

January 11th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were James Lucas, Tom Joray, Mark Wiesehan, Fred Harrison and Ray Redicker. Also present was Daniel Blann, County Surveyor, Travis Thompson, Board Attorney, Brad McPike, Deputy Surveyor, and Justyn Underwood, Board Secretary. Mr. Underwood kept minutes. Mr. Joray made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting with no corrections. Mr. Redicker seconds the motion. The November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting minutes were approved 5 "yes" votes.

The board then discussed the first agenda item, the appointment of officers. Daniel Blann informed the board that the commissioners renewed Mr. Wiesehan and Mr. Harrison for a new three year term. Mr. Harrison made a motion to keep the same officers as the previous year 2015. Mr. Redicker seconds the motion. Motion carries 5 "yes" votes.

Jonathan Isaacs, with Independent Land Surveying, along with Andy Royalty of TDAK Development, and Dave Geist, current land owner, requested that the board approve the drive being put in along the Deppert Legal Drain between Hartsell Drive and Elsner Drive in Seymour for a construction project being developed by TDAK Development, which encroaches the right of way along the Deppert Legal Drain. The board recommended that Travis Thompson, Board Attorney, write up an indenture for this request and address it at the next meeting. Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Redicker seconds the motion. Motion carries 5 "yes" votes.

Following the request from Mr. Isaacs, Daniel Blann addressed the board concerning the Rockford Drainage Unit Rate Study. Mr. Blann stated that the estimated amount to repair all of the Rockford Unit would be \$75,000. The current tax rate for this unit is \$1.00/acre. In order to meet the \$75,000 in estimated repairs, the tax rate would need to be raised to \$11.38/acre for a five year plan. Mr. Blann also stated that if the board was interested in making it a ten year plan, the tax rate would be \$4.40/acre-\$5.50/acre. Mr. Harrison asked if there was any way that the City of Seymour would be able to help with this issue, and Mr. Harrison was informed by Mr. Thompson that the Rockford Unit is not within the city limits, but is within the two mile fringe. Mr. Harrison asked if Mr. Blann could find out what all Seymour is going to do regarding the tax rate within the two mile fringe and present it at the next meeting.

Mr. Blann then addressed the board concerning Seymour Legal Drain issues regarding making a maintenance agreement with the City of Seymour or turn over the drains to the city and let them have jurisdiction over those legal drains. Mr. Harrison stated that the City of Seymour should come to the board regarding this matter rather than turning over jurisdiction to the city outright. Mr. Blann said he would look into this further and address the Seymour Legal Drain issues again at the next meeting.

Mr. Joray discussed with the board an issue regarding a bridge near Cypress Lake that is falling apart and that it is an issue that needs to be taken care of at some point. Mr. Blann stated that this issue is a joint board issue and that it needs to be addressed at the next joint board meeting.

Mr. Joray also brought up another issue concerning a ditch along 700 S in the southeastern part of the county, which is not in a drainage unit, and that a crossing needs some work done to it. Mr. Blann explained that most of the area is considered wetlands and that the government wants the water to stay where it's at. Mr. Blann also stated that if the crossing needs work, then it needs to be brought to the drainage board.

Mr. Lucas addressed the board about an issue with beaver dams regarding James and Carey Lambring. Mr. Blann explained that he was working on that issue and would address it further at the next meeting.

The board then discussed projects that have been worked on recently, which includes the Zimmerman Drain.

Mr. Blann addressed an issue regarding contracts with Lawyer Excavating and that the projects being done by Lawyer Excavating on the Beatty-Walker, and West 50 Drainage Units have not been started yet. The board then discussed terminating contracts that have not been completed by the agreed upon date. Mr. Blann mentioned giving the contracts to the backup bidder. Mr. Thompson recommended that

the board put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting before any final decisions are made by the board. Mr. Lucas asked Mr. Blann to contact anyone with outstanding contracts to find out the status of the project they are working on and to inform them that the board would be making decisions on outstanding contracts at the next meeting.

Concluding the meeting Mr. Blann presented pictures of projects that have been recently completed.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 P.M.

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James Lucas, Chairman

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Mark Wiesehan, Vice-Chairman

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Fred Harrison

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Ray Redicker

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Tom Joray

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Justyn Underwood, Secretary