

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAPORTE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

8:30 AM, COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SMALL PROJECTS BLDG, LAPORTE, INDIANA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Cuson; Hugh Glasgow; Tony Hendricks; Steve Mrozinski

STAFF PRESENT: Brad Adamsky; Christine Keil

MEMBERS/STAFF ABSENT: Sarah Haefner; Rich Mrozinski

PUBLIC PRESENT: see sign-in sheet

Steve Mrozinski called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was taken. Glasgow motioned to approve the last meeting minutes. Cuson seconded. Motion carried.

SCIPIO SUNRISE SUBD: Hendricks did a review and a watershed analysis on the stream. The lot in question is for drainage so he advised not to change the lot, to leave it as it was designed, and to not build on it. If the pipe were plugged up, the water would rise and flow over the road and put any adjacent structures in peril. Glasgow motioned to deny the request by Lou DeYoung to reduce the easement. Cuson seconded. Motion carried.

SCHURZ DITCH BIDS: Bids were received from B&D Farm Excavating \$5,900; Nowatzke Farms \$8,500; Delta 3 \$7,500. Glasgow motioned to accept the bid from B&D Farm Excavating for \$5,900. Cuson seconded. Motion carried. The project is 2,400 LF from the pipe outlet 600' south of the South Shore Railroad to SR 4. It is to be completed by April 1, 2021.

DRAIN CROSSING APPS: ERM, Crumpacker Ditch, Westville, installation of groundwater treatment system. INDOT, Little Kankakee River, SR 4, culvert replacement with box structure. Cuson motioned to approve both apps. Glasgow seconded. Motion carried.

BRAD ADAMSKY, ATTORNEY REPORTS: He reported that notices were sent to two Porter County landowners regarding easements for a Clear Lake outlet near Westville.

SCOTT PELATH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN: He reported on log jams, fallen, and leaning tree removal that is

currently ongoing. Sediment is a priority of the 40-year Work Plan for the Basin. Pelath explained in detail the current and future projects and work plans. He also discussed hydroseeding on the banks. Pelath thanked Mike Ordziejewski in the County Auditor's Office for his assistance with the assessments.

CLAIMS: Delta 3, Park Place 30" storm drain tile repair, \$4,000.00; Delta 3, O'Hara Ditch, \$8,000.00. Glasgow motioned to approve both claims. Cuson seconded. Motion carried.

JOINT BOARD REPORTS: Keil reported that she spoke with John Law in St. Joseph County and the outlet from Hudson Lake is on their bank spray program. Glasgow reported that the Robbins Ditch has a lot of work done on that. Keil reported that the Robbins gets assessed and the money is sent to Starke County.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Polan announced his retirement from the Drainage Board. He thanked everyone. He will be taking the position of County Building Commissioner.

There being no further comment, Steve Mrozinski adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is March 9.

Christine Keil, Secretary
Dated: February 16, 2021