

**DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

November 21, 2024

**Drainage Commissioners Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Troy Bungard, Survey Tech  
Glenn Crawford, County Surveyor  
Shannon Kruse, Attorney  
Tyler Lanning, Lead Survey Tech  
Katie Rutan, Office Clerk  
Rebecca Wright, Office Manager

**Guests:**

Paula Albright  
Scott Strahley  
Frank Conner  
Tyler Peterson

Mr. Bruce Bell called the November 21, 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 from the November 14, 2024, Drainage Board meeting. Jim Miller made the motion to approve the minutes, and Bill Hartman seconded the motion. Mr. Bell asked if there was any discussion, and The Drainage Board moved to accept minutes as presented, and the motion carried. Sandy Harrison and Mike Watson abstained from the vote as they did not attend the meeting.

**Replat**

Mr. Bell introduced the next business item, approving the replat of the McAlhany Subdivision in Fairfield Township. Ms. Paula Albright of Wible Realty was present to discuss the project. She explained that she represented the buyers and that as originally platted, the existing fencerow was not on the buyers' property and they did not have access to their building. Tyler Lanning added that the replat involved a small shift of the property lines. Glenn Crawford also said it did not change the drainage.

Then, Mr. Bell asked if there was a motion to approve the replat of the McAlhany Subdivision in the Southeast quarter of section 36 of Fairfield Township on the O.L. Wheaton Dr. No. 280-00-0, the Henry Schuster Dr. No. 291-00-0, the Frank Albright Drain. No. 14-00-0, and the Cedar Creek Drain No. 470-00-0. Mr. Mike Watson made the motion, and Sandy Harrison seconded the motion. Bruce Bell asked if The Board needed to discuss the replat further, but as no one raised a question, the board approved the replat unanimously.

**Secondary Plat**

Bruce Bell then moved the meeting to the secondary plat of Rotondo Estates. Troy Bungard displayed section II of the subdivision located in the northwest corner of County Road 17 and County Road 66.

Scott Strahley with Sauer Land Surveying attended the meeting to represent their company and the project. He reported to The Drainage Board the owner wanted to put in large estate lots. He

explained that they would collect the stormwater and route it through collection and storage detention. Mr. Lanning further explained that everything would be gathered and moved south into an existing swamp and then be released across County Road 17 utilizing a roadside ditch where it would eventually outlet into Cedar Creek. Mr. Glenn Crawford asked if Rotondo Estates would utilize 15" discharge pipe to facilitate drainage, and Mr. Strahley answered that the interior culverts throughout the subdivision would handle a 100-year storm, but everything offsite would remain 15", they did not intend to change anything that existed. Mr. Crawford confirmed that everything existing was 15" and Mr. Strahley agreed that the plan maintained existing drainage conditions and would not adversely affect Cedar Creek.

Mr. Bruce Bell asked Mr. Crawford if he approved of the plan. Then he asked for a motion to approve the secondary plat located in the northwest corner of County Road 17 and County Road 66 in Section 26 of Butler Township involving the Cedar Creek Dr. No 470-00-0 as approved by Surveyor Glenn Crawford, and Bill Hartman made the motion. It was seconded by Mr. Jim Miller. Bruce Bell asked if there was any further discussion. Mr. Miller asked about the runoff, and Mr. Crawford said that the subdivision already had 15" tile. Mr. Strahley added that all of the new pipe would be set for a 100-year storm. Mr. Crawford further explained the existing overflow network for the swamp area. Bruce Bell called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Utility Permit**

The meeting then moved to a utility permit for IMP which would begin at the corner of County Road 70 and County Road 75 and extend to County Road 56. Bruce Bell asked if there was anyone present to discuss the permit, and Tyler Peterson stepped to the podium. He stated was a contractor for IMP, and he could answer questions for The Drainage Board. Frank Conner with IMP explained that the lines currently ran through the fields and the company desired to move them closer to the roads for easier access.

Tyler Lanning explained that the company was replacing poles but the lines were aerial, so the company was not boring under any county-regulated tile. Glenn Crawford stated the closest pole to a county-regulated drain was still 40' away.

Mr. Peterson asked if in the future a representative from the company should attend a meeting, and Tyler Lanning answered that any time a utility company wanted to install a utility within the right of way of a county-regulated drain, The Drainage Board asked them to appear at a meeting to explain their project. Mr. Jim Miller added that in the past, some utility companies had created issues with county-regulated drains. To avoid that, The Board requested a representative attend a meeting to answer questions and that they contact The Surveyors Office prior to beginning a project to have county-regulated tiles marked. Mr. Peterson stated IMP wished to begin a positive relationship with The Drainage Board and the Surveyors Office, so they would follow the prescribed protocol.

Bruce Bell called for a motion to approve the utility permit for IMP at County Road 60 and County Road 75 and extending to County Road 56 on the Nancy Davis Regulated Drain No. 89-00-0, The Nancy Davis Lateral 1 Regulated Drain No. 89-01-0, Nancy Davis Lateral 2 Regulated Drain No. 89-02-0, and the Alvin Kessler Regulated Tile Drain No. 116-00-0. Mr. Jim Miller made the motion. Mrs. Sandy Harrison seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mike

Watson suggested that IMP be aware of notification requirements with The Surveyor's Office prior to beginning utility pole replacement.

### **Reconstruction Bid Awards**

The final item on the meeting agenda was awarding the bids for the reconstruction of the Melissa Kelly Lateral 4 Regulated Drain No. 30-04-0. The bids were opened and read at the November 14, 2024, Drainage Board Meeting. Troy Bungard displayed a spreadsheet that reported all the contractors along with the bid each had submitted. Mr. Glenn Crawford explained that the Office had tabulated the bids. Tri-County submitted the lowest bid for labor. They completed several projects in the past, and he felt they had done a good job on them. Hixson Sand and Gravel had the lowest bid for pipe. Stafford Gravel offered the lowest bid for stone.

The total of the project came to \$76,049.73 which was under the engineer's estimate of \$98,400.01

Bruce Bell asked for a motion to accept the surveyor's recommendation to extend contracts to Tri-County Excavating for labor, Hixson Sand and Gravel for materials, and Stafford Gravel for stone. Jim Miller made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Mike Watson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Surveyor's Report**

Glenn Crawford began the Surveyor's Report with an update about The Levi Dennison drain reconstruction. He said Gabe Pankop with Pankop Excavating had an issue with the pipe that had been delivered as it was banana shaped and would not work with the wheel machine. Baughman Tile took the tile back and agreed to replace it, but the second load was also banana shaped. They agreed to refund the cost, and The Office was able to locate the correct pipe from a different supplier. Tyler Lanning explained some of the issues with the tile.

Bruce Bell asked what the policy was about reconstruction projects in relation to trees. Glenn Crawford answered that within 40' of the reconstruction site, the plan called for solid tile, but within 75' of the reconstruction site, the reconstruction usually used perforated tile.

Tyler Lanning said maintenance was keeping the office busy. He also introduced a new field inspector, Blake Wilcoxson.

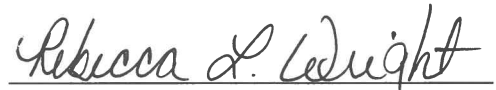
### **Discussion**

Mr. Bill Hartman reported that the county now had a certified hydrovac dump station on County Road 9 north of US 6.

There being no further discussion, Bruce Bell adjourned the meeting at 8:53 AM.



Bruce Bell, II, Chair



Rebecca L. Wright  
Drainage Board Secretary

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NO.	NAME	PHONE (HOME)	PHONE (CELL)	EMAIL ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS	PETITION OF INTEREST
1	Tyler Peterson	260-503-8117		tpeterson@hfp.com		Permit
2	Frank Conner	260-715-2706		conner@cep.com		Permit
3	Paula Albright	260-235-1323		PaulaAlbright@bible.com		McAlhaver
4	Scott Stranley	260-409-3300		scott@sewersurveying.com		Roadwork
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