

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAPORTE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
JANUARY 9, 2024
8:30 AM, LAPORTE COUNTY COMPLEX MEETING ROOM 3
LAPORTE, INDIANA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Hendricks; Jeff Mitzner; Pat Vance; Connie Gramarossa; Hugh Glasgow; Brad Adamsky

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Keil

MEMBERS/STAFF ABSENT: Joe Cuson

PUBLIC PRESENT: See sign-in sheet.

REORGANIZATION FOR 2024: Tony Hendricks called the January meeting to order and asked for a motion for officers for 2024. Connie Gramarossa motioned to retain the same officers from last year. Pat Vance seconded. Motion carried. Hendricks passed the meeting to Jeff Mitzner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendance was taken. Pat Vance motioned to approve the last meeting minutes. Hugh Glasgow seconded. Motion carried.

WARWICK DITCH PROJECT BIDS: Keil reported that since requests went out, private property owners cleaned a portion of the ditch themselves and didn't inform Keil, so the original scope will be changed. The part that was cleaned was the bad part and is the headwaters, but under Highway 39 is blocked and the east part needs to be cleaned. Connie Gramarossa motioned to have Keil check the work that was done and if the work was good, then have it rebid. Pat Vance seconded. The motion carried.

BANK SPRAYING BIDS: Bids received as follows:

Dalton

Beringer Ditch \$4,027.00

Bull Ditch \$5,649.00

County Line Ditch \$7,231.00

Little Kankakee River \$5,822.00

O'Hara Ditch \$10,125.00

Rodman Ditch \$13,438.00

Right-of-Way Management

Beringer Ditch \$4,205.50

Bull Ditch \$5,899.40

County Line Ditch \$7,260.00

Little Kankakee River \$6,312.87

O'Hara Ditch \$11,385.64

Rodman Ditch \$14,031.68

There was a lengthy discussion with Chadd Baker, who was present, and Lex Dalton, via phone, regarding products and quantities used. Since Right-of-Way Management was using a higher quantity of mix at 3 quarts, Connie Gramarossa motioned to accept the bids from Right-of-Way Management. Hugh Glasgow seconded. Motion carried.

HUDSON LAKE: No report this month.

BRAD ADAMSKY, ATTORNEY: He gave an update on pending litigation that is scheduled for the end of February in Circuit Court. Keil may need to testify regarding the procedure that took place years ago. An appeal has been filed by one of the parties.

TONY HENDRICKS, SURVEYOR REPORTS: He reported that the Kankakee and Yellow River Basin Commission will meet on January 19 at the LaPorte Library Exchange.

JOINT BOARDS: Mitzner will attend a joint board meeting on Thursday.

CLAIMS:

White Ditch, Michiana Shores, Superior Excavating, \$2,600.00. Glasgow motioned to pay. Gramarossa seconded. Motion carried.

Bull Ditch, The Tree Mann, Beaver Trapping and Dam Removal, \$260.00. Gramarossa motioned to pay. Glasgow seconded. Motion carried.

There being no other public comment or other items, Jeff Mitzner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 13, at the LaPorte County Complex at 8:30 AM.

Christine Keil, Secretary
Dated: January 15, 2024