

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING:

May 17, 2021

President, William Whitehead, called the meeting to order. Members present at the meeting were the following:

William Whitehead, President
Dick McIntire, Vice President
Shannon Henry, Member
Jamie Swoboda, Member
John Landers, Member
Tom Borchers, Surveyor
Stan Willis, Inspector/Chief Deputy
Patrick Wright, Attorney (On behalf of Brandon Murphy)
Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary

President William Whitehead opened the meeting by welcoming the audience and inviting them to participate in the pledge of allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Whitehead addressed Mr. Borchers and asked if he had any new business to present to the Board today.

Wm. H. Snider Ditch/Schram Ditch

Mr. Borchers informed the Board that he received a request from AEP to tie-in to a county regulated drain. Mr. Borchers stated, "I believe this is the American Electric Power Wes Del station, and they just want to tie-in to our tile. They did get approval from the County Engineer so the drainage plan will discharge the water at a slower rate than what is going on there right now. I do not see a problem with them tying-in to the Snider tile, except for the fact AEP will have to cross Jane Weaver's property to get to that tile. I would suggest a favorable recommendation to tie-in to that tile, but they have to get permission from Mrs. Weaver to go across her property."

Mr. McIntire moved to approve AEP's request. Motion seconded by Mr. Swoboda.
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Borchers thanked the Board for being patient during the COVID pandemic, and stated that it has been tough to use the phones/calls to get items done. Mr. Borchers stated, "I appreciate the Board being patient."

Hog Creek

Mr. Borchers stated that he has a couple of areas that he has some concerns with where people are blocking the flow of water, whether in the ditch or on top of a tile. Mr. Borchers stated, "The first one is south of 32 on Hog Creek, in Selma. I have attached some pictures in an area where they have put in a crossover without the Drainage Board's permission. They have also put in a bunch of gravel that is now in the ditch. As you can see in the pictures, they are holding up the flow of the ditch. I would like to request or have the Board request that Mr. Wright or Mr. Murphy send a registered letter giving them fifteen (15) days to remove that obstacle and if they do not, we will go in and remove it."

Mr. Whitehead asked if the Board had any questions for the Surveyor.

Mr. Borchers stated, "Shannon this is the one south of 32 that we talked about and there are some pictures of it. I believe you are familiar with it."

Mr. Henry stated, "Yes."

Mr. Borchers stated that he does not know who to talk to because it is under a real estate company's name, and felt it was better to send them a letter. That would be an easier way than trying to find the owner of the property.

Mr. Henry moved to send a letter to remove all obstructions. Mr. McIntire seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. Borchers stated, "This is the last item and it is a similar situation. I have attached some pictures of this also. Basically, this guy has one of the county's tiles that goes through his yard and is probably 4-foot underneath the ground. The water comes from the field to the north basically on top of our tile. When we get large rains, it is a natural flow of the water. A year ago, he wanted me to replace his yard because it has been washed out over the years, and I did not feel like it was the Board's responsibility because he was spraying round up in that yard and killing off all of the vegetation, so there is nothing there to hold the soil. Over the winter, at some point, we were out there last year. He hired a contractor to put soil on there and seed his yard, which is fine and I do not have a problem with that. The problem is, as you can see in the pictures right here in the north, he has piled up rip-rap, rock, and it looks like mulch. He has basically built a dam over the top of where that water should be flowing. Instead of flowing through his yard like it should when we have a big rain event, this is only when we get a couple of inches

of rain. It is backing up and going into his neighbor's house. When we were out there it was pretty swampy behind his house. The same thing, like I said I kind of dealt with him on his yard and I think it would be better to send him a letter to remove that dam and obstruction of the water. If he doesn't then we can go in there and remove it, but I feel like that would be easier and the more professional way than having me go out there and telling him to remove it".

Mr. Whitehead asked if there were any questions.

Discussion on the matter is as follows:

Mr. Henry asked if this flowed to 800 West. Mr. Borchers stated, "Yes. If you look on that first page where I have it highlighted, that is where our tile goes. Mr. Henry asked what is out on 800 West. Mr. Borchers stated, "We have a culvert pipe and then underneath that culvert pipe is our tile, and they all flow into that pond." Mr. Henry asked, "Should stormwater be contacted about putting in a line in an effort to keep it from washing out, or should we put a line through there to get rid of the water". Mr. Borchers stated there is already a 4-inch tile that runs in that location, but he just piled all that dirt upon there. Mr. Henry asked, "There is already a tile that runs through there?" Mr. Borchers stated, "There is a tile that runs there, and it runs where the blue line is on the pictures, and the flow of the water is right on top of that tile."

Mr. Henry stated, "Again, let's send a letter, but let's put a breather in on our tile to try to get rid of some of that water." Mr. Borchers stated, "We are planning on doing that anyway, I just kind of wanted to get the ball rolling on this because like I said, that water is supposed to get through that fence row and then travel in that guy's yard."

Mr. Henry moved to have the attorney send a letter to remove the debris and obstruction, and in that letter inform them that the county will come in and put a breather in there to try to get rid of the water. Mr., Landers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

No old business is presented this date.

MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:

Mr. Whitehead entertained a motion for the approval of the maintenance claims as presented.

Mr. Henry moved to approve the claims as submitted. Mr. Landers seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

William Whitehead, President

Dick McIntire, Vice President

Shannon Henry, Member

Jamie Swoboda, Member

John Landers, Member

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