

DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2024

Drainage Commissioners Present:

Bruce Bell, II, Chair
James A. Miller, Vice-Chair
William L. Hartman, 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

Absent:

Michael V. Watson, Member

Guests:

Angie Wallace
Dan Koch
Todd Ramsey
Joshua Lash
Nolan Mark
Ryan Szaller
Susan Geyer

Mr. Bruce Bell called the December 19, 2024, Dekalb County Drainage Board meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Approval of Minutes

The first item of business, the approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2024, Drainage Board meeting was introduced. Bruce Bell asked for a motion to approve the minutes, and Jim Miller made the motion. Sandy Harrison seconded the motion. Mr. Bell asked if there was any discussion, but The Drainage Board moved to accept minutes as presented, and the motion carried.

Attorney Claim

Then Mr. Bell moved the meeting to approve the December attorney claim in the amount of \$125.00. He asked for a motion which Sandy Harrison made, and Bill Hartman seconded. The motion carried.

Development Plans

Next on the agenda was the first of two development plans. Bruce Bell introduced the plan for Sonic Drive-In at 1521 W. Shook Drive and asked if anyone was present to discuss the project. Todd Ramsey stepped to the podium and explained that Sonic was part of the 4 Willys Development and would be part of the regional detention development. Mr. Glenn Crawford added he approved the drainage plan, and Mr. Ramsey explained what future development might look like.

Bruce Bell asked if there was any more discussion and then called for a motion to approve the Sonic Drive-In Development Plan located at 1521 W. Shook Drive on Lot 2 of the 4 Willy's Subdivision in Section 12 of Keyser Township on the William Peckhart Drain Number 22-00-0

and the Cedar Creek Regulated Drain Number 470-00-0 as approved by Mr. Glenn Crawford. Mrs. Sandy Harrison made the motion, and Mr. Jim Miller seconded it.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bell then moved the meeting to the last development plan on the agenda for Rathburn Leasing on CR 29 in Jackson Township. Josh Lash with MidWest Land Surveying stepped forward for the project and stated the landowners intended to create a stone storage lot with a detention basin. They would tie into two existing tiles. He mentioned they would stay away from the regulated county tile. Mr. Jim Miller inquired if the same landowner owned the three tracts displayed on the screen, and Mr. Lash confirmed they did.

Bruce Bell asked if the Surveyor's Office approved of the plan, and Mr. Crawford said it did. Then, Mr. Bell asked if there was a motion to approve the development plan for Rathburn Leasing on CR 29 located in the Southwest ¼ of Section 32 of Jackson Township on the John Shugars Drain Number 338-00-0 and the Cedar Creek Drain Number 470-00-0 in the Cedar Creek Watershed as approved by Surveyor Glenn Crawford. The motion was made by Mr. Bill Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Sandy Harrison. The motion carried.

Minor Subdivision

Mr. Bruce Bell then introduced a minor subdivision for Chapman Acres that was on the agenda. Mr. Troy Bungard projected a map of the project and Angela Wallace with Compass Land Surveying came to the podium to explain they wanted to cut out a portion for a single-family home. The Drainage Board posed questions about surrounding landowners, and Ms. Wallace answered them. Mr. Tyler Lanning remarked The Surveyor's Office approved the Drainage Plan.

Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the Chapman Acres Minor Subdivision at 4809 CR 51 in Auburn in the SW ¼ of Section 32 in Wilmington Township on the Solomon Shank Drain Number 28-00-0, the Frank Sebert Drain Number 75-00-0, and the William Bleeks Drain Number 445-00-0. Bill Hartman made the motion, and Mr. Jim Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The second minor subdivision on the meeting agenda was for Duval Acres, and Nolan Mark represented the plat for a single-family home at 2849 CR 17 in Corunna. Mr. Tyler Lanning stated that the Surveyor's Office approved the drainage plan.

Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the minor subdivision for a single-family home at 2849 CR 17 in Corunna in the Southwest ¼ of Section 2 of Richland Township on the William Drain Number 22-00-0, the A.L. Ober Drain Number 24-00-0, the A.L. Ober Lateral 8 Drain Number 24-08-0, the Henry Schuster Drain Number 291-00-0, the Frank Albright Drain Number 14-00-0, and the Cedar Creek Drain Number 470-00-0.

Mr. Jim Miller motioned to approve the drainage plan; Mrs. Sandy Harrison seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Utility Permits

The meeting then moved to the first of three utility permits.

Mr. Bell introduced a utility permit for Frontier Services at 1587 Co. Rd. 56 in Garrett. Dan Cook was present to discuss the project. He stated Frontier was requesting a permit to add service to a residence.

Mr. Crawford added that Frontier would bore at a depth of 48" to serve the customer, and Mr. Lanning continued that though the work was at the end of the regulated drain, it was within the drain right-of-way and required a utility permit.

Jim Miller asked if the service would be above ground, and Mr. Cook clarified that the line would be below ground. Mr. Troy Bungard further explained that Frontier Services had extended its network in the area to more easily service customers. Mr. Bell asked if there was any further discussion and then called for a motion to approve the utility permit at 1587 Co. Rd. 56 in Garrett in Section 11 of Keyser Township on the Don Van Fleit Lateral 5, Spur 1 Drain Number 40-25-1, Don Van Fleit Drain Number 40-00-0, and the Cedar Creek Drain Number 470-00-0. Sandy Harrison motioned to approve the utility permit, and Bill Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Bell brought forward a permit for NIPSCO Electric at CR 4 between CR 35 and 43. Mr. Ryan Szaller, representing NIPSCO Electric, explained that NIPSCO Electric intended to upgrade infrastructure by replacing utility poles and wires. Mr. Lanning explained that The Office could mark the paths of regulated drains so when NIPSCO replaced the poles, they did not damage them.

The Board and Glenn Crawford expressed concern about one pole that looked close to the G.B. Collins Drain Number 87-04-0 as it was recently constructed. Mr. Lanning told Mr. Szaller to contact the Surveyor's Office if NIPSCO had questions in the field about drain locations. Mr. Szaller stated that NIPSCO intended to move the pole 90', so the pole was not in the drain right-of-way.

Bruce Bell asked for a motion to approve the NIPSCO Electric utility permit on CR 4 between CR 35 and CR 43 in Waterloo and Smithfield Township on the John Conrad Regulated Drain Number 365-00-0, the John Conrad Lateral 1 Drain Number 365-01-0, the G.B. Collins Lateral 4 Drain Number 87-04-0, and the G.B. Collins Lateral 4 Spur 1 Drain Number 87-04-1. Jim Miller motioned to accept the utility permit, and Sandy Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Finally, Mr. Tyler Lanning explained a permit for AES at 1134 CR 40 in Keyser Township on the John Diehl Lateral 7 Spur 1 Drain No. 45-07-1. He added that AES had worked well in the field with The Office. He stated the project would require boring under the John Diehl Lateral 7 Spur 1. Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the permit for AES at 1134 CR 40 in Keyser Township on the John Diehl Lateral 7 Spur 1 Drain No. 45-07-1. Bill Hartman made the motion, Sandy Harrison seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Ms. Susan Geyer attended the meeting to represent the project.

Surveyor's Report

Mr. Bell then asked for the Surveyor's Report. Mr. Crawford reported that the Levi Dennison Drain No. 317-00-0 Reconstruction was finished, but The Office had not received all the paperwork to process it as finalized. Mr. Tyler Lanning said the Melissa Kelly project would begin in 2025. He added that The Office would keep the contractors busy in 2025. Mr. Jim Miller asked about the drain on a landowner's property, which was discussed at a previous meeting. Mr. Lanning replied that the landowner hired a contractor to repair the drain. He had checked the work, the drain was functional, and the tracks were visible.

Mrs. Sandy Harrison explained that a landowner had spoken to her about some wet spots on CR 39. Tyler Lanning said he would inspect them. Mr. Hartman mentioned the Henry Kundred Drain

No 396-00-0 on SR 327 and CR 16 needed repair. Mr. Lanning said he would look at the account and see what could be done before reconstruction to get the drain in order.

Discussion

Due to the holidays, the next Drainage Board meeting would be Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

Bruce Bell then asked if there was any discussion, and there being no further discussion, Bruce Bell adjourned the meeting at 9:04 AM.



Bruce Bell, II, Chair

Rebecca L. Wright
Drainage Board Secretary

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