

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FOR MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2023

The Fulton County Drainage Board met on Monday May, 8<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: Bill Spangler and Nathan Craig.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RE: LAST MONTH- SET UP MAINTENANCE ON WOLFE TILE**

No objections were made – Commissioners signed the Establish of Maintenance Form

**RE: BILL SPANGLER- #840 LOUDERBACK, PETERSON & REED TILE**

The water on Mr. Spangler's property keeps getting worse and worse. Paul Slisher was supposed to have gone out and completed the work by now, but he never got around to it last year. Seth talked to Paul and Paul wanted to go through his own ground and hopefully tie into that tile underneath it to drain all that way he doesn't have to mess with the State. Sounds like a good plan to Seth, but every time he contacted Paul he would always say he would be out to get the work done within a week or two and then never show up. Now here we are a month out from originally asking him to do the work and Seth has not seen him even start on it. Along the highway its about 3 feet deep. Over the last two years it has gotten worse. Bill stated that if the problem would have been taken care of when we first started to have issues then we wouldn't be having more issues like we do now. Seth would rather have Paul do this job instead of getting someone else to go through the state. If Paul does this work then Paul will go through his ground. If the tile fails that Paul puts in the county is going to have to fix it, but being a new system and tile we shouldn't have any problem with it failing. If Paul does not start the work within a week or two then the County is going to get a new contractor and go through the state to get the contractor a permit.

**RE: #609 SAUSAMAN TILE**

On Michael Normans ground, there is 332 acres and \$1.50 an acre it caps off at \$2200 which is where the account is at right now. Seth had Larry James go in and locate the tile and where the tile ends. There are a lot of suck holes and talking to Mike he came in and we met Thursday. There are two or three big suck holes. Michael Niemeyer went out and located the tile all the way to the fence. On Stewart Thompson's ground there are a couple suck holes there as well. You can see chunks of tile everywhere. So, the tile is pretty much junk to begin with. Dan is strip tiling on the high end, but there is no outlet for it so it is just blowing up on Michael Norman. So, I asked Dan what are some options here, could you give the Surveyor's office a quote on what it would cost to fix. His Estimate/Quote was 15' dual Wall \$18,500 labor is not on the quote so not sure if that is with labor included. There is only \$2,200 in the account and \$1,000 of that is going to Larry James since we had him go locate the tile. Someone could petition to raise maintenance which Seth thinks needs to be done, we could go to \$10.00 or even \$20.00 an acre. Rick agreed to have a hearing to raise maintenance to \$20.00 an acre. Hearing date set for June 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 9:15 a.m.

**RE: 12543 E. 300 S. AKRON- BULIDING NEW HOME**

Landowner is wanting to build a new home, but there is a tile that runs through the ground where he is wanting to build it. He was asking if he could have a 25-foot variance from the tile. Seth told him he will have to call a contractor to come out and locate the tile to know exactly where the tile is at before we can give him a variance. Seth gave him Larry James contact information so he could call for locate. After the contractor come out and locates the tile he is supposed to call the Surveyor's office and let us know where exactly the tile is before taking anymore steps.

**RE: #616 SHINE WILLIAM TILE**

Tile is located on Joe Rude's ground located in Union Township. Joe wants to move this tile 230 feet, there is a riser and the county has repaired it twice since Seth has been an elected official. Joe is asking if he can take the tile and creep around the edge of the corner so he can farm that corner. The tile will be moved to right along the edge of the right of way. This account has \$1400.00 available to use for this project. Joe talked with Larry James to see if Larry James would be available to do the work. Rick stated, "he was okay with this happening as long as the cost did not overly exceed funds that are in the account."

**RE: #558 HOFFMAN TILE/DITCH- DAWSON HONEYCUTT**

This tile is located in Akron. This tile was brought up in the drainage board meeting in November of 2022. This is the tile where Walgamuth refused to do an open ditch. The tile is all blown up about every 5-10 feet. There is no grade, so if the county could make it an open that would be the only way to actually help this situation. If you replace the tile and put tile back in, then the tile is just going to float. Mr. Honeycutt has a suck hole in his yard from this tile, and he is wanting to use the ground to put cattle on his property, but he can't due to flooding and suck holes. The question that was asked back in November 2022 was, can the commissioner's and County Surveyor force the issue of it needing to be an open? Lacey had sent Hollie an e-mail previous to the drainage board meeting to look into and try to find an answer to the question about the County being able to force the issue. Hollie stated, "I never opened it if you did send it I didn't see it." Dawson Honeycutt is the one who is upset, due to the fact that nothing has been done since it was first talked about back in 2022. Seth made the statement that they could make an open where it can not be tiled and then put tile where Mr. Walagmuth does not want it to be an open at. Hollie is going to investigate further and find out if the County can force the issue and go against what the landowner's decisions are. As soon as Seth hears back from Hollie then we will go from there on what the next steps to take are.

**RE: #609 SAUSAMAN TILE- MAINTENANCE INCREASE**

Need a motion to set the hearing for this tile to raise the maintenance to \$25.00 per acre on June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 a.m. Motion was made and passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS:**

Hollie Pifer Shorter – Attorney - \$833.33  
Larry James - \$985.00 - Harter Ditch – one time up to \$1,500.00 payment.  
Larry James- #609 Sausaman Tile- \$1,095.00  
Boyne's Critter Control- #790 Ball Ginther- \$890.00  
Zimpleman Excavating -#708 Bryant Leininger Ditch-\$12,701.25  
Tam Excavating-# 679 Pownall Ditch-\$2,818.29

Ingram Excavating -#772 William Graham-\$4,007.75  
Ingram Excavating- #806 Richard Foust-\$1,488.00  
JD Excavating-#839 Dillon & Cowan Ditch-\$49,702.90  
Overmyer Excavating- #586 Eli Miller Ditch-\$6,850.00  
DirtWorx- #798 Henry Guise-\$2,080.00  
Fulton County Treasurer- \$169.58- # transfer funds from GDI to Maintenance  
Fulton County Treasurer- \$618.48- #829 Steinke Wilson Ditch- Transfer funds from GDI to Maintenance  
Rochester Sentinel- \$23.22- Advertising on #767 Emma Wolfe

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

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Surveyor

ATTEST: Lacey Holloway, Drainage Board Secretary

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