford reports some work is being done on this ditch that will likely cost around \$6,000 but could go up to \$7,500, Don Parker feels this sounds reasonable.

Speedway Solar: James Ramsey is here regarding an email that he and the drainage board received from Desiree Calderella, plan director. He is concerned that he has been informed that the drainage board will not be voting on the drainage plans any further, he thought he plan would be returning to the drainage board for final approval. Per Desiree’s email what was last presented does not have to come back to the drainage board per the current Shelby County drainage code, it’s a class II site plan that does not need to be approved by the drainage board. There’s discussion of what tiles are shown on the maps that have been submitted. The drainage board has approved the letter of commitment. Mr. Ramsey believes there should be a public meeting regarding the drainage plan so that landowners are aware of Speedway Solar’s plan. Kevin Nigh feels there is a map that shows the specific tiles and drains. Desiree Calderella states the engineered plans are still being finalized and will be sent to USI for review but will not come back to the drainage board for any approval as it’s not required to. The engineering firm, USI, who the county hired, will be reviewing it to make sure it’s compatible with what came before the drainage board previously. Mr. Ramsey is concerned that such a large development that will primarily be reviewed by people who are not from Shelby County and the county’s ability to hold Speedway Solar accountable to their plan. Mr. Ramsey feels the drainage plan should be easily accessible to the public. Chris Ross asks if Desiree can post a link on the website once it is finalized, she agrees. Mr. Ramsey proposes the drainage board create a special board/ committee for future projects that is made up landowners in the area that the project is in to hear all the issues and then go to the drainage board with a recommendation. Kyle Barlow comes forward and states that he believes it is very important the perimeter drains need to be clearly stated on the site plan. Blake Newkirk comes forward and states per Luke Britt, the TAC committee needs to be having public meetings. She states there are multiple solar arrays that are being sued from the runoff, she feels its very important to make sure the plans are locked in place the way the drainage boards want them to be before it’s installed.

Adjourn.

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