

Motion to table minutes from 1/13/2025 made by Jason Able, 2nd Nathan Runnebohm, approved 3/0.

BSM Groups, Utility Request to cross Sidney Branch and Haw Creek: County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, states the portion of the Sidney Branch they are crossing is not a regulated drain in Shelby County, it is regulated in Bartholomew County. The plans state they are going to be 60" below the ditch channel, Mr. Powell's only suggestion is that they probe to ensure the actual channel depth. Ryan Fowler, from Verita Telecommunications, who will be construction team, states the installation will be by directional bore. Mr. Powell states the Peak Drain (aka Haw Creek) is regulated; he also makes the same suggestion to probe into the channel to see how much silt is there. Mr. Fowler states they are not aware of any other utilities in the area except possibly a phone line which they would keep their distance from. He states they can adjust their depth if needed and can do a pre walk with the Drainage Board prior to construction as well. Jason Abel motions to approve the request, 2nd Nathan Runnebohm with the stipulation that probing is done with no issues found, approved 3/0.

Ditch Assessments: Jeff Powell provides the Drainage Board with the 2024 assessment roles and the current account balances as of 1/23/25. He states the spraying program was the main expenditure from 2024. His assessment list is still under review but gives drain balance and a brief discussion of a few specific drains on the list:

The **Alexander Tile** is in Gwynneville with a current balance of \$9,648.96. He would recommend keeping it on assessment as it would not take long to go through the funding if work was required.

Henry Gordon runs south by the sewer treatment plant in Morristown, the current balance is \$41,341.75. He is unaware of any immediate need for maintenance on this drain.

Joshua Moore is an open drain going west from Gwynneville, with a current balance of \$16,908.74, he would recommend keeping this on assessment.

Mary Moore is a tile drain in the northwest part of the county with a balance of \$29,457.78; Mr. Powell recommends keeping enclosed tiles on assessment due to the high cost of repair.

Woodruff Drain is located southwest of Shelbyville, the current balance is \$20,733.30, he would recommend to continue assessment.

Woodyard Drain is north and east around the solar farm, with a current balance of \$7,286.20 and he recommends keeping it on assessment.

OM Thompson located in the southwest part of the county, has a current balance of \$9,814.99, he recommends keeping it on assessment.

SM Thompson has a current balance of \$41,616.63 which is a collection of multiple drains, and Mr. Powell would recommend keeping it on assessment for this reason.

Thomas Carmony Tile is located at 500 E and 475 N, the current balance is \$14,871.61, he has knowledge of repairs needed on this tile so would recommend keeping it on assessment. The northern end of this tile was just rebuilt by the solar farm.

Hills Branch is north and a little west of SR 9 and has a balance of \$14,465.81, he recommends keeping it on assessment.

Glessner Ditch is an open ditch that comes up around Clearview addition and has current balance of \$49,844.88. The City of Shelbyville is the only one who pays toward this ditch. Mr. Powell is undecided at this time if it should remain on assessment, he has been in contact with the City of Shelbyville.

Hankins Drain is also one the City of Shelbyville pays on, it is located near the airport and casino. The current balance is \$64,263.63 and Mr. Powell is currently undecided whether it should remain on assessment.

Dwain Village current balance is \$1,787.53. The assessment was created for a specific project, but he will be looking into it more. Initially he would think that it should stay on maintenance to build up a reasonable balance.

Roberts/ Howell/ McPherson Dipple has a balance of \$26,408.37, he recommends to keep this one on assessment.

Sidney Branch is a Bartholomew County shared drain, so the funds will be transferred to them, the current balance is \$11,293.19.

Reece Tile is east of Shelbyville north of SR 44, with a current balance of \$20,694.02, Mr. Powell proposes to keep it on assessment.

Smithland Tile has a current balance is \$8,619.89, Mr. Powell is undecided at this time if it should remain on assessment.

Clendenning Tile has a current balance of -\$73,106.20, this one would definitely remain on assessment.

Meik's Addition has a current balance of \$20,317.72. It had a 4-year assessment which we have collected, he recommends removing the assessment at this time.

Bartholomew, Rush and Hancock Counties have ditches that the County has received letters stating they need to remain on assessment.

Clendenning Tile: Jeff Powell met with David Brown, Dave Stewart, and Gary Long and got a better understanding of what work has been completed. He also spoke with Brian Mohr of Mohr Drainage about an estimate to complete work up to SR 44. The board feels it is important to collect more funding prior to committing to any more work. The payment David Brown most recently brought in has not been applied to the -\$73,106.20 yet as well as part of his initial payment, causing the deficit to be more along the lines of \$13,000. No action was taken.

Zell Patterson Tile: Jeff Powell spoke with David Lawson about this tile recently and is scheduled to meet on site with Brian Mohr of Mohr Drainage. One issue they are running into is the gas lines that are in the area. Mr. Powell believes if they re-route around the willow tree area it would be helpful.

Mr. Fowler from Vertia comes forward to clarify if they are ok to commence telecommunications work that was discussed earlier in the meeting. The Drainage Board confirms they are good to go if they make sure to be 60" below the bottom of the actual ditch.

Clendenning Tile: Blake Newkirk asks about a resident on 250 who had dug a pond that was maybe not a legal pond, she wondered if that was part of the reason that account was in the negative because the plans had to be reworked due to the pond? Mr. Powell states his understanding is there was an open pond that was dug on the original route of the tile, they are proposing to route around the pond. Ms. Newkirk asks if that played into why the fund is in the negative? Mr. Powell explains it was set up to be a 5-year payback estimated to be around \$150,000 but they've spent out around \$165,000, he feels this happened when pipe prices for the particular size needed went up. He doesn't think the pond contributed to what was spent, just the change to the route.

Adjourn.

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