

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FOR JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> 2023

The Fulton County Drainage Board met on Monday June, 12<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, Attorney Hollie -Pifer Shorter. Public Attendance: Greg Howard, Drew McCulley, Stuart Thompson, Mike Norman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RE: DREW MCCULLEY- - BLUEBERRY FARM ON 200 N. #806 S.S. COLLINS**

We have sprayed #806 S.S. Collins and have gotten some spray on his blueberries. The last three years he has had herbicide damage. Mr. McCulley would just like to remove that portion of the ditch for sprays and he will take care of the maintenance of that ditch just for spraying only. Motion was made to remove a portion sec. 36-31-1 of the ditch by Mr. McCulley's blueberries from the spray program. Motion passed 3-0.

**RE: GREG HOWARD- BRUCE LAKE**

Mr. Howard said for the last four years there is now curly weed, he has spoke with DNR about it and he is not sure when the last time the canals were drenched or why there is straight runs vs a roll so it has a chance for the chemicals to stop before entering the lake. Everyone at Bruce Lake is upset about this situation. Mr. Howard has talked with the State Chemist, Environmental Team, DNR. DNR is going to come out and do a fish count. Bass count is down according to the DNR due to the chemicals running into the Lake. Everywhere the canal is, there is horrible algae. Mr. Howard wants to know how we change the flow of the chemicals that are sprayed on the fields from flowing into the lake. Seth stated that the ditch is a very flat ditch. There is no grade to it, so from our end it stinks because it just lays there and there is not much we can do with no grade. Mr. Howard wants to know if there is a sediment trap that can be used. Seth answered with there is sediment traps but you cannot have chemicals in those. Mr. Howard is letting us know that there is a curly weed that is coming in thicker and thicker and going wider, and if we don't do something about it, then it is just going to start taking over. Mr. Howard stated that the chemist even stated that he would not swim in there. So, Mr. Howard wants to know what do we do? Can the drainage board have something put in to where it slows down the flow of the chemicals before it reaches the lake? Seth replied, "That's just it we can't slow it down anymore with how flat it is there, all we have is a 75 foot right away. Anything past that we can't do anything with. So, if we were to do something to change what this ditch is then we would have to have someone petition to do a reconstruct. Each landowner that is in that water shed would have to come attend the drainage board meeting and vote if they were for or against this because they would be the ones also paying for the reconstruction." Seth wants to see the test results of what the chemist gets and also the DNR with the fish count test. So, before we even think about having someone petition to do a reconstruct, then we should find out what is causing the issue and make sure that it is the chemicals. Since we know there is no sediment traps maybe the county could put some sediment traps in. Seth is going to call the previous elected surveyor and see what information he can provide to us. Mr. Howard is supposed to call the surveyors office or commissioners and provide the information from the testing that is being done, then the county can go from there on what to do next.

**RE: #609 SAUSAMAN TILE – HEARING**

On Mr. Normans ground there are several suck holes that have blown up. On Mr. Thompson's ground there are also several suck holes where you can actually see the tile. Mr. Norman has sold or is in the process of selling his ground. What we Surveyor's office would like to do is raise the maintenance on this system to \$25.00 an acre just so there is enough money in account to get started. There is 323 acres in the watershed. Currently the maintenance is set at \$1.50 and only bringing in \$512 a year. The landowners that are at this drainage board meeting are all in agreeance that something needs to be done. There were no written or verbal objections. Rick made a motion to approve the \$25.00 per acre. Motion passed 3-0. Motion made to close hearing, passed 3-0.

**RE: #528 HOFFMAN TILE/DITCH**

Lacey and Michael went out to Mr. Honeycutt's property and looked at a suck hole that is in his yard. He wants to put cattle out on this land but its all flooded and flat. Surveyors office had previously discussed this tile about 3 years ago. James and Seth went out and took a look and there was no cover. It needs to be reconstructed, Seth doesn't think a new tile can go in because its so flat it will most likely float. We sent Hollie (Attorney) an email about this asking if the County can make this tile into an open ditch. Mr. Walgamuth is against making this tile an open ditch. Hollies email replay stated, "Good afternoon, State code: IC 36-9-27-F-52 word can indicate what the drainage board should do, short answer is if the benefit outweighs the objector's opinion then the Drainage Board can override the objector and move forward with what will benefit." So, with that information Seth can actually petition to reconstruct. Seth would start at the trees and make it open, but also leave some tile. Bryan wants Seth to call banning and ask for a second opinion on what they think we should do. Once we hear back from banning then the Surveyors office will go from there.

**RE: JEFF JOHNSON- ROCK LAKE TREES WERE REMOVED BY CONTRACTOR MORE THAN 75 FOOT RIGHT AWAY. #765**

Earlier this spring there was a complain that the Lautzenhizer ditch flooding. There is a house sitting there you can see that it has been split off from the ground. There is also a crossing pipe in that area, the pipe fully collapsed and was blocking all the water upstream, the pipe has had an issue for a while. Courtney and Seth went out last year and the landowner said they were pretty sure the corner goes to a concrete post. This year Surveyors office had Kirk Ingram come and he drove his machine along the 75 foot right of way that was just big enough for his machine, He removed the pipe and placed it along the ditch and then proceeded to place the new pipe. Kirk then proceeded to push back some trees that were on the 75 foot right of way to be able to have some room to set pipe on the ground. The landowner called in and said that Kirk damaged all the trees and that he was not going to be able to harvest any of the trees. Kirk was within the right of way, Seth and Lacey went out and measured and also took a video and sent the video to the commissioners. Seth did ask Kirk to go back and remove the pipe and also climb on top of the dirt pile and pull it back towards the ditch a little bit.

**RE: LUBE WAREHOUSE-DRAINAGE PLAN**

Lacey made a drainage plan cover sheet for commissioners to sign off and approve drainage plans. This warehouse is going to be built out by Ceres Solutions. On the drainage plan that was submitted by them to the surveyor's office Seth had no issues with. Drainage is on the back side of the building off the road and Seth is good with the drainage plan they provided. Motion was made to approve drainage plan. Motion passes 3-0.

**RE: DOLLAR GENERAL -FULTON INDIANA DRAINAGE PLAN**

Installing a retention pond right along Highway 25, originally when they first sent the drainage plan in they had a structure right on the bottom of the pond. They are allowed to release for a 100-year storm. Mike Early had called back in February and said that he knows this is being done please make sure that Dollar General controls their water due to Mr. Early just putting in a lot of money towards fixing that tile. Seth called the engineer back and asked if there was anyway if they could put in a retention pond. So, Dollar General provided us with a new updated drainage plan. For the 100-year storm they need 4700 cubic feet. Seth does not see any issue with this drainage plan. Motion was made to approve drainage plan. Passes 3-0.

**CLAIMS:**

Hollie Pifer Shorter – Attorney - \$833.33  
Fulton County Treasurer- transfer #526 SS Collins Br#7 to Br#1 to Arm#4 \$944.49  
Prairie Marsh -\$1668.42 #623 Spohn & Ward 60% payment  
Prairie Marsh- \$280.83 #639 Wideman, Ambrose Tile & Open 1<sup>st</sup> spray  
Larry James- \$6450.00 #616 William Shine Tile  
Ingram -\$960.00 \$657 E.B. Collins Kline ditch  
Ingram -\$630.00 #723 Mud Creek  
Ingram -\$1650.00 #765 Lautzenhizer  
Ingram -\$405.00 #584 George Krom Tile  
Ingram -\$918.75 #653 Goss Ditch  
Ingram- \$706.80 #772 William Graham Bid – 15% retainage payment  
Prairie Marsh -\$2166.72 #648 Struckman Dan  
Prairie Marsh -\$ 3,631.88 #600 G.E. Overmyer final spray  
Prairie Marsh- \$2,694.16 #672 Agnes Waite Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh- \$2,824.04 #527 J. Costello Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$ 5,464.80 #762 Upper Mill Creek Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh- \$ 950.00 #806 Collins arm #1- Special 1x spray application  
Prairie Marsh- \$5,420.40 #723 Mud Creek- Special 1x spray application  
Prairie Marsh- \$2,838.20 #806 SS Collins  
Prairie Marsh- \$2,508.00 #716 Troutman Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh- \$1,289.12 #516 Kings Ditch- Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh- \$2,168.32 #807 Babcock Overmyer Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh- \$5,941.32 #679 Reed Olmstead – Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh- \$1,890.40 #802 Ross Rouch- Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$5,240.40 #763 Rentschler Ditch – Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$6,284.52 #508 Annias Baker – Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh- \$351.00 #711 Dan Kelly open – 60% payment  
Prairie Marsh-\$3,591.76 #838 Snapp & Gillepsie- 60% payment  
Prairie Marsh-\$8,077.04 #636 Walsh O Brian – Final Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$4,835.16 #664 Thompson Wynn & Rannells- 60% payment  
Prairie Marsh-\$1,194.36 #552 Henry Harsh Ditch – First spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$811.80 #569 George Creamer Ditch- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$469.20 \$734 MC Caughey- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$10,473.08 #694 Stienke Wilson- First spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$13,269.75 #797 Lucina Smith – First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$3,167.58 #813 W.F. Wilson- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$6,223.56 #812 Lewis Holtz- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$2,732.40 #663 Joe Mathias- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$6,937.80 #817 Charles Callahan- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$3,375.60 #637 Theodore White ditch- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$1,241.46 #805 William Walsh- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$2,272.56 #824 SS Collins Br #1 to Br#4 – First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$515.80 #820 SS Collins- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$397.80 #825 Collins – First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$583.44 #827 Imhoff & Reed- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$1,529.58 #607 Reister Open- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$1,224.30 #510 George Barkman- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$703.80 #818 King Sriver- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$3,971.88 #571 Krom Open – First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$503.10 #707 Harsh Kesler Ditch- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$1,758.24 #507 LN Blair- First Spray  
Prairie Marsh-\$2,267.10 #806 Foust Ditch – First Spray  
Kolesiak- \$10,560.70 #574 Luey Open – Additional tile work  
Fulton County Treasurer- \$31.11 – Fuel  
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Larry James- \$1,371.00 #542 AA Gast Arm – Fix suckhole  
Boyne’s Critter Control- \$130.00 #765 Lautzenhizer- Beaver Dam  
Fulton County Treasurer- \$609.72 – Transfer positive balance to maintenance account  
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Fulton County Treasurer- \$88.75- Transfer positive balance to maintenance account  
Quill- \$150.53 – Office Supplies  
Card Member Services- \$4.49 – Office Supplies ( Water)  
LI Excavating- \$5,841.00 #508 Baker- 15% retainage for bid work  
Dirtworx LLC- \$1,455.00 #708 Bryant Lieninger  
Field Excavating- \$5,000.00 #803 John Baker Open  
Field Excavating- \$460.30- #503 Starr Open  
Larry James- \$880.00- #583 Sarah Herrold Tile  
Right Of Way- \$2,380.20 #521 Ammon Bucher 20% remaining payment  
Right Of Way- \$499.90- #525 Clevenger- 20%

Right Of Way- \$246.86 #543 AA Gast Arm  
Right Of Way-\$1,631.91 -#545 William Graham  
Right Of Way-\$705.41- #585-Mikesell& Mahoney  
Right Of Way-\$573.11 - #601-Nathan Pontious  
Right Of Way-\$1,851.12- #670-Robbins & Walters  
Right Of Way-\$177.79 - #694-Ben Bauman Tile  
Right Of Way-\$2,039.58 - #714-Willow Creek  
Right Of Way-\$494.86 - #723 Mudd Creek  
Right Of Way-\$748.39- #732 Jonas Rouch  
Right Of Way-\$1,997.58- #523-Peter Busenburg  
Right Of Way-\$948.91- #581-Cliff Mcgee  
Right Of Way-\$2,059.02- #586-Elijah Miller  
Right Of Way-\$284.77 - #587-Elijah Miller Arm#1  
Right Of Way-\$554.82- #596-Nelson Bowen  
Right Of Way-\$492.83- #627-Daniel Terry Open  
Right Of Way-\$ 1,168.52- #631-J Traverse  
Right Of Way-\$1,336.60 -#638-Kitchen Weaver Open  
Right Of Way-\$1,331.30- #655-Smith- Peterson  
Right Of Way-\$ 396.40- #686-Chauncey Overmyer  
Right Of Way-\$1,293.40- #704-Mc Mahan  
Right Of Way-\$480.02- #766-Austin Tilden  
Right Of Way-\$745.49- #769-Eddy Creek Arm #3  
Right Of Way-\$3,516.26- #806-SS Collins  
Right Of Way-\$388.70- #808-CB Mastellar  
Right Of Way-\$365.60- #819-Sarah Werner  
Right Of Way-\$564.19- #657-Collins, EB Kline  
Right Of Way-\$398.41- #756-Eddy Creek  
Right Of Way-\$4,649.40- #590 Hugh Miller- First and Second Spray

**MINUTES- APPROVED -3-0.**

**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)