

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST 12TH 2024

The Fulton County Drainage Board met on Monday August 12th, 2024 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, Attorney Hollie -Pifer Shorter, drainage secretary: Lacey Holloway. Public Attendance: Dawson Honeycutt, mark Brubaker, Ray Dausman, Bob Zawacki, Trend O'Dell, Jim Straeter, Andrea Baker, Tami Ringer, Paul Slisher, Keith Imhoff, and Mr. Showley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RE: CERTIFIED LETTER FROM BRENDA GREEN

Location is 1329 College Street. Brenda has tried to e-mail the board but e-mails kept getting rejected from her end. Brenda lives at 726 East 14th Street in Rochester Indiana. "I am concerned about the detention pond plans for 1329 College Avenue, there is no drain storm infrastructure present. The plans are to put it next to my house which sits a few feet from the boundary. It is easy for the city to vote on things that are not in there back yard or front yard. The pond is next the woods which will then invite critters like groundhogs, beavers, etc. Another issue is that I don't want the standing water to cause issues with my basement getting flooded. There is a lot next to me that isn't so close to my house were the detention pond can be built. It is part of the Keller property. I should not be able to live right next to a detention pond nuisance. I cannot look directly out my kitchen window without seeing it. I don't see why the detention pond couldn't be on the most northern edge of the Keller property and behind the building being built. All the drainage board plans are during the week day hours from when I see online. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion. Makes me want to sell my property right now. My brother who lives with me has Parkinson's so I am stuck at the moment. This house is my childhood home and I would defiantly loose money on the sale with the retention pond practically on top of my house. Please express my concerns to the voting members Thank You Brenda Green." Seth responded, "We still do not have a drainage plan for this infrastructure. So, we are going to keep the letter for when we do." "There has not been a drainage plan submitted for this, so we will table this until the drainage plan becomes present."

RE: #655 URIAH SMITH- Motion was made for the riterian buffer in on the Uriah smith

Motion passed 3-0.

RE: DAWSON HONEYCUTT- HOFFMAN TILE #558 There have been some issues going on with this tile before Seth even became County Surveyor. Seth has had Banning go out and look at this tile and give us an estimate on reconstruction of tile and the estimates are just way to high.

Dawson has some questions for Holli (Drainage Board Attorney). "What's the point of having a ditch maintenance tax if its not being maintained? Why is it now the tax payer's problem to have to fork out \$40,000.00 to get it fixed when it was never maintained?" "This is not a me problem, I have lived there for six years now and have been calling since 2019 about this issue. I now have lost livestock due to the flooding issue, there is a massive erosion around my pond I can't even mow the main part of my yard all because the County has failed to maintain that tile."

Seth responded, "What Dawson is talking about is the part of the tile that is open and he is correct, back in 2019/2020 James Boyne's and Seth went to the location of the tile and walked it and the tile has 6-inch cover on it with suck holes. The tile is beyond repair at this point." "So, to answer the first question, the tax money is to maintain it but no landowner before you brought it to the County's attention and called in and said there was an issue with this tile." "So as far as the maintenance goes, it should be/ or will be shut off when it reaches four times the limit, but if we repair suck hole after suck hole and start using the funds then we will have to trigger it to collect again and depending on what kind of work needs done then we might even have to raise maintenance per acre." There is currently \$1,252.00 in the account right now. It is only at \$2.50 per acre with 160.32 acres in the watershed."

Banning gave Seth two estimates on a full reconstruct which would cost \$340,000.00 and the other estimate is for a partial open for \$318,000.00.

Dawson commented, "I understand there is a statue that when its being done then it falls back onto the landowner, but that wasn't my question that was answered, Seth description was just about the account. My question is, if the County failed to do their part and not maintain this tile then why is it the landowner's responsibility to pay to get it fixed. I don't find this funny this has caused me a lot of stress." Hollie responded, "At this point if Dawson got an attorney and sued Fulton County Drainage Board for not maintain the ditch, then

Hollie said, "Drainage board and Seth all have to agree that not to make it a reconstruct just to make it an open."

Drainage board agrees that it needs to be fixed.

Hearing has been set for October 7th 2024 @ 9:15 a.m.

RE: 702 E. 4th STREET DRAINAGE APPROVAL

Seth- need a motion to approve this drainage plan we already got two verbal approvals just need the motion to be made.

Motion was made to approval this drainage plan, **motion passes 3-0.**

RE: #551 HAIMBAUGH TILE

Jim Straeter-Couple months ago there was a meeting and someone said something about when did this tile fail. I didn't say anything because I'm not sure when it failed but here are pictures of the tile now. This is not farmable anymore and back in 1987 it could be farmed fully. In 2023 only, half of the field could be planted because of the amount of standing water and water damage. There has been a proposal by Paul Slisher to do a reconstruction. The water right now has to run up hill to get off the field. There is a 10-inch tile that goes across to my field from US 31 and it used to run to the pond, but now it goes into the swell that is on the south side of 100 South. County has a stand pipe in the corner and the water comes out of the stand pipe and floods my field.

Paul Slisher- The only option I can think is to run a new tile. Some of the area is wetland and you can't drain that because you'll get in trouble so I'm wanting to downsize the size of the tile just because that wetland can never be drained.

Seth- As far as wetland goes we can repair but not replace correct?

Andrea Baker- It's out of my area if its not being cleaned or drained to be farm. Outside of that your looking at IDEM and others. Best options are not to drain it. As far as repairing vs replacing I have no idea.

Conclusion- Paul- What size of tile do we run? Rick- How much would it be to go from 24 inch to 36 inches? Seth- It would be pretty expensive. Paul- Put a riser in and set the pipe at the riser so everyone still has drainage. All the issues are on the North side so use the wet land like a retention area. Put riser below CR 100. Seth- reduced pipe size down to 24 inches and then cut off right at south of CR

100 at a 10th grade and Ill get prices with contractors. Then table it until next month and ill bring estimates in to review.

RE: TOWN LAKE – Mr. Showley- To the south is Justin Gearharts property he changed the pitch of his roof and his run off all runs one way to the north, then it goes to my lot. I've created a beach area with pea gravel. He has a tremendous amount of water that runs off onto my property and under my pea gravel. At this time, he is pretty adamant that there is no problem.

Seth- Justin is going to add onto the south side and going straight up does not change the fast run off because he's on the north side so I suggested to put in a drain just to collect it. Justin did agree to that and since then he has put in a 30-gallon container with a false bottom and take down spout to the north side and connect into the 30- gallon container. On the south side he is doing renovation and running a tile all the way down to the South side. He's not changing his hard surface at all but he will work with us to help the situation.

Seth- Talked last month about how the lake sediments are bad for pond life like the fish and all of that and what the question was, with all the run off from the farm land going into the lake causing sediments what are we going to do about it? The options we are looking at is we may put a sediment trap in possible but at this point waiting to see what NRCS says and then we can see what we can do with our funds and our tax dollars. Andrea Baker- They are supposed to do a windshield water survey which is just eye balling what's going out on the lake. There are options to deal with the sediments that are going out there and my thoughts would be a two-stage ditch. Most ditches in Indiana its just a straight one path ditch. With a two stage ditch you have the top of bank, you have a 2-1 slope and then you have a bank before the channel.

RE: PETITION #739 EARL BANGEL TILE RECONSTRUCTION

Seth- The petition is to reconstruct this tile, it's a short tile but in Bruce lake with a lot of houses, problem is back in the down the tile used to run differently and then a landowner redirected it and now it goes underneath his house.

Underneath his deck there is a huge suck hole and they think somewhere along the tile its plugged and it just blows out the riser and onto the ground and then they have a pond in their yard. Since this reconstruction petition, we are going to go to the property line and replace a stretch of tile and get rid of the suck hole to see if this alleviates the suck hole problem. If this fixes it then the petition will be ignored. We are going for easy/cheap fix. If it doesn't fix it then we will have to