

Motion to approve minutes of 12/26/12 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

**Bass-Fox Legal Drain**-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that Doug Theobald had offered to do some brush removal and bottom dipping on the Bass-Fox Legal Drain at his own expense. Kevin Nigh made a motion to accept Doug Theobald’s offer to work on the Bass-Fox Legal Drain at no cost to the County, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. Taylor will be sending letters to property owners letting them know of this pending work and informing them that they may call the Surveyor’s Office with any questions.

**Spraying Ditches**-David Mohr told Taylor Sumerford that it was time to start thinking about spraying the ditches and getting in touch with contractors concerning that.

**Lakeview**-David Mohr spoke to a property owner at Lakeview who said that the property owners would like the pond cleaned. David said that he offered to bring 2 or 3 contractors out to meet with owners and see exactly what they were talking about. David said that he thought the cattails could be removed and it would be a big improvement. David also said that he spoke to John DePrez and John said the money could be used out of the Lakeview fund as it was drainage improvement. David would like for John to draw up a contract for anything done stating that Shelby County and the contractor will be held harmless.

**Adjourn**

Motion to approve minutes of January 14, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Roberts Legal Drain**-Jim Hunter came before the Board to discuss some concerns he has concerning the Roberts Legal Drain. Mr. Hunter asked the Board what herbicide was used when the ditch gets sprayed as he was concerned about the strength, and the fact that the ditch is close to his house and trees. Kevin Nigh told Mr. Hunter that the sprays used are usually either Crossbow or Rodeo and the purpose of the spraying is to keep down the wooded brush and Canadian thistle. Kevin assured Mr. Hunter that the sprayers are licensed and certified. Mr. Hunter said that he was worried about his young trees and he wondered whether the spray could be used more sparingly by those. Mr. Hunter also asked if some of the fence on the border of the ditch and David Lawson’s field might possibly be removed so that the spraying could be done from the fence side of the ditch instead of on his side of the ditch. David Mohr asked Taylor Sumerford if he thought that the sprayers could work with Mr. Hunter to try to preserve some of the trees that he is concerned about and that he felt that the sprayers would be very cautious about the drift of the spray when they were working in Mr. Hunter’s area. Taylor suggested to Jim that after the mechanical side of the ditch cleaning is done by Larry Mohr in that area...he and Mr. Hunter meet to discuss the matter. David said that he thought David Lawson might actually remove the fence as he wants the ditch cleaned out. Taylor said that he would ask Mr. Lawson about that. Kevin assured Mr. Hunter that they would work with him.

**Set date for Spraying Bids**-Kevin Nigh made a motion to have the bids for spraying the County Legal Drains be brought in by 8:00am on March 11, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Ditch Assessments**-Taylor Sumerford brought before the Board a list that Norma Ross had provided of ditch assessment deletion suggestions for 2013. On the list of suggested deletions: Cotton Run-Mohler, Phillips North, Zell-Patterson, Hills Branch and the Deheur. Don Parker made a motion to delete those ditches for the time being, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0. Norma’s list also suggested 2 ditch assessments be reduced: the Ira Smith-Seifert, (suggested to reduce to \$3.00 per acre), and Meadowview, (suggested to reduce to \$25.00 per lot). Kevin Nigh made a motion to reduce the assessments on the Ira Smith-Seifert and the Meadowview Drains, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. The last suggestion was to add the S M Thompson Legal Drain. Kevin Nigh made a motion to add the S M Thompson Drain to the County Ditch Assessments, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Muldoon Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that Bruce Hill told him that the ANR Pipeline, (which is 13” deep), had been in touch with him and said that they did not want anyone digging around their pipeline but them and that they would be getting in contact with the Drainage Board. Taylor said that he would follow up on this and get in touch with Don Parker as the Muldoon Ditch is in his area.

**Legal Drain Legislature**-Taylor Sumerford said that Legislature had sent a flyer to Surveyors saying that a law had gone thru Committee concerning reducing the top of the Legal Drain Ditch Bank to 7’. Diane Haehl said that she had read the flyer also and it sounded like the Drainage Board could have the option to do so if they wished. David Mohr asked if Taylor was to respond. Taylor said that the flyer suggested calling your representatives. Kevin Nigh said that as long as they still leave the determination up to the Drainage Board there shouldn’t be too much cause for concern. Kevin said that he would like a copy of that.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to approve minutes of January 28, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.**

**Roberts Legal Drain-**Don Parker said that Larry Mohr had gotten the Roberts Legal Drain cleaned from 400S heading north to behind the cemetery and that it looked like they would be starting on 400S to Marietta Rd. the next day. Taylor Sumerford said that he had spoken with Larry Mohr. Larry will give Taylor a day’s notice before he’s ready to go thru James Hunter’s property and he and Larry will meet with Mr. Hunter.

**Ditch Spraying-**Kevin Nigh asked Taylor Sumerford if the contractors had been in touch with him concerning spraying the County Ditches. Taylor said that all three had picked up the information and he’s expecting three bids.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to approve minutes of February 11, 2013 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Gibson Ditch-**Linda App of 8356 W 100 S came before the Drainage Board to voice her concerns about the flooding of her property during heavy rainfall. She thought the ditch needed cleaned. Kevin Nigh told her that after her phone call, he went to look over the site. He said that he went under the bridge, and it actually looked to be in good shape to the north and south as far as he could see. He said that it had not been too long ago that they had cleaned out the ditch all the way to 44. David Mohr said that he would go park at Mrs. App’s and walk it to see if he could see any possible obstruction.

**Dipple Ditch-**Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that both Bruce Hill and Tim Emerick offered to take out the two crossings on the Dipple Ditch that needed to be removed. Bruce said that he would take out the first one for \$300.00 and the second for \$500.00. Tim Emerick offered to take out both for \$500.00 and remove the debris... Kevin Nigh made a motion to let Tim Emerick remove both crossings for \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 3/0. Taylor also told the Board that the Pipeline Company has a section of pipe on this ditch and it is only covered by 13” of dirt and sod. They do not want anyone to work on this section with equipment...but, they have offered to pay up to \$2,000.00 for someone to dig around it by hand. Taylor has a person who might be willing to do that. A Mr. Fix was in the audience and he had some pictures of blowholes in that area that needed to be fixed. Bruce Hill just finished doing some work for the County on that ditch and Taylor will ask him how much he would charge to fix the headwall that needs repaired, replace the tile beyond the headwall and fix those two large blowholes.

**Bassett Ditch-**Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that Chris Everhart had spoken with him about some problems with the Bassett Ditch. The Bassett is in Morristown, north of the Railroad going toward the Asbury Cemetery and ends at Dave White’s old property. Taylor was told that a lot of the water that goes thru the ditch comes from Bungee. David Mohr said that the problem is the tile there is 7ft. deep and it is in gravel...and there are no funds to work with. Taylor said that Chris Everhart had asked about petitioning for assessment.

**Adjourn**

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David Mohr, President

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Don Parker, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**Motion to approve minutes of February 25, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Open Spraying Bids for County Ditches 2013-**Bids were received and opened from the following two contractors:

**Dalton: \$26,905.77.**

**Shideler: \$28,117.02.**

Kevin Nigh made a motion to take the bids under advisement and have Taylor Sumerford review them for the next Drainage Board Meeting on March 25, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Howell, McPherson Ditch:** Taylor Sumerford notified the Board that Bruce Hill would do the necessary repair work on the Howell, McPherson Ditch for the price of \$600.00. The Board asked Taylor to tell Bruce to proceed.

**Dipple-Muldoon Ditch:** Taylor Sumerford received a call from Richard Fix concerning the Dipple-Muldoon Ditch. There is a stretch of tile that needs to be replaced beyond the headwall. Taylor advised the Board that Bruce Hill would do the work for \$1.00 per foot with the County purchasing the tile. Taylor will find out the number of feet and size of the tile to be installed.

Kevin Nigh made a motion to proceed with the work on the Dipple-Muldoon Ditch if there are sufficient funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MARCH 25, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of March 11, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Spraying Bids for County Ditches 2013**-Kevin Nigh said that the Drainage Board received 2 bids for spraying the county ditches for 2013. They were as follows:

- Dalton-\$26,905.77
- Shidler-\$28,117.02

Kevin Nigh made a motion to accept the bid from Dalton for \$26,905.77 which was the lowest bid for the spraying of the county ditches for the year 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. Mr. Dalton was in the audience and thanked the Board for accepting their bid. Kevin asked Mr. Dalton to give the Board a little notice as to when they would start the spraying...as there were notification letters that needed to be sent out to property owners.

**Dipple Tile**-Taylor Sumerford told the Board that he was concerned about the tile at the Dipple Ditch. He said it was just not flushing out at all, even after dipping out the ditch. Taylor said that he didn't think that they were ready to go down and fix it now. David Mohr suggested that as soon as the weather clears up, the Board go and take a look at it.

**Adjourn**

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**APRIL 8, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of March 25, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Ditch Spraying Letters**-The Board discussed the response they have gotten to the Ditch Spraying Letter that was sent out from the Surveyor's Office. Kevin Nigh said that he has gotten multiple calls asking questions and Taylor Sumerford said that Norma Ross has received numerous calls also.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**APRIL 22, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of April 8, 2013 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Mary Moore Legal Drain**-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that he got a call from Mr. Fowler concerning the condition of the Mary Moore Legal Drain. David Mohr said that in the past the Drainage Board has done a lot of work on the Mary Moore Legal Drain....but seen very little improvement. Some of the challenges are that it goes thru two fence rows, and has a section that goes down from a 15" tile to a 12" one. He said that there is no money in the fund at this time. Kevin Nigh said that since the Mary Moore is on assessment, there would be some money coming in next month to get the two blowholes fixed and that should be done as they will only get worse. The Board asked Taylor to contact contractors in that area and ask for quotes. Taylor said that he would start with Chris Everhart as he farms land in that area. David added that the blowholes are just down the road from Chris' mother's place, so he might be interested in doing the work.

**Snyder Tile**-David Mohr asked Taylor Sumerford if Mr. Hill was still interested in doing the work on the Snyder Tile. Taylor said that he had not had a chance to call him, but would do so.

**Ditch Spraying**-Taylor Sumerford said that he had been getting a lot a calls concerning Ditch Spraying. Kevin Nigh said the Drainage Board got a letter concerning spraying also, and that he would give John DePrez a copy of it. The Board discussed one site where the resident has planted trees on both sides of the bank. Kevin said the problem is, so many residents depend on the Drainage Board to keep the legal drains sprayed and open and there are probably a thousand acres of watershed that goes thru that one particular half-mile stretch.....a situation like that makes the costs go up and causes problems.

**Fortune Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that Derek Byers was in today about the Fortune Ditch. Taylor said that Derek brought in some figures from contractors to do the work, but that it should not be done until fall now. David Mohr said that in the fall

the Drainage Board should put it out for bid. Kevin Nigh said that will give everyone a chance to bid, and David said that prices could change by then....like the cost of fuel, etc. Taylor will bring it back to the Board in August or early September.

**Dipple Tile**-Don Parker asked if anyone had worked on the blowholes on the Dipple Tile. Taylor Sumerford said no, and that the crossings haven't been taken out yet either. He will check on it.

**Adjourn**

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MAY 13, 2013**

**SURVEYOR TAYLOR SUMERFORD ABSENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of April 22, 2013 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Mary Moore Legal Drain**-David Mohr stated that the work that Josh West has done has not improved the situation with the Mary Moore Legal Drain. David believes that there must be an obstruction somewhere, but there is no money in the fund to investigate further at this time. Kevin Nigh made a motion to table the Mary Moore Legal Drain situation until further notice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Dipple Tile**-The Drainage Board stated that work will start soon on the Dipple Tile.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MAY 28, 2013**

**DON PARKER ABSENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of May 13, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.**

**Lewis Creek**-Tom DeBaun came before the Drainage Board to say that Lewis Creek has several log jams and gravel bars in it....and when it floods, it goes into the Thompson Ditch. Mr. DeBaun said that he had been told that it looked like a job for the Army Corp of Engineers, but when he called them they said they could not do it without the approval and funding of Congress. Last week he spoke to the State and said they told him that it was the responsibility of the Commissioners and the Drainage Board to see that it is cleared out. He wondered if the Board could have the landowners fund the work. Kevin Nigh asked John DePrez if the Drainage Board has the capacity to suggest to property owners in the Lewis Creek watershed that they need to fund the cleaning out of Lewis Creek. John DePrez stated that he did not believe that the Drainage Board had the authority to mandate what happens in Lewis Creek. John said that when the Board tried to help landowners out in a similar situation in Big Blue River, it caused some headaches. He stated that it sounds like the Army Corp of Engineers acknowledge that it is their responsibility and that it might be that the constituents in that area need to contact their Congressmen. Mr. DeBaun said that it would help the Thompson Ditch. John stated that was understood... and that perhaps it could be a cooperative effort with the Commissioners saying, "We endorse the Corp of Engineers and Congress looking into this as it would have a trickle-down effect, alleviating some dumpage into the Thompson Ditch which directly affects Shelby County." Mr. DeBaun asked the Drainage Board to look at the log jams and look into the situation.

**Cotton Run-Mohler Green Ditches**- Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that he had received a letter from Mrs. Linville about the Cotton Run-Mohler Green Ditches. Taylor asked the Board how they would like him to respond. Kevin Nigh made a motion to refer to a similar letter on file that states that the Drainage Board has a responsibility to maintain that portion of the ditch and will continue to do so, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0. Taylor will pull the letter from the file, write a new one using the prior letter as a sample and send it.

**Adjourn**

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JUNE 10, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of May 28, 2013 Kevin Nigh, David Mohr, vote 2/0, 1 abstention.**

**Clark, Carter, Mohr & Hankins Ditches**-Doug Theobald and Dave Brown came before the Drainage Board to discuss their concerns regarding the Clark, Carter, Mohr and Hankins Ditches. They brought before the Board a map that Jim Brown had made for them, so they could point out some of the trouble spots. They said there is a big problem with about a mile and a half stretch of the Clark Ditch, from Boggstown Rd. to Brandywine, where there is approximately 3 to 4 feet of silt that needs to be removed from the bottom of the ditch and that the banks there need to be reshaped. Additional problems include trees that need

to be removed and the fact that there are 3 beaver dams stopping the normal water flow. Doug, Dave and the Drainage Board discussed the possibility of combining the watersheds of all four ditches into one, and collecting ditch assessment funds from the affected property owners in order to fund the work that needs to be done. Jim Brown's map of the acreage that combining all four would cover, included around 19,000 acres and 1,671 properties. As the discussion progressed, it was determined that the watershed areas of the Carter and Hankins ditches, and not all four, would be more appropriate. Jim stated that he would create a new map of that watershed and also a list of names and addresses of the affected property owners. The Board explained to Doug and Dave the steps that would need to be taken to set up a public hearing for these owners...the first step being to pick up a petition form from Taylor Sumerford and collecting signatures from property owners who were interested in improving the drainage in this watershed. The Board explained to Doug and Dave that they would need to collect at least 51% of the owners' signatures in order to set up a public hearing. Taylor will contact some of the contractors who have done work for the Drainage Board and ask them about pricing to do this project, in order to have a cost estimate ready for property owners in the event a public hearing is arranged. The Board said that if this project is set in motion, it would need to be done in phases.....doing the work as the assessment funds are brought in.

**Ditch Spraying**-Taylor Sumerford informed the Drainage Board that the ditch spraying contractors intend to start spraying on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JUNE 24, 2013**

**DAVID MOHR ABSENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of June 10, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.**

**Ditch Spraying**-Taylor Sumerford came before the Board to let them know that the spraying contractors have started working and there were a couple of concerns that had come up. Clif Droddy, who is monitoring the spraying progress, noticed that the contractors were only spraying the brush. When questioned, they said that when they had sprayed for the County several years ago... that was all they were hired to do. Clif came back to the office and reviewed their bid, and it stated they would spray the brush and broadleaf vegetation. Taylor then spoke to Mr. Dalton and the contractors are now spraying for both brush and vegetation, so that issue is taken care of. Clif said that he was also concerned about a piece of equipment they were using. It is on a log skidder and it is huge. This equipment cannot straddle the corn, and creates greater potential for crop damage. Clif had them stop spraying until he could speak to the Board and get some guidance. Kevin Nigh said that he was disappointed, the contractors should have started several weeks earlier....and there would have been no issue as there would have been no standing crops. Clif said they now know that they are not to damage any standing crops, spray the brush and any concentration of vegetation. Kevin thanked Clif for watching out for the County's best interests.

**Cotton Run**-Taylor Sumerford showed the Board a letter that he had received from Mrs. Linville, who was requesting that the Drainage Board vacate a portion of the Cotton Run Legal Drain. One of the reasons she gives is that they have organic beef. Taylor talked to Scott Gabbard, (with Purdue). Scott called Purdue to see if Purdue had a record of certification for the Linvilles, but had not gotten a call back yet. Kevin Nigh said that watershed is a very important watershed with over 1,500 acres. Many property owners pay a watershed fee in order to keep that drain maintained...so it is important to stick with the program. Kevin Nigh made a motion to approve Taylor Sumerford sending his reply letter to Mrs. Linville which states that her request to vacate a portion of the Cotton Run Legal Drain is denied.

**Adjourn**

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**July 8, 2013**

**KEVIN NIGH ABSENT**

**Motion to approve minutes:** A motion was made by David Mohr to table the minutes from the June 24, 2013 Drainage Board because he had been absent for that meeting and Kevin Nigh was not present for today's meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0. Taylor Sumerford asked for one change to be made on those minutes in the Cotton Run segment. Scott Gabbard did not say that Purdue had no record of certification for the Linvilles....he said that he had not gotten a call back from Purdue yet, so did not know if they had a record of certification or not. Change was made.

**Edward Miller/Hills Branch @ 6258 N 75 W:** Taylor Sumerford informed the Board that Dale Herthel told him that he would remove the tree from the Hills Branch Ditch that Edward Miller had reported.

**Ditch Spraying:** Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that the sprayers were back to work on the S M Thompson Ditch. Taylor gave the Board a list detailing the progress that had been made so far by the sprayers. The Board noted that a lot had been finished on the north end.

**Adjourn**

Motion to approve minutes from June 24, 2013 and July 8, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.

**Glessner Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that Derrick Byers, (the MS4 Director for the City), had called him to let him know that there had been a complaint of weeds and thistle in the Glessner Ditch. Taylor is going to meet with Derrick to look at the site. Kevin Nigh made a motion to have Taylor Sumerford use some of the Glessner Ditch Fund dollars to pay for Crossbow and spray the site, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.

**Ditch Spraying**-Kevin Nigh asked Taylor Sumerford if the ditch spraying contractors had left. Taylor said yes, and that he had gotten no calls from the public regarding the spraying.

**Gary Moody/Website**-Gary Moody asked the Drainage Board if their minutes were anywhere on the County website, as he had looked and could not find them. Vickie Gray spoke up to say that the minutes are not on the website, but that she would look into what actions it would take to post them.

**Adjourn**

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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Don Parker, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

Motion to approve minutes from July 22, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, 1 Abstention, vote 2/0.

**Glessner Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that Derrick Byers, (the MS4 Director for the City), who had received a complaint of weeds and thistle in the Glessner Ditch, went out and sprayed the site.

**SM Thompson**-The Drainage Board requested that Taylor Sumerford get together information on the scope of work to be done on the SM Thompson Ditch. Don Parker made a motion to set a date to accept bids for this work at the next Drainage Board meeting on August 26, 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

**Hills Branch Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that Dale Herthel is requesting permission from the Drainage Board to remove a tree from the portion of Hills Branch Ditch that is on his property. Kevin Nigh made a motion to grant permission to Dale Herthel to remove a tree from the Hills Branch Ditch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Bowman Ditch**-David Mohr said that at the next meeting he would bring in specs on the Bowman Ditch. He would like to replace an open section of the Bowman Ditch with tile. He said there would be 300' of 24" tile, 1,800' of 18" and 800' of 15". It will be covered with #8 gravel, back-filled in over the tile...and there will be a swale through the field for stormwater. David said they would put shoulders up against the road. He said it was getting ready to cave in. Kevin Nigh commented that this would be a lot of work. David said that he wanted to get started on it because during the time he has lived there, multiple vehicles have been off in that ditch. David said that if there was a long wet spell....it would slough off and take half the road with it.

**Adjourn**

Motion to approve minutes of August 12, 2013 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.

**Thompson Ditch**-David Mohr stated that the Board would set a date to take bids for the Thompson Ditch. Taylor Sumerford brought a drawing of the Thompson Ditch to the meeting. It showed that there were 2,040 feet in this project. Taylor said that the City would be providing a dump truck to remove the trash and sand that has accumulated out by McKay Rd. Taylor said that they would be working in conjunction with Rex Kuhn. David Mohr said the work would not start until after the crops were removed. Diane Haehl informed the Board that the paperwork from Derrick Byers stated that the expected start date would be in October. David asked if it needed to be advertised. Diane said that if it was under \$25,000.00 it would not need to be. An audience member asked what the work would consist of and David told him that it needed to be bottom dipped. Don Parker stated that the sooner they set up a meeting with the contractors on site, the better. Don Parker made a motion to meet with contractors on the site of the Thompson Ditch on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and to accept bids for the project on September 23, at 7:00pm... bids will be awarded during the Drainage Board meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.

**Adjourn**

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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Don Parker, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

Motion to approve minutes of August 26, 2013 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, 1 abstention. Vote 2/1abstention.

Thompson Ditch-Taylor Sumerford informed the Drainage Board that he had several contractors that have expressed interest in bidding on the work to be done on the Thompson Ditch.

Swamp Creek-David Mohr said that he had a call about cleaning the portion of Swamp Creek that goes thru Brandywine Lakes. He said that the gentleman who called offered to pay the costs of the cleaning if the Drainage Board would grant permission for the work to be done. Kevin Nigh asked if this would include the brush along the road. David said yes, in certain spots, because it is an invasive species. David said that the silt will have to be hauled away and that he thinks the man who lives across the road would let the spoils be dumped on his property. Kevin Nigh made a motion to allow the portion of Swamp Creek that runs thru Brandywine Lakes to be cleaned and paid for privately, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

Adjourn

Motion to approve minutes of September 9, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.

OPEN BIDS FOR THOMPSON DITCH-

Nasby Construction: Dipping 2,300' of ditch @ \$1.50 per foot = \$3,300.00, mobilization of excavator = \$240.00 and riprap placed @ \$25.00 per ton. Total = \$3,540.00 plus riprap.

J & J Excavating: Bottom dip, throw spoils in field to be leveled by farmer – 2,200 ft of ditch = \$1,650.00.

Hill & Son Excavating: Ditch at McKay Rd-2,042.3 feet of ditch-load part of the spoils into City Dump Trucks, dip rest and place on the side = \$2,500.00.

Ramsey Farms Enterprise, LLC: Bottom dip 2,200 feet of Thompson Ditch = \$1,200.00.

Gentry Excavating, LLC: Fortune Ditch starting at Van Pelt - bottom dip, spoils at McKay Rd-no spreading, trash filled section close to McKay Rd. to be loaded on truck to be hauled offsite = \$2,200.00.

West Repair: Bottom dip 2,050 feet, pile for the farmer to take care of = \$2,040.00.

Kevin Nigh restated the list of bidders in order, lowest to highest, and then asked Taylor if the bids looked clean. Kevin Nigh then made a motion to accept the bid for the work on the Thompson Ditch to be awarded to Ramsey Farms Ag Enterprise, LLC in the amount of \$1,200.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.

Thomas Carmony Tile-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that Josh West had done the repairs needed on the Thomas Carmony Tile and submitted his invoice in the amount of \$981.04. Kevin Nigh made a motion to approve paying the bill submitted by Josh West for the repairs made to the Thomas Carmony Tile in the amount of \$981.04...payment to be made from the Thomas Carmony Ditch Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.

Kevin Nigh said that on this same ditch, there was some improvement being made in the form of a driveway being installed, and Roger Carlton had kindly called Taylor Sumerford letting him know this. Kevin said they would look into this and Taylor said that he would inform David Mohr.

Adjourn

David Mohr, President

Don Parker, Vice President

Kevin Nigh, Member

Motion to approve minutes of September 23, 2013 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

Fortune Ditch in the Thompson Watershed-Taylor Sumerford told the Board that he would contact the contractor to start work on the Fortune Ditch in the Thompson Watershed as the farmer at that site was getting his beans out now.

Thomas Carmony Tile-Taylor Sumerford told the Board that he had contacted Roger Carlton to let him know that he needed a 4' diameter pipe under his driveway.

Adjourn

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 28, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of October 15, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**S M Thompson Crossing**-Taylor Sumerford said that he spoke with James Ramsey concerning putting a crossing on the SM Thompson Ditch. Kevin Nigh said that he knew they had spoken about the need for one....and that it would be handy and safer for everyone. Kevin said that his only concern would be that it would be size appropriate. Taylor asked what the Board thought about him getting a size on the one on McKay Rd. Kevin said that he thought if they did one equivalent to McKay Rd., that would suffice. Taylor said that he would look into it more.

**FEMA**-Kevin Nigh told the Board that he received a letter concerning revision of floodway determination on a couple of parcels. Kevin told Taylor Sumerford that he knew Taylor kept track of all those parcels, so he wanted Taylor to have the letter for review.

**Cross-over pipe on 250S**-David Mohr asked if anyone knew if they ever installed the cross-over pipe on 250S off of Smithland Rd. No one knew. David said he needed to go check on it.

**Adjourn**

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**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of October 28, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3 “Whoop-de-dooos”.**

**Remembrance of Josh West.**

**Adjourn – 3 “Whoop-de-dooos”.**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of November 12, 2013 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Roberts-McPherson Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford asked the Drainage Board if they would be working on the Roberts-McPherson Ditch this coming year. Kevin Nigh said that there was not a large amount of work to be done....and that he thought there might be enough in the fund to do so. David Mohr asked Taylor to check and see how many feet there are left to do. Kevin said that if the funds were available, it would be nice to have that one done.

**Ditch Spraying**-Don Parker told Taylor Sumerford that he had spoken to someone about spraying and got a number for Taylor. Don said that the gentleman would like to come in and meet with Taylor on Wednesday if he was going to be in.

**Adjourn**

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**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 9, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to table minutes of November 25, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Thompson Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that he hadn’t heard anything about the dipping of the Thompson Ditch at McKay. Don Parker and Kevin Nigh said that they had not noticed anything going on there. Taylor said that he would give James Ramsey a call and ask where he is at on that project.

**Lakeview**-David Mohr said that they have dipped the cattails at Lakeview. He said that in the Spring they want to go in there and blend, level, repair gullies and seed it. David said that he had asked John DePrez how that could be paid for and John told him that if it was kept to a minimum amount....it could be taken out of the fund.

**Ditch Spraying**-Don Parker said that there was another person interested in bidding on spraying the County ditches next year....and that they were going to come in to see Taylor.

**Adjourn**



**Motion to approve minutes of December 9, 2013 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Ditch Assessment Increases**-Kevin Nigh said that there is a list of Ditches that need to have their assessments raised....and that if the Drainage Board raises them each 25%, there does not have to be a public hearing. Kevin Nigh made a motion to raise the ditch assessments in question by 25%, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. The ditches, (with their current assessment rates), are as follows:

DeHeur:	\$3.05
Fisher Tucker Shipp:	\$1.50
Gibson:	\$2.00
Henry Gordon:	\$2.50
Hills Branch:	\$3.00
Joshua Moore:	\$3.00
Mary Moore:	\$3.00
McFarren:	\$3.00
Phillips South:	\$1.73
Ira Smith-Siefert:	\$3.00
Harvey Snyder:	\$3.00
S M Thompson:	\$2.00
Woodruff:	\$3.00

**Ditch Spraying/Clif Droddy**-Taylor Sumerford asked the Drainage Board whether Clif Droddy who has acted as a private contractor in the past, overseeing the ditch spraying, would remain under the category of private contractor for the upcoming spraying season. Kevin Nigh told Taylor that he would need to check into that with the Human Resource Director, Donna Cook. Taylor will speak with Donna.

**Adjourn**

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