

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FOR FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2023

The Fulton County Drainage Board met on Monday February, 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 in the Conference Room of the Fulton County Office Building at 9:00 A.M. The Following were in attendance: President Dave Sommers, Vice Chairman Rick Ranstead, Commissioner Bryan Lewis, Surveyor Seth White, Drainage Secretary Lacey Holloway. Public Attendance: Chris Gardner, Bill Beaver, Greg Halfast, Wayne Krom, George Krom, Kurt Reinhold, Jason Young, Jeff Foust.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RE: BIDS- #839 COWAN AND DILLON**

Remove trees and dip out on West side. Couple of concerns that Chris Gardner has, there is a driveway to a bean field that is right off of 600 and its right against the ditch he is worried about where the spoiler is going to go he is worried about his access to the bean field. The ditch is actually lower than the culvert right there. When Phil Overmyer came in and did some log jam removal on the Eddy Creek, Seth told Phil to go on up a few hundred feet and grab one off the nose up there. After he did that it is now forcing water to the west and it is coming onto Chris's drive and he didn't know if that could be straightened up and fixed. There is a surface drain that he has to make sure the compacity doesn't affect anything. As we go north there could be repairs on the ditch. Chris does not want to do a repeat of Eddy Creek. He doesn't want to have the contractor come back out within 5 years to fix things. Since Chris is okay with us going forward and getting this done then we will go ahead and open the bids.

**BIDS:**

**BEAVER EXCAVATING \$ 62,800.00**

**JD EXCAVATING \$ 58,819.00- WINNER**

**TAM EXCAVATING \$70,050.00**

**FIELD EXCAVATING \$74,900.00**

**INGRAM EXCAVATING \$68,000.00**

Motion was made to accept and award JD Excavating for the low bid. Passes 3-0.

**RE: BIDS- #806 FOUST & REICHARD OPEN**

**INGRAM EXCAVATING \$9,920.00-WINNER**

TAM EXCAVATING \$11,950.00

BEAVER EXCAVATING \$20,000

FIELD EXCAVATING \$11,900

JD EXCAVATING- NO BID

Motion was made to approve and accept Ingram Excavating for bid winner. Passes 3-0.

**RE: #772 WILLIAM GRAHAM ARM #2- RECONSTRUCTION**

There is a county tile that goes through MR Halfast farm and there is a problem about how to go about and fix this. Options are we can put new tile in or go with an open. Mr. Halfast concerns are the trees that are planted on that ground. There is also a Nipsco line that runs close with this ditch. Mr. Halfast states his land is basically set aside it is not productive and hasn't been for about 15 years now. The trees are planted in there and he's assuming there hasn't been anyone in there for a long time and I am assuming it is an old clay tile. Mr. Halfast does not want an open ditch. The ditch assessment states he would pay \$122.00 yearly on this property, Mr. Halfast thinks that is an unfair increase on a piece of property that is not productive to him. That increase is not going to benefit his situation. George Krom is worried about getting the production out of this land which is about 4 or 5 acres.

George Krom stated, "That he wants the opportunity to get his ground drained and it gets worse every year." George is open to anything that would fix the issue on his ground. If the county does not do an open then it will cost way more to go with the other options. George stated, "If the county repairs the tile on Gregs side, he doesn't think there is going to be a starting or stopping point. It is because of time and age of the tile." George does not think the tile on his side of the property would need replaced, because when it was opened up it was flowing on top of the ground. This is where the county came in with the jetter. Seth states, "The point of the open would be that we wouldn't have to worry about tree roots anymore and the tile would be solid." Seth would still try and keep some of the trees standing the contractor would just clear as many trees as needed to get the excavator in there. As of right now the yearly assessment acreage is set at \$6.00 per acre. If the county decides to do a reconstruction there would be a one time reconstruct. Greg would pay \$1600 one-time payment and then from there on he would pay the annual assessment at \$6.00 an acre. Everyone else in the watershed would also be paying the \$6.00 per acre. Dave Sommers stated, "It is a county tile so it needs to drain, so it falls on Mr. Halfast if he is opposed to an open ditch then that falls back onto the other options that are going to cost more." Estimated cost to put a tile back in there would be \$18,000 and Mr. Halfast would be responsible for approximately \$5,000. Mr. Halfast stated, "This piece of land is recreational and is mowed at times, mostly its just set aside to be left to grow." Mr. Halfast does not think either option is satisfactory but he is willing to go with the cheapest choice which would be an open ditch, Commissioners said they could do it with a 20-foot stick so he can go across the field if he wants it. Commissioners want to put this out for bid and we will open the bids in March and get this process started before George begins to plant.

Motion was made to accept the open ditch. Passes 3-0.

**RE: #657 EB COLLINS- J.R. KLINE- SET UP ON MAINTENANCE**

Petitioning to set this up an add on to maintenance the only part we are wanting to set up on maintenance is the 400 feet. right now, it is set up on \$2.25 per acre, don't see a reason to raise it or make it any different so it can stay at \$2.25 per acre. No objections. Motion has been made to accept to added this portion onto maintenance at \$2.25 per acre. Passes 3-0.

**RE: #843 BRUGH & BRAMAN DITCH – SET UP ON MAINTENANCE**

The open part of the ditch from 900 west to the EB Collins @ \$2.25 per acre. Motion was made by commissioners to approve this. Passes 3-0.

**RE: CHARLES HARTER TILE**

Last week Chris Fear came in he said Fites replaced a piece of tile and he believes that is the Charles Harter Tile and it is drawn in wrong on the GIS. Basically, Seth thinks it is drawn in wrong but Shanksters has not gone out yet to see where the tile is. This is NOT on maintenance so we technically don't have anything to do with it.

**RE: 2903 BARRETT RD – DRAINAGE PLAN**

Taking downspouts down to the lake which is the normal practice. Motion was made to accept this drainage plan. Passes 3-0.

**RE: 917 FRANKLIN ST-FULTON COUNTY HABITAT- DRAINAGE PLAN**

Building a house on that open lot, going to put in a French Drain to contain their water back behind them. Motion has been made to accept this drainage plan. Passes 3-0.

**RE: 1131 W. LAKESHORE DRIVE – DRAINAGE PLAN**

Building a house, they are draining all their water straight to the lake. Motion was made to approve this drainage plan. Passes 3-0.

**RE: SET HEARING – EMMA WOLF TILE- SET UP ON MAINTENANCE**

This is the joint ditch. We receive da petition to set this up on maintenance. At some point it looks like someone tried to go through with this already due to there being a # already assigned to it but it must have not gone through for some reason. Let’s set the hearing for April 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 9:15 a.m. to set this tile up on maintenance. \$10.00 per acre with 432.03 total acres in the watershed. Motion was made to set hearing for 4-10-2023 @ 9:15 a.m. motion passed 3-0.

**RE: ROCHESTER STORAGE UNITS- DRAINAGE PLAN**

West side of US 31 going to put in a retention pond back behind that goes to the open ditch for drainage. Motion was made to accept this drainage plan. Passes 3-0.

**MINUTES:** Motion was made to approve 1-09-2023 minutes. Passes 3-0.

Motion was made to approve 1-06-2023 minutes. Passes 3-0.

**CLAIMS:**

- Beaver Excavating -#571 Krom ditch – \$10,000
- Field Excavating -#550 Adam Grube- \$ 37,400
- Ingram Execavating - #795 James Weasoner - \$12,112.50
- Larry James Excavating - #572 Kreamer Tile \$3240.60
- Larry James Excavating-#551 AJ Haimbaugh- \$3785.00
- Carlson Software \$395.00- Maintenance agreement
- Boyne’s Critter Control- #723 Mud Creek- \$200.00
- Hollie Pifer Shorter – Attorney - \$833.33

**ADJOURNMENT  
FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

---



---



---

Surveyor

ATTEST: Lacey Holloway, Drainage Board Secretary

(A CD of the meeting is available in the Surveyor’s Office)