

## **FULTON COUNTY JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

The Fulton County Drainage Board met on Monday November, 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 in the Conference Room of the Fulton County Office Building at 9:30 A.M. The Following were in attendance: President Dave Sommers, Vice Chairman Rick Ranstead, Commissioner Bryan Lewis, Surveyor Seth White, Attorney Hollie -Pifer Shorter, drainage secretary Lacey Holloway. Public Attendance: Jim Scott, Steve Metzger, Craig Cultice, Mike Kissinger.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **RE: HEARING: HOPKINS DITCH @ \$5.00/ACRE (JOINT MEETING WITH KOSCIUSKO COUNTY)**

In Fulton County we named this ditch the Ammon Bucher ditch, it runs on the county line and all the way to Rock Lake. There is an arm that comes off of this ditch that is named the Hopkins ditch that is not on maintenance. The Fulton County Surveyor's office is proposing is to put 1600 feet of the Ammon Bucher ditch (Hopkins ditch) on maintenance. There is a swamp/low lying ground that won't be able to have much work done. Seth was talking with Mike Kissinger due to the fact that Mike has a little bit more experience with this ditch than Seth does. Mike stated, "Originally this ditch was on maintenance at one time but then back in the 1970's or 1980's, the county took the Hopkins farm off for whatever reason." Mike thinks the landowners still pay into a maintenance fund and Mike thinks there has been some repairs done on the Hopkins arm, so the landowner has approached Mike and asked that the county put this arm back on maintenance. Seth agrees with Mike on putting this Hopkins/Ammon arm back on maintenance. Surveyors office is leaving the name as #521 Ammon Bucher and just going to add (arm #1) just to make it specific. County is not raising any maintenance on this ditch and is leaving the current assessment. This ditch goes into Fulton County just a little bit, and there is no reason for those landowners to be paying that portion due to the fact that it is nothing but swamp and wet land. There are no written objections or verbal objections. Motion was made to accept this arm as the #521 Hopkins ditch listed as #521 Hopkins ditch arm #1. Motion was passed 5-0.

**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)