

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD
November 4, 2013
MINUTES**

The Montgomery County Drainage Board met on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Crawfordsville District Public Library in the basement conference room.

The meeting was called to order by *Chairman, Dave Rhoads*, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Alan Goff.

Board members in attendance were Dave Rhoads, Chairman; Deanna Durrett, Secretary; Terry Hockersmith and Ed Stephens members. Phil Rice Vice Chairman was not present. Present were Tom Cummins, Surveyor; Vicki Emmert Secretary and Suanne Milligan, attorney.

Also present were Brenda Foster of Foster Farm Drainage, Bart W. Maxwell of Maxwell Farm Drainage, Matt Goings of Goings Excavating, Clint Knoy of Masterscape, Dick Shelton and Bob Shelton.

Deanna Durrett moved, seconded by Ed Stephens, to approve the October 7, 2013 minutes. Motion carried, 3-0. Terry Hockersmith abstained.

Bid Openings

Tom Cummins reported there were four bids for the **William Buchanan #505** reconstruction in Franklin Township with an estimate of \$36,050.00.

Masterscape	\$33,286.50
Goings Excavating	\$32,825.00
Maxwell Farm Drainage	\$34,650.00
Foster Farm Drainage	\$29,573.18

Mr. Cummins reported there were three bids for the **Albert Nobes #547** reconstruction in Union Township with an estimate of \$76,800.00

Masterscape	\$59,094.00
Goings Excavating	\$61,671.00
Maxwell Farm Drainage	\$63,000.00

A brief recess was taken for the Surveyor to review all the bids.

Tom Cummins reported all bids were responsive to the bid packets and all had the 5% bid bonds. The time frame for completion of all reconstructions is September 1, 2014. One hundred percent virgin tile is required in both reconstructions.

Mr. Cummins recommended that the reconstruction of the **William Buchanan #505** be awarded to Foster Farm Drainage. **Terry Hockersmith moved, seconded by Deanna Durrett, to award the bid to Foster Farm Drainage for the William Buchanan #505 reconstruction for \$29,573.18 to be completed by September 1, 2014. Motion carried, 4-0.**

Mr. Cummins recommended that the reconstruction of the **Albert Nobes #547** be awarded to Masterscape. **Ed Stephens moved, seconded by Terry Hockersmith, to award the bid to**

Masterscape for the Albert Nobes #547 reconstruction for \$59,094.00 to be completed by September 1, 2014. Bob Shelton presented the Board with a letter from Shelton Farms stating that they would like to use Maxwell Farm Drainage as he has done previous work for them. Tom Cummins reported Shelton Farms own 48% of the land in the watershed. The difference between the bids is less than \$4,000.00 difference between bids. Ed Stephens inquired from Suanne Milligan what the code says. Ms Milligan reported the code requires the contract be awarded to the lowest most responsive and most responsible bid. Dave Rhoads suggested the Shelton's to call the Board and Surveyor if any problem arises. Deanna Durrett reported all drains have a camera run through them to make sure they are on grade after a reconstruction.

Motion carried, 4-0.

Dave Rhoads thanked all the Contractors for their bids and being competitive to each other. The Shelton's thanked the Board for their consideration of their letter.

Updates

Tom Cummins reported all the reconstructions and loans undertaken this year are completed now.

Tom Cummins reported that ditch mowing has been done on the **Stanford-Elmore #555, Edward Patton #548, James Fleming #517,** and a portion of the **Detchon Adams #711.** Mr. Cummins will be looking at assessments and mowing of other drains in the future. In 2015 there will be a new aerial mapping of the County and on it viewers will be able to see the de-brushing that has been done.

Old Business

Tom Cummins reported the **Edward Coleman #N/A** in Madison Township South of 1100 N should have a hearing to increase the assessment. It drains into the **Arthur Fraley #596.** Mr. Cummins has spoken to Scott Odle about tile holes in the area. **Deanna Durrett moved, seconded by Ed Stephens, to hold a rate assessment hearing at the first Drainage Board meeting in January 2014 to put the Edward Coleman #N/A back on assessment. Motion carried, 4-0.**

The Board discussed when to set the 2014 Drainage Board meetings. **Dave Rhoads moved, seconded by Ed Stephens, to hold the Drainage Board meetings on the first Monday of the month in 2014 with discretion to cancel if needed, to be held at the Crawfordsville District Public Library at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried, 4-0.**

New Business

Brenda Foster of Foster Farm Drainage inquired if she could bring a CD to the next Board meeting to show how the de-brushing machine works. The Board will put it on their agenda.

Deanna Durrett moved, seconded by Dave Rhoads, to cancel the December 2013 meeting as there are no items on the agenda. Motion carried, 4-0.

Other Business

Deanna Durrett discussed the language that should be used in policy for reconstructions. Suanne Milligan reported the policy is subject to change as needed.

Deanna Durrett moved, seconded by Dave Rhoads, that it is the Board's policy that drains will be reconstructed in the summer, unless extenuating circumstances prevail, in order to ensure quality installation. Motion carried, 4-0.

Dave Rhoads inquired about the **Marion Conner #716** joint drain with Boone County. Tom Cummins reported the **Marion Conner #716** is back on assessment. Mr. Cummins spoke with Mike Cline about a year ago about tile holes and a reconstruction possibly but has not heard back from Mr. Cline. Mr. Cline suggests that it is a grade issue in Boone County. In the northern section for landowner Sam Fisher a new crossing was installed on the open section of the ditch.

The landowner pays for materials and the drain maintenance fund pays for the installation.

Deanna Durrett requested the Surveyor to send out new contracts to the contractors for the upcoming year. Ms. Durrett also requested a financial report for the Board ending September 30, 2013.

The next meeting will be the hearing at 1:00 pm today. Terry Hockersmith has met with the Highway Department concerning the obstruction hearing that will be held today.

Terry Hockersmith inquired of Brenda Foster about completing the **Swearingen-Runyon 2 #719** this summer. Ms. Foster reported it was very dry and dusty.

Terry Hockersmith moved, seconded by Deanna Durrett, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried, 4-0.

Vicki Emmert,
Recording Secretary




David Rhoads, Chairman

Phil Rice, Vice Chairman



Deanna Durrett, Secretary



Terry Hockersmith, Member



Ed Stephens, Member