

January 11th, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. Members present were James Lucas, Mark Wiesehan, Drew Markel, Fred Harrison, and Ray Redicker. Also present was Daniel Blann, County Surveyor, Travis Thompson, Board Attorney, and Justyn Underwood, Board Secretary. Mr. Underwood kept minutes. Mr. Redicker made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9th, 2020 meeting with no corrections. Mr. Harrison seconds the motion. The November 9th, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with 5 “yes” votes.

Mr. Lucas then opened the meeting with discussion on the appointment of officers, time and date of 2021 meetings, board attorney, board secretary, and joint drainage board members. Mr. Harrison made a motion to keep the same officers as last year, to keep Travis Thompson as Board Attorney, to appoint Justyn Underwood as Board Secretary, and to keep Mr. Redicker and Mr. Wiesehan as members of the Joint Drainage Board. Mr. Markel seconds the motion. Motion carried with 5 “yes” votes. Mr. Redicker made a motion to keep the same time (7:00 p.m.) and same date (second Monday of the month) for 2021 meetings. Mr. Harrison seconds the motion. Motion carried with 5 “yes” votes.

Mr. Blann then presented the 2021 cleaning project bid packets for the West Driftwood, West 50, Beatty-Walker, Rockford, and Luckey-Talley drainage units to the board. Mr. Blann stated that these bid packets would all be digital and posted online for the contractors instead of by mail this year, but that the bids would still be submitted by mail and opened at the February meeting as usual. Mr. Blann also informed the board that trappers have removed 50 beavers from legal drains and 20 beaver dams in the last couple months have been removed. Mr. Blann also stated that the 2020 legal drain projects are very close to completion by the contractors. Mr. Markel made a motion to approve the 2021 cleaning project bid packets 1-5 as presented and to have Mr. Blann send the bid packets to contractors for bids to be submitted. Mr. Wiesehan seconds the motion. Motion carried with 5 “yes” votes.

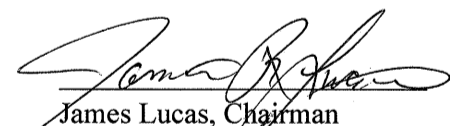
Mr. Blann then presented the board with the 2021 Legal Drain summary book and encouraged the board to review the book to see the current statistics on the cleaning projects in each drainage unit since 2013.

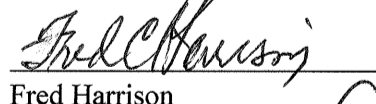
Mr. Blann also addressed the board about an issue with a buildup under the bridge on US 50 at the McHargue Drain in the West 50 unit, and that he would consult with INDOT on how to fix the drainage issues under that bridge.

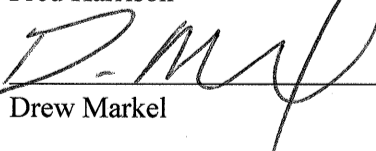
Mr. Blann also informed the board that he has not heard from the pipeline companies about the beaver dams and washouts on the two pipeline mats in the West 50 unit.

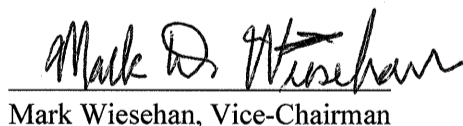
Mr. Redicker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wiesehan seconds the motion. Motion carried with 5 “yes” votes.

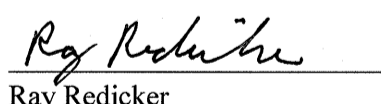
Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

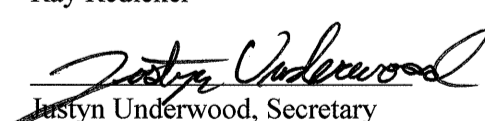

James Lucas, Chairman


Fred Harrison


Drew Markel


Mark Wiesehan, Vice-Chairman


Ray Redicker


Justyn Underwood, Secretary