

Motion to approve minutes from 10/23/2023, Don Parker, 2nd Jason Abel, approved 3/0.

Duckworth Ditch Public Hearing: Tony Titus is here, at the last drainage board meeting he presented a watershed map of the Duckworth Ditch. There was 18" clay tile placed in the early 1900's that is starting to deteriorate, most of this is across Mr. Titus' property. There are approximately 10 property owners in this watershed. It is confirmed that this is a county ditch but there are currently no funds in the account. For a county ditch to be repaired the cost is split between property owners and the amount each person is responsible for is calculated based on the amount of land they own in the watershed. In this case, Mr. Titus owns approximately 85% in the watershed therefore he would be paying for most of the work. Due to this he is requesting the County vacate the ditch. There are 200.82 acres in watershed, and it affects 354.79 acres overall. Mr. Titus is requesting to vacate the upper end of the Duckworth Ditch from 900 N, north to 950 N, keeping any tiles hooked into the ditch that are currently. Mr. Titus supplied the drainage board with a list of adjoining property owners that letters were sent. Kevin Nigh asks if anyone in the audience has any questions or concerns, no one comes forward. Don Parker motions to vacate the Duckworth Ditch from 900 N north to the beginning of the current ditch and relinquish it to a private property owner, Tony Titus, 2nd Jason Abel, approved 3/0.

SM Thompson Ditch Cleanout: Taylor Sumerford, county surveyor, reports Brandon Everhart is interested in cleaning this ditch out starting at McKay heading south after his crops are harvested. Kevin Nigh confirms we have funds available for this. This includes the portion Derrick Beyers from the City had requested earlier this year. Don Parker motions to clean out the SM Thompson Ditch starting at McKay Rd. working south in various locations along the way, 2nd Jason Abel, approved 3/0.

Shelby Manor Drainage: Taylor Sumerford presents the Drainage Board with some maps regarding the drainage plan at Shelby Manor. Contractor Brandon Fix is here and states he found 14 tile holes causing need for a whole new drainage system. Mr. Fix provided an estimate of \$39,000. Some funds are available now but not all. Mr. Fix states he could do the work before the end of the year and the County could pay ½ this year and ½ after the first of the year. Jason Abel would like to know if bids were taken for this project. Kevin Nigh and Auditor, Amy Glackman, advise the amount of the work is under the threshold required to take bids. Don Parker advises the estimate includes 24,593' of 6" and 4" pipe. Don Parker motions to hire Brandon Fix to complete the work as estimated for \$39,000 with ½ of the payment being paid out in 2023 and ½ in 2024, 2nd Kevin Nigh, approved 3/0.

Gwynneville: Jason Abel states he had a resident reach out to see if the drain outside of Gwynneville had been vacuumed out this summer. Jason believes there is enough money in the fund to have it vacuumed out, Taylor is going to check on it.

Motion to adjourn made by Jason Abel, 2nd Don Parker, approved 3/0.