DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2024

Drainage Commissioners Present:

Bruce Bell, II, Chair James A. Miller, Vice-Chair Sandra M. Harrison, Member Troy Bungard, Survey Tech William L. Hartman, Member

Others Present:

Tyler Lanning, Lead Survey Tech Shannon Kruse, Attorney Katie Rutan, Office Clerk Rebecca Wright, Office Manager

Absent:

Glenn Crawford, County Surveyor Michael V. Watson, Member

Guests:

Renee Cox Susan Geyer

Mr. Bruce Bell called the October 3, 2024, Drainage Board meeting to order at 8:30 AM

Approval of Minutes

Bruce Bell introduced the first item of business, the approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2024, meeting. Sandy Harrison made the motion to approve the minutes, and Jim Miller seconded the motion. Mr. William Hartman noted an error on page 435 of the minutes regarding Vicki Eckert's assessment. The Surveyor's Office noted the error and agreed to correct it. The Drainage Board moved to accept the amended minutes, and the motion carried.

Plats and Subdivisions

Bruce Bell moved the meeting to the second item of business on the agenda, the Girod minor subdivision at 5860 County Road 60 in Saint Joe, IN on the North Side, North ½ of the Northeast ¼ in Spencer Township on the William Hollabaugh Drain No. 79-00-0.

Renee Cox attended the meeting to represent her client. She explained that Mr. Girod's intent was to build a single-family home on the west side of the property 200 feet from the road and connect to the St. Joe-Spencerville Regional Sewer. Tyler Lanning added that the Surveyor's office had no problem if the building stayed out of the drain right of way, and Ms. Kruse continued that the right of way included trees. Ms. Cox agreed saying Mr. Girod's family members were builders and were familiar with code.

Mr. Bell asked if the Drainage Board had any questions for Ms. Cox or Mr. Lanning. There being none, he asked for a motion to approve the minor subdivision at 5860 County Road 60 in Saint Joe, IN on the North Side, North ½ of the Northeast ¼ in Spencer Township on the William Hollabaugh Drain No. 79-00-0. Bill Hartman made the motion, and Jim Miller seconded, and the motion carried.

Utility Permits

Mr. Bell then introduced a utility permit filed by Auburn Essential Services on County Road 60 for the Ellen Reed Miller Drain No 151-43-0 and the Daniel Hursey South Lateral 2 Drain No. 48-82-0 and on County Road 31 for the Ellen Reed Drain No. 151-20-0.

Susan Geyer attended the meeting to represent AES. She stated her position was the general manager of AES. Mr. Lanning explained that AES was boring 1.24" conduit under 3 drains: The Ellen Reed Drain No 151-20-0 on CR 31 and the Ellen Reed Miller Drain No. 151-43-0 and Daniel Hursey South Lateral 2 Drain No 48-82-0 on CR 60. He added that the office had been working with AES on several installations and they were good about communicating when they needed assistance locating tile. John Hunt had been the point person on this permit.

Bruce Bell asked for a motion to approve the AES utility permit on County Road 60 for the Ellen Reed Miller Drain No 151-43-0 and the Daniel Hursey South Lateral 2 Drain No. 48-82-0 and on County Road 31 for the Ellen Reed Drain No. 151-20-0. Jim Miller made the motion, and Sandy Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried with no discussion.

Surveyor's Report

Shifting the meeting to the weekly Surveyor's Report, Tyler Lanning said that things were going well. With crops coming off fields, he anticipated some reports of repairs. He was in the process of hiring a new field inspector and hoped to introduce that addition soon to The Board. The Ketcham Project was in the process of wrapping up in downtown Auburn. The Office hoped to begin the Levi Dennison in a few weeks and the Melissa Kelly after that.

Discussion

Ms. Shannon Kruse reported she would not attend the Drainage Board Meeting on October 17, 2024. Mr. Hartman said he was excited to begin the Levi Dennison Reconstruction Project. There being no further discussion, Bruce Bell adjourned the meeting at 8:40.

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