

DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

October 31, 2024

Drainage Commissioners Present:

Bruce Bell, II, Chair
James A. Miller, Vice-Chair
Sandra M. Harrison, Member
William L. Hartman, Member
Michael V. Watson, Member

Others Present:

Troy Bungard, Survey Tech
Rebecca Wright, Office Manager
Katie Rutan, Office Clerk
Shannon Kruse, Attorney
Glenn Crawford, County Surveyor
Bill Rychener, Senior Field Inspector

Absent:

Tyler Lanning, Lead Survey Tech

Guests:

Joe Gabet, Foresight Engineering
Scott Karst, ERI Consulting
Nolan Johnson, Jacob Baker Drain No. 364-00-0

Mr. Bruce Bell called the October 31, 2024, Dekalb County Drainage Board meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Approval of Minutes

He introduced the first order of business, the approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2024, Drainage Board meeting. Jim Miller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Sandy Harrison seconded the motion. The Drainage Board moved to accept the minutes, and the motion carried. Mr. Bill Hartman abstained from the vote as he was not present at the meeting on October 17, 2024.

Development Plans

The meeting then moved to the next business item on the agenda, the development plan for The Auburn at 301 S. Main Street in Auburn, IN. Joe Gabet of Foresight Consulting was present to discuss the project. He stated that the previous structure was demolished and would be rebuilt into a multi-use structure. The original site was 100% impervious and they'd reduce that by creating green space and a flow path. He stated he could answer any questions the Drainage board had about the project.

Mr. Glenn Crawford stated The Office approved of adding more green space and decreasing the run-off from the site. He added that Foresight would be greatly improving the storm system structure and reducing the impervious nature of the space. Bruce Bell asked if there was further discussion about The Auburn, but there was none, so he asked for a motion to approve the development plan for The Auburn at 301 S. Main Street in Auburn, IN, in Union Township on the Cedar Creek Regulated Drain No. 470-00-0. Mike Watson made the motion, and Sandy Harrison seconded the motion. Mr. Bell accepted the motion based on the surveyor's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bell then moved on to the final item of business, the development plan for the YMCA Parking lot. Scott Karst with ERI Consulting was present to discuss the project. He stated that the plan was to expand the parking lot and add an exercise room. He could answer questions from the Drainage Board. Glenn Crawford added that it was a small project with plenty of on-site retention including a pond. The Office approved of the plan. Mr. Bill Hartman asked if it was the pond on CR 34 by the soccer fields. Mr. Crawford confirmed it was. Mr. Bell confirmed the Drainage Board was approving a development plan.

Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the development plan for the YMCA Parking lot at 533 North Street in Auburn, IN, in Section 30 of Union Township on the Cedar Creek Regulated Drain No. 470-00-0. Bill Hartman made the motion, and Jim Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Guest Communications

Nolan Johnson asked for permission to work on the Jacob Baker regulated Drain No 364-00-0 at CR 56 and 51. He said that there were six places that were broken. He continued that when SDI enlarged the tile, it broke along the railroad by Mr. Ben Graber's property. Mr. Johnson also surmised that a large tree was the reason why the water stopped flowing under the railroad tracks. Mr. Ben Graber had agreed to pay for repairs as there was no money in the maintenance account, but Mr. Johnson needed permission from the Surveyor's Office and The Drainage Board to move forward.

Mr. Glenn Crawford stated that there was not an account for the Jacob Baker drain because it was not on maintenance. He agreed it needed many repairs. The Office did not have a problem with the repair being privately funded, but the contractor needed to have a certificate of insurance on file with the office. Mr. Johnson replied they had no preference as to who repaired the tile, but they would like to receive permission from The Board to repair it so it could be in good working order. Mr. Crawford added it did not matter who repaired the tile if the contractor presented a certificate of liability insurance. In addition, Mr. Crawford said that the repair could not alter the size of the tile or its path. Mr. Johnson named a contractor and Mr. Crawford confirmed he was an approved contractor with the Surveyor's Office. He also reiterated that the repair would consist of fixing suck holes. Ms. Shannon Kruse advised the repair needed to be done under the supervision of the Surveyor's Office so it could be documented and remain in the records and be inspected. The Surveyor added that if Mr. Johnson or Ben Graber called the office a few days before the repair began, the Office could send a field inspector out to locate the tile and be on site when it was uncovered. Mr. Johnson agreed. Mr. Bell stated that communication helped, and he appreciated Mr. Johnson's attendance at the meeting.

Surveyor's Report

Mr. Glenn Crawford began the Surveyor's report and said that The Office was trying to close the Bickle Drain Reconstruction, but a landowner had a complaint about stone remaining in a field and a broken fence. He added that The Office had not released the retainage for the contractor and could require him to return to the site to pick up the stone, but Mr. Crawford did not know who had the equipment to sweep the field. Mr. Bill Hartman said if someone had a grader box, it might be able to pull up some of the stones and move them to the side. Several Drainage Board members questioned how many stones remained on the property as the small size made them difficult to

recover and the quantity mentioned was to be expected from a drain reconstruction. Mr. Troy Bungard added that Lead Survey Tech, Tyler Lanning, had been to the site to observe the remaining stone and called the landowner to explain that the stone would recede into the soil by spring. The Surveyor and Drainage Board agreed that some spillage of stone was expected when workers cart stone from the truck to the tile repair site. Mr. Crawford did not feel the contractor neglected his duty on the job site. Mr. Bell asked about the broken fence row, and Mr. Bungard and Mr. Crawford said they were unsure which fence she meant as an email was the first mention of it. Mr. Bungard pointed out two places on the map where the fence could be. Mr. Bell noted that if the fence was in the 75' right of way on each side of the center line of the drain, then the state statute gave the contractor the right to remove it at the owner's expense. Mr. Bell also asked who farmed the field in question and wondered if the farmer might be willing to disc up the stones for the landowner. Mr. James Miller asked Ms. Shannon Kruse about the policy for a damaged fence. Ms. Shannon Kruse responded that the surveyor's office should have used "due care" during the reconstruction if the fence was in our right of way, but the rights of the reconstruction superseded the rights of the landowner in this case. Mr. Bill Hartman said he did not think it was the Drainage Board's responsibility to replace the fence. Ms. Kruse added, "if it's in our right of way." Mr. Hartman agreed. Mr. Crawford indicated he would discuss the fence with Mr. Lanning in early November to ascertain the condition and location of the fence.

Mr. Crawford continued the surveyor's report and added that the Reconstruction of The Levi Dennison was underway. There was tile on site. Next week, the office would bring two certifications of reconstruction: one for the Grosscup and one for the Higbea. Change order #3 for the Ketchum would go to the Auburn Board of Works Department Meeting November 5, 2024, and be on next week's agenda as well. The office was receiving bids for the Melissa Kelly reconstruction project and would bring those to the November 14, 2024, meeting to open.

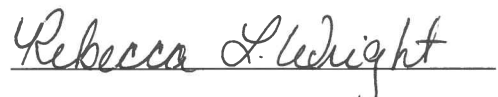
Jim Miller stated he appreciated the work the Surveyor's Office was doing and continued to do. Shannon Kruse stated she would not be in attendance on November 14. Bill Hartman wanted to get the Bickle wrapped up because he knew a landowner who wanted to pay by the end of the year.

Discussion

There being no further discussion, Bruce Bell adjourned the meeting at 8:57 AM.



Bruce Bell, II, Chair



Rebecca L. Wright,
Drainage Board Secretary

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