

May 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present were James Lucas, Mark Wiesehan, Drew Markel, Fred Harrison, and Ray Redicker. Also present was Daniel Blann, County Surveyor, and Justyn Underwood, Board Secretary. Mr. Underwood kept minutes. Mr. Markel made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9th, 2020 meeting with no corrections. Mr. Harrison seconds the motion. The March 9th, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with 5 "yes" votes.

Mr. Blann then introduced the board to Glenn Copeland, President of the Home Owners Association for Prairie Wind Subdivision in the City of Seymour, which is also in the Rockford Drainage Unit. Mr. Copeland informed the board of drainage issues within a private ditch in the Prairie Wind Subdivision that flows through and out of the subdivision through another piece of private property, which then outflows into the Zimmerman Legal Drain. Mr. Copeland acknowledged that the HOA does not have any rights to clean the portion of the ditch that flows through the adjoining property into the legal drain, but that the private ditch needs cleaned because it is creating drainage problems within the subdivision. Mr. Copeland asked the board if they could adopt the private drain as a legal drain so that it could be maintained. Mr. Blann informed the board and Mr. Copeland that he had studied the drainage code and the process of turning a private drain into a legal drain, and that there is a process that has to take place that involves notice to all land owners and a hearing would have to take place. Mr. Blann stated that he would need to consult with Board Attorney Travis Thompson on the legal process to turn this private drain into a legal drain, and that the HOA would need to send a formal letter requesting that the private ditch be adopted as a legal drain.

Mr. Lucas then had the board open and read bid packets for Project #4 in the Beatty-Walker Unit. Mr. Harrison made a motion to take bids under review by Mr. Blann to check numbers and reward the lowest and most responsible bid. Mr. Redicker seconds the motion. Motion carried with 5 "yes" votes.

Mr. Blann then introduced Harold Plance with HWC Engineering and Bernie Hauersperger, City of Seymour Engineer, to discuss Phase 2 of the Burkart Boulevard Bypass Extension Project in the City of Seymour. Mr. Plance then presented a plan for the roundabout at the intersection of Airport Road/First Avenue and G Avenue that would outfall into the Whitson Legal Drain. Mr. Plance stated that he believed that the Whitson Drain could handle excess water from the plan presented. Mr. Blann asked about what work was done to confirm that the Whitson Drain could handle excess water from the roundabout. Mr. Blann stated that he could see no field survey data on the presented plans to prove that the Whitson Drain could handle excess water and the drain is currently already full, stagnant, and at times has a negative flow. Mr. Plance said he could provide Mr. Blann with field survey data for this area for him to take a look at. Mr. Blann stated that he doesn't think this plan could be approved without a plan to make certain that the Whitson Drain can drain by itself first before any excess water is brought into it. All members of the board then discussed and agreed that the Whitson Drain would have to be cleaned and improved for this project to be approved. Mr. Markel made a motion to approve the drawings as presented pending that the Whitson Drain is prepared and draining sufficiently for the project per approval of the County Surveyor before construction on the project can begin. Mr. Wiesehan seconds the motion. Motion carried 5 "yes" votes.

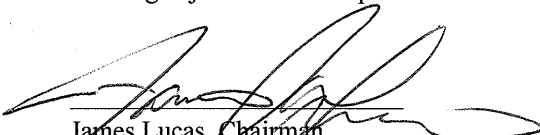
Mr. Markel informed the board that he was contacted by a resident about a log jam on the Muscatatuck River and backing water up on many acres of farmland along the Muscatatuck River. Mr. Markel said the resident was asking who he needed to contact to get this issue fixed. Mr. Blann informed Mr. Markel that the resident would need to contact the DNR Division of Water to get this problem resolved.

Mr. Markel also mentioned that the Vallonia Detention project was going to be put back in motion in the near future and that he would update the board accordingly.

Mr. Redicker informed the board of a possible drainage issue that was discussed at the Joint Drainage Board meeting and that the Joint Board would like Mr. Blann to inspect the portion of the drain that flows under Interstate 65.

Mr. Redicker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harrison seconds the motion. Motion carried with 5 "yes" votes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



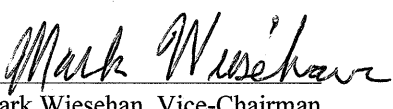
James Lucas, Chairman



Fred Harrison



Drew Markel



Mark Wiesehan, Vice-Chairman



Ray Redicker



Justyn Underwood, Secretary