

**Montgomery County  
Drainage Board Meeting**

**January 17, 2024**

The Montgomery County Drainage Board met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Chairman Dave Rhoads, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, called the meeting to order. Vicki Emmert gave the prayer.

Board members in attendance were Chairman Dave Rhoads, Vice Chairman John Frey, Secretary Matt Mitted, members Doug Mills & Lance Sennett. Present were Tom Cummins, Surveyor, Vicki Emmert, Secretary and Attorney Dan Taylor.

Also, present was John Binder and Dan Booher, Shane Young, Rex Ballard, Wesley Vickery, Stephanie Campbell and Heather Laffoon, Treasurer.

**Hearing**

**Chrineyance Schenck #506 & Guy Little #534 Assessment Hearing for combined drains.**

This information was display on the overhead projector.

Tom Cummins – reported the background for the drains. Historically, the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** and **Guy Little #534** drains, located in Wayne Township, have been separate regulated drains and watersheds, each with their own per acre assessment. The **Chrineyance Schenck #506** watershed encompasses the **Guy Little #534** watershed, as it serves as the outlet; the **Guy Little #534** affected acreage is also assessed for the **Chrineyance Schenck #506**.

**Chrineyance Schenck #506**

Constructed: 1895  
Reconstructed: 1919  
Location: T19N R6W; Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36  
Watershed Acres 1,235.7 acres  
Tile Length: 12,534 feet  
Tile Sizes: 15”, 18”, 19” 20” and 24”  
Open Ditch Length: 1,371 feet  
Number of parcels: 37

The current assessment is \$4.00/acre with a \$5.00 minimum assessment and collects annually \$4,955.88.  
The current maintenance balance is \$6,448.81 and improvement balance of zero

**Guy Little #534**

Constructed: 1912  
Reconstructed: N/A  
Location: T19N R6W; Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36  
Watershed Acres: 490.36 acres  
Tile length: 8,549 feet  
Tile Sizes: 7”, 8”, 12”, 15 and 16”  
Open Ditch Length: N/A  
Number of Parcels: 19

The current assessment is \$6.00/acre with a \$5.00 minimum assessment and collects \$2,951.96 annually. The current maintenance balance is \$12,843.28 and improvement balance of zero.

The Surveyor recommends combining the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** and **Guy Little #534** drains, for all assessment purposes. The soil types and topography are comparable throughout both watersheds. This combination of drains is appropriate to ensure no substantial inequity exists for any landowners. As the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** tile drain serves as the outlet for the **Guy Little #534** tile drains, landowners within the **Guy Little #534** watershed are currently assessed for both drains. This creates an inequity for maintenance assessment as well as any future reconstruction assessments.

The Surveyor recommends a per acre rate of \$5.94, with a \$5.00 minimum, which would collect \$7,315.66 annually.

Currently some landowners pay an assessment for the **Guy Little #534** of \$6.00 per acre and the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** of \$4.00 per acre. For those who pay into both this new assessment recommendation of \$5.94 an acre would be a decrease. The **Chrineyance Schenck #506** landowner's assessment would be an increase of \$1.94 an acre.

The overhead projector was used to display the tributaries.

Tom Cummins – reported the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** drain is scheduled for a proposed reconstruction 2024.

John Frey – inquired if there was any push back.

Tom Cummins – reported no objection letters. Received a call from Randy McCormick about how he would be assessed two different ways; explained how he already was being assessed for two drains. Once explained he was on board with it.

Dave Rhoads – inquired about the two separate maintenance funds what would become of them.

Tom Cummins – reported will combine all the funds from both drains. Recommends leaving the name as the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** with a foot note describing the former Guy Little drain.

Doug Mills – inquired about the tributary.

Tom Cummins – reported tributary one is the **Chrineyance Schenck #506**; many drains have been combined according to old records, described as a footnote.

Dave Rhoads – inquired if there were any landowner comments.

Rex Ballard – inquired about the reconstruction of the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** this year.

Tom Cummins – reported the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** was classified in need of reconstruction for this year. It would be designed combining both drains.

Rex Ballard – inquired about the open ditch.

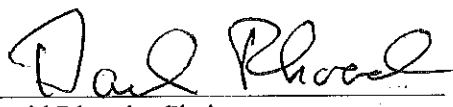
Tom Cummins – reported the plan would be do away with the open ditch, as it should not be in between two sub surface tiles. Discussed the tile size. No hearing has been set. Plan to hold a hearing in March or April.

**Joh Frey moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to combine the Chrineyance Schenck #506 and the Guy Little #534 for a total watershed of 1,231.82 acres and a new assessment rate of \$5.94 an acre with a**

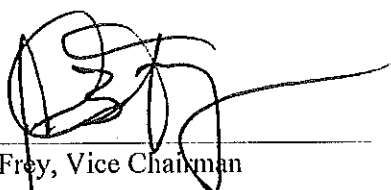
\$5.00 minimum, with an annual assessment collection \$7,323.06. The name of the drain will be Chrineyance Schenck #506. Motion carried, 5-0.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by John Frey to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

Vicki Emmert,  
Recording Secretary



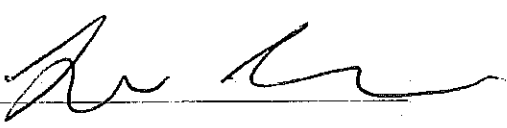
David Rhoads, Chairman



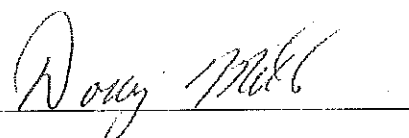
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