

Motion to approve minutes from 7/8/24 made by Kevin Nigh, 2nd Don Parker, approved 3/0.

Speedway Solar: County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, has reviewed subsurface drainage plan submitted by Speedway Solar. Mr. Powell states he believes the intent of the Drainage Board is ultimately to adopt some drains within the plan as legal County drains. To do this, the normal process of establishing a County regulated drain would still be followed by holding a public hearing, implementing an assessment, etc. Mr. Powell would like to send his letter of recommendation with a notation regarding the intent to make some of their drains into County legal drains, to Primoris Renewable Energy (contractor for Speedway Solar) giving the green light for them to start their drainage work. Mr. Powell feels he and the Drainage Board will need to be directly involved with the portion of the Carmony Tile being replaced, and any other connections to any County legal drains. He looked at one connection that had already been made. Mr. Powell wants to make sure the discharge points are maintained and properly installed. Jason Abel reads an approval letter written by Jeff Powell that contains 29 stipulations for Speedway Solar. Kevin Nigh asks if they could combine all drains that they plan to make legal drains into 1 instead of multiple individual drains. Jeff Powell agrees with some areas but isn't sure it would work for all areas. He feels that would be something that would be sorted out at the time of establishing a County legal drain. Motion to approve the drainage plans made by Jason Abel, 2nd Kevin Nigh, approved 3/0. Jeff Powell adds one property owner has been contacted about the easement, but he is not sure that any of the easements have been obtained. Mr. Powell wants to state that the hold-up of the easements is of no relation to the Drainage Board, and Speedway Solar will not be able to do some of the work in their drainage plan until those are obtained.

Vacation of Clarence Province Legal Drain, Johnson County: Don Parker investigated this and spoke with property owner, Dave Stewart, who initiated the request to vacate the tile. It is a tile not an open drain that crosses Mr. Stewart's property and is several years old. Mr. Stewart has installed new drainage to help alleviate the problem, therefore Mr. Parker does not feel it will be of any disadvantage to Shelby County residents to disband the legal drain. Johnson County has recently raised their assessment rates and there are no plans for any work on that tile therefore Mr. Stewart does not feel there is any reason for it to be on assessment. Jeff Powell spoke with Greg Cantwell, Johnson County Surveyor, regarding the request to vacate the tile. Mr. Powell has not been contacted by any Shelby County residents who are against dissolving the drain. Mr. Powell states Mr. Cantwell advised he was contacted by 1 Shelby County resident who planned to attend the meeting regarding the vacation of the tile. Kevin Nigh recalls several years ago there were Shelby County property owners who were opposed to it, but he has not been contacted by anyone this time around. The tile is located near 900 W and Range Rd. Don Parker does point out that there is a regulated wetland in this area. Jeff Powell would like to know if the board is ok with him contacting Greg Cantwell that there was no objection by the board to disband this drain. The Drainage Board members agree.

Fisher Tucker Shipp Legal Drain: Surveyor, Scott Sumerford submitted a request to connect a tile to the Fisher Tucker Shipp legal drain for a potential house at 3970 S. Sugar Creek Rd. Jeff Powell spoke with Mr. Sumerford prior to today's meeting. An approval is needed for the property to discharge a perimeter drain into the Fisher Tucker Shipp Legal Drain, Don Parker motions to approve, 2nd Kevin Nigh, approve 3/0.

Meeting Schedule: Jeff Powell states he has some scheduling conflicts with the next 2 regular scheduled Drainage Board meetings on 8/12/24 and 8/26/24. He requests to change the next 2 meetings to 8/19/24 and 9/3/24, Kevin Nigh motions to approve, 2nd Don Parker, approved 3/0.

Primoris Renewal Energy (Speedway Solar Project): Jason Farnum from Primoris Renewable Energy speaks regarding the easement that needs to be obtained, the client is supposed to be on site this week. Property owner Rex Kuhn wants his (easement) contract reviewed by his lawyer who was out of town, so they are waiting for that before they can move forward. Mr. Farnum asks that this to not hold up the approval of the drainage plan. Jeff Powell personally feels they should be able to continue with their drainage plans if they avoid the areas that need easements until they are obtained. Jeff Powell requests the Drainage Board to make a motion to approve the drainage project to move forward in the portions that do not require the easements. The Drainage Board does not feel a motion is needed since the Board has given their letter of approval for the drainage plan which includes the stipulations of obtaining easements in specific areas.
Adjourn.