

St. Joseph County Drainage Board Meeting
February 3, 2020 – 4th floor County Council Caucus Room
County-City Building

St. Joseph County Drainage Board Meeting

The St. Joseph County Drainage Board Meeting was called to order by Mr. Thomas Schlarb at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present:

Thomas Schlarb, President
Randall Matthys
John Summers
John Linn

Andrew Kostielney, Commissioner
Brandie Ecker, Attorney
John R. McNamara, Ex-Officio Member
Karisa Buckwheat, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Thomas Schlarb called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the January 6, 2020 minutes. Mr. John Linn made a motion to approve the minutes being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

PROPOSALS

There were no proposals for consideration.

SURVEYORS REPORT

A. Payment to Contractors

Mr. John Linn made a motion to pay the contractors being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

B. Change of Assessments

Mr. John McNamara let the Board know that this most often was just combining or splitting some properties. Mr. Randall Matthys made a motion to approve the Change of Assessments being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

C. Pittman Ditch Water Shed – Douglas DeShepper

Douglas DeShepper is requesting to switch the maintenance of the Pittman Ditch to the Birk 5 and 15 Mutual Drain Association into which the Pittman Ditch flows. Mr. McNamara stated that he would work with Attorney Brandi Ecker to put together the necessary steps to transfer the maintenance. Mr. McNamara also stated that we would not be vacating the ditch just simply transferring the maintenance to the association that they are setting up. Mr. McNamara has no objection to the switch.

D. March 2, 2020 Drainage Board Meeting

Mr. John McNamara let the Board know that he would not be available for the March 2, 2020 Drainage Board Meeting and suggested canceling it. He let the board know that they would be required to hold the April 6, 2020 Drainage Board Meeting. Mr. Randall Matthys made a motion to cancel the March 2, 2020 Drainage Board Meeting being seconded by Commissioner Kostielney and the motion carried.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bob Humbarger of 29987 Hurd Road, New Carlisle, Indiana 46552 was present to discuss Senate Bill 229. Mr. Humbarger wanted to know what the Drainage Boards stance was regarding the bill. Mr. McNamara stated that what they are doing is promoting wetlands and where they are and trying to prevent people from destroying them. Mr. McNamara stated that the Drainage Board could not answer that question at this time as they are not fully informed of the bill.

Mr. Humbarger also had questions regarding the relocation of the Niespodziany Ditch. Mr. McNamara stated that there has not been anything submitted to us regarding the relocation of the ditch.

(Audio Position 15:19)

Randy Szczypiorski of 52505 Spruce Road, New Carlisle, Indiana 46552 was present to ask the Board for help with the Taylor Ditch. He stated that there has been a lot of issues with water over the banks for the past two years. Mr. Szczypiorski stated that he thought it had been at least 15 years since the ditch was cleaned. Mr. John Law stated that Taylor Ditch is on his list to be cleaned. Mr. McNamara let Mr. Szczypiorski know that they could contact Mr. John Law directly to figure out a timeline and to resolve any immediate issues that may arise.

(Audio Position 25:41)

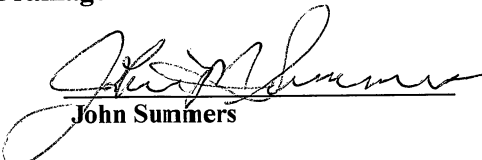
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Randall Matthys made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m. being seconded by Mr. John Linn and the motion carried.

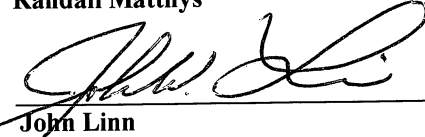
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Tom Schlarb, President



John Summers

Randall Matthys


John Linn

Andrew Kostielney, County Commissioner

Dated this 6 day of July, 2020.