

Motion to approve minutes from 2/10/2025 made by Jason Able, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Runnebohm, approved 3/0.

**Ditch Assessments:** Jeff Powell, Shelby County Surveyor, has updated the drainage ditch assessment list and would like to add back on the Glessner and Hankins Ditches. After discussion with Derrick Beyers from the City of Shelbyville and finding there are some areas that need work. Therefore Mr. Powell would like to go ahead and leave those on assessment. Mr. Beyers advised the City of Shelbyville pays a lump sum on the SM Thompson ditch in addition the assessments to the Glessner and Hankins Ditches. Mr. Powell report that he looked into the Meiks Addition project, it has been completed, no additional phases were planned, he has kept this ditch off the assessment role. Nathan Runnebohm would like to clarify the ditches removed from the previous year. Mr. Powell advises the ones removed are the Henry Gordon open drain, Smithland Tile, and Meiks Addition. Motion to accept the assessment list made by Nathan Runnebohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Abel, approved 3/0.

**Proposed drainage into McFarren Drain on 425 W (E of Smithland Rd., N of 600 S):** Smooth Stone Excavating is present and Mickey Pile (property owner) per Jeff Powell's request to obtain permission from the Drainage Board to tie a proposed 18" tile into the McFarren Drain. Mr. Powell has provided the Drainage Board with some maps, and they discuss the proposed tile as well as some existing tile. Jeff Powell states at the end of 2023, there were portions of the McFarren Drain that were dredged out, but the portion along the south side of 600 S was omitted. The previous surveyor, Taylor Sumerford, thought the Highway Department would do this portion. John Burbrink from Smooth Stone Excavating is here as the contractor who will be installing the proposed tile through property owned by Drake Farms, Mickey Piles and Kissell Farms. Mr. Powell states there are some concerns that our watershed may not be representing the full area, he is going to look into that. Mr. Abel would like to know about the drainage ditch from the north under 600 S. He questions if any culverts need to be addressed and maybe this is why Mr. Sumerford mentioned the Highway Department dredging it. Todd Johns, Assistant Highway Superintendent, states they can look at the area. Mr. Burbrink, Mr. Powell and the Drainage board discuss the proposed tile route. There is a culvert on 600 S and Mr. Abel would like to make sure it is sufficient to handle more water. Mr. Johns is not aware the Highway Department was ever asked to look at this before today, Mr. Powell does not believe they ever were actually requested to do so. Mickey Pile comes forward to discuss dredging more. Mr. Pile states the area on 600 S Mr. Abel is concerned about has always drained well in the past. David Lawson feels they could go ahead and take a vote but would like Jeff Powell to look at the area. Jason Abel would like to make sure the culvert can handle the additional water. Todd Johns states he does not know the exact size off the top of his head but it is a large structure and believes it could handle more water. Jason Abel motions to approve the tile to outlet into the McFarren ditch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Runnebohm, approved 3/0.

**Longwood Estates:** Jeff Powell and Assistant Highway Superintendent Ben Taylor have looked at an area where water is coming across the street from a driveway. Mr. Powell states in Longwood Estates there are not many culverts or roadside ditches in this area. He has spoken with the landowner, who states there are no easements down the lot lines. Mr. Powell had advised the landowner that the best thing he could do is work with the adjacent landowner to install a private tile as the County has no jurisdiction on the private property and there is no legal county drain in the area. Mr. Powell explained the process to the landowner to establish a legal drain and collect maintenance funds to complete such projects but they would have to have enough participation form surrounding landowners.

Adjourn.

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