

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES****JANUARY 5, 2015****ALL MEMBERS PRESENT****Motion to approve minutes of 12/29/15 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0/1 (Chris Ross).**

**Reorganization**-Kevin Nigh made a motion to nominate Don Parker as the President of the Shelby County Drainage Board for 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 2/0/1 (Don Parker). A motion was made by Kevin Nigh to nominate Chris Ross as Vice-President of the Shelby County Drainage Board for 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0/1 (Chris Ross). Diane Haehl will be the Drainage Board Secretary and John DePrez will be the Drainage Board Attorney.

**Drainage Board Meeting Schedule**-Kevin Nigh made a motion to keep the Drainage Board Meetings on the same schedule as they were in 2014, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month following the Commissioners' Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Hills Branch**-Taylor Sumerford asked for clarification as to whether the Board had approved Gentry Excavating working on another stretch of the Hills Branch Legal Drain. Don Parker said that they had discussed Gentry continuing work on another stretch of the Hills Branch Legal Drain....up to Kasco Manufacturing for \$1.00 per foot. Kevin Nigh made a motion to approve Gentry Excavating continuing work on the Hills Branch Legal Drain from where he originally stopped on up to Kasco Manufacturing at the rate of \$1.00 per foot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Pipeline**-Taylor Sumerford said that he had received a return call from Matt Fuchs from the pipeline, telling Taylor that the Drainage Board needs to keep a 24" cover over the pipeline. Taylor said that Matt would like to be there while the work is being done.

**Adjourn****DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES****JANUARY 12, 2015****ALL MEMBERS PRESENT****Motion to approve minutes of January 5, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Joshua Moore Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that Chris Everhart called to request that the Joshua Moore Ditch be dipped for a short distance right in the town of Gwynneville. Taylor told the board that he would go take a look at it.

**Roberts Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford told the board that Larry Mohr asked to be paid for the work completed on the Roberts Ditch. Don Parker said that he had been there last week to look at it....and the property owners he has talked to seemed pleased with the work. Don said there are just a few details for Larry to take care of. Kevin Nigh made a motion to pay Larry Mohr for the work he has completed for the board on the Roberts Ditch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Hankins and Clark Ditches**-Don Parker told the board that he received a call from the Contractor that has been working on the Hankins and Clark Ditches on 300N. The Contractor has completed the work and would like to be paid. Kevin Nigh made a motion to pay the Contractor for the work done on the Hankins and Clark Ditches after Taylor Sumerford looks over the work and gives the board his approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Pipeline**-Taylor Sumerford said that he had spoken to Bruce Hill and Bruce was going to go ahead and get some material. Don Parker said that they have about 4 loads of rip rap already piled out there.

**Adjourn****DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES****JANUARY 26, 2015****ALL MEMBERS PRESENT****Motion to approve minutes Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Ditch Maintenance Funds**-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that Norma Ross had worked very hard on the Ditch Maintenance Assessment Fees Report and that the report showed that there were 9 funds that could be dropped off of the assessment list. Kevin Nigh made a motion to accept the Ditch Maintenance Report and to accept the recommendation of the Surveyor's Office to drop 9 of the ditch funds off of the list, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Haw Creek Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford told the Board that he had spoken with Tom Finke and the Bartholomew Co. Surveyor's Office had set the meeting concerning a joint board for February 16, 2015 at 7:00pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the County Governmental Building. Kevin Nigh asked if all three of the members of the Drainage Board were to go. Don Parker said that it would be a good idea. Kevin agreed and said it would be informative to see how the joint board will be structured.

**Robert's Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford came before the Board concerning the Robert's Ditch and noted that Bruce Hill was in attendance. Don Parker said that they had seen a gentleman from Trans Canada at their meeting...and he had indicated that they did not want to proceed on the project yet until they had an engineer look at it. The gentleman said they might want to put netting over the pipe. Don said the Board would need to wait to hear from them before any action was taken. Taylor said that Trans Canada was concerned that the riprap may have scraped the coating on their pipe exposing it to corrosion. Don said that he would try to contact the Trans Canada contact so they could try to move it along as quickly as possible.

**Ditch on 300 N**-Don Parker asked if Taylor Sumerford had looked at the ditch on 300 N that had been cleaned. Both Taylor and Don thought that it had been done well. Don and Kevin Nigh said that they thought that they were going north of 300. Taylor said that the property owner did not want them to.

**Van Pelt Ditch**-Don Parker said that he thought that the ditch just south of McKay Rd. would have been cleaned by now. Taylor Sumerford said that he would check into it.

**Adjourn**

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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Chris Ross, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of January 26, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Robert's Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford told the Board that Wednesday they were supposed to start on the Roberts Ditch, and the guy from the pipeline said that he would be there.

**Tindall Farm Waterway**-Taylor Sumerford noted some corrections that needed to be made to the Tindall Farm Waterway Plan furnished by the Department of Natural Resources Conservation Service. They had it per acre....and he knows that it is not per acre. Kevin Nigh said, that even though it needed some correction, the specs were a good standard to start with....very detailed. Diane Haehl asked Taylor whether the ad would still remain the same. Kevin said that since we are paying 100%, that the "approval" sentence should be changed to "Final approval and acceptance of the project to be made by the Shelby County Commissioners."

**Van Pelt Ditch**-Don Parker asked Taylor Sumerford whether he had heard when they were going to start on the ditch south of McKay. Taylor said that he had not.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

**KEVIN NIGH ABSENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of February 9, 2015 Chris Ross, vote 2/0.**

**Roberts Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford asked Don Parker if he had gotten a chance to look at the Roberts Ditch. Don said that he had, and that he thinks it looks pretty good. The day after Don visited the site, he got an email from a Mike James who lives one property south saying that he thought that his section of the ditch needed some work done. Don said that he looked at that section, too...and agrees that it needs some attention. He said that it has a lot of silt in the bottom. Don said that he has Mr. James' phone number and will give it to Taylor later.

**Ditch on 300N**-Don Parker said that he had looked at the ditch on 300N that was cleaned this winter...and it looks pretty good.

**Adjourn**

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MARCH 9, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of February 23, 2015 Chris Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0. One abstention.**

**Joint Board w/Bartholomew County**-Don Parker stated that all the members of the Drainage Board attended a meeting with Bartholomew County to establish a Joint Board, (regarding Haw Creek). Don was elected as Vice President. He noted that the residents in the Haw Creek watershed in Bartholomew were in the process of coming up with \$5,000.00 in order to send out the necessary letters.

**Roberts Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford informed the Board that he had spoken to Bruce Hill concerning the Roberts Ditch. Taylor said that Bruce was going to speak to Mike James.

**Phillips South Ditch**-Don Parker asked Taylor Sumerford the status of Rex Kuhn and the additional tile work on Phillips South Ditch. Kevin Nigh remarked that it was his understanding that Rex was going to take some measurements and get back with the Board. Taylor said that he would give Rex a call and ask for an update.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MARCH 23, 2015**

**DON PARKER ABSENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of March 9, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 2/0.**

**Snyder Ditch**-David Rode came before the Drainage Board with concerns about the Snyder Ditch at 1100 N & 100 W. He has a 16” tile under his field. He said that the County put in a concrete culvert about 15 years ago, and the floor of the culvert is higher than the ditch that flows into it. He added that since the concrete tile was installed, it has just cut off the flow. Mr. Rode stated that David Mohr said that he was going to ditch around that culvert...but, it has never been done. Kevin Nigh said that he drove by there, and the tile has crumbled at least 50 to 70’ out...and added that he did see several blowholes. Kevin said that the water coming from the east was all flowing pretty well. But, Kevin said, the water coming from the northeast was kind of at a standstill, and that he is not sure of the elevation numbers there. Kevin said that he would like to see what the elevation is at the bottom of the tile to see how far off it is. Mr. Rode says that it is 8”. Kevin said that there are no funds for that ditch. He also said that the tile under the field probably was put in back in the late 1800’s. Chris Ross asked Mr. Rode if he would be ok with Taylor Sumerford taking some elevation shots to see exactly what they were dealing with. Chris told Mr. Rode that there would be another meeting in 2 weeks, on April 13<sup>th</sup>.....and at that time they would have the elevation information and could discuss the funding.

**Woodyard Ditch**-Chris Ross said that Chuck Smith had called him about the Woodyard Ditch. He said that there is a small section behind Buddy Talbert’s house and to the north with a problem. Kevin Nigh said that the County cleaned that ditch out to the south, down to the fence line where it heads back east, maybe in 2005 or 2006. Chris thought that since they farmed the area, maybe they would be interested in giving the County a quote to do the needed work.

**Fortune/Van Pelt/Thompson Watershed**-Taylor Sumerford said that he had talked to James Ramsey, and that he told Taylor he would be starting the work in approximately 2 weeks.

**Adjourn**

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**APRIL 13, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of March 23, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Hill Branch Ditch**-Kevin Nigh said that he received a call from Greg Hebbe with Shelby Materials located on 750N. Mr. Hebbe said that Shelby Materials had been having an issue with water backing up on their site. They located a beaver dam and opened it up....and that had taken care of that situation. Mr. Hebbe told Kevin that he had spoken to Dave Brown, (in that same area), and they both believe that there is another issue between their area and Munger’s Farm, maybe a blockage. Kevin said that he believes the Hills Branch Ditch all the way to Brandywine has only about a half-inch drop. Kevin said there is around \$28,000 in that fund, and that should something come up, they may have to do some work on it this fall.

**Peek Ditch**-Don Parker said that he received a call on the Peek Ditch, (starts around 1000S, just east of 9), and there is no assessment on it. The individual that called Don would like to see it cleaned. Don said that he was going to get back with him and explain the process to him and see if they want to proceed.

**Wilson Meadows**-Don Parker said that he got a call from a resident of Wilson Meadows. Don said Wilson Meadows is private and does not have a very close outlet. Don said that he told her that they would look into it.

**Woodyard Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that he talked to Bruce Hill about Woodyard Ditch. Taylor said that Bruce is gone this week....but when Bruce returns, they are going to go look at the site behind Buddy Talbert’s.

**Thompson Ditch**-Don Parker said that he thought the tree was out of the Thompson Ditch now.

**Snyder Ditch**-David Rode asked the Drainage Board about the Snyder Ditch. Taylor Sumerford told him that he had not yet gotten to take elevation shots at that site, but that he would get there this week. Taylor told Mr. Rode that he would get the shots and call him with his findings.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**APRIL 27, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of April 13, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Deheur Legal Drain**-Chris Vorhies who lives in the Deheur Legal Drain watershed, (600N), along with several of his neighbors came before the Drainage Board with concerns about the possibility of a new property owner in their area digging a 5 acre lake. These neighbors say that another property owner in their neighborhood dug a pond....and since then they’ve had numerous drainage problems. Mr. Vorhies stated that he had tried to find out when it stops being excavating...and becomes mining. Their fear is that if the new owner puts in a lake, he will strip the hillside and they will have bigger drainage

problems...and possible trouble with their wells. Chris Ross asked Mr. Vorhies if he had spoken to the new property owner, Mr. Vorhies answered that he had tried. Kevin Nigh told the audience that at this time, all they have to base their concerns on is hearsay...and their concerns could be unfounded. Chris Ross informed them that the County only has jurisdiction over the 75' on either side of the legal drain, and has none over private property. A lady in the audience asked what they could do to stop the owner from digging the lake. Kevin Nigh said that the County has no right to get involved if a property owner in a watershed wants to enhance their property, but if the lake project proceeds, and it alters or damages their property....then they would need to pursue it as a civil matter.

**Roberts Ditch**-Heath Eberhart came before the Drainage Board with concerns about the Roberts Tile running thru the field in front of his house. He said that standing water in his field is preventing him from planting crops. Kevin Nigh asked Heath about the composition of his soil there. Heath said that about 3 ft down there is a layer of clay approximately a foot thick. After some discussion, Kevin suggested installing a couple of French Drains as a test to see if that would help. Heath agreed that might be a good option, and that he and his dad would be open to doing the work. Kevin asked Heath to get together a quote for the Drainage Board.

**Snyder Ditch**-Mr. Rode came before the Board to see if they had gotten the elevation shots for the Syder Ditch. Taylor Sumerford said yes. Taylor said that the big problem is that the main tile that drains that area across the road to the east of Mr. Rode's house is 8/10" below the box. Kevin asked what the closest point is from the site that they could look into hooking into the "good tile", (the 16"), so it could get to the 24" outlet tile. Kevin said that maybe they could get a contractor to give them an estimate for the work.

**Maude Nave Legal Drain**-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that he had received a call from Ruth and Gordon Stine who are property owners in the Maude Nave Legal Drain watershed. They are having drainage problems in their pasture. Taylor will take someone and have a look at the site.

### Adjourn

DRAINAGE BOARD

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MAY 11, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of April 27, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Carter Ditch**-Matt House was to request permission from the Drainage Board to outlet from the City's new road into the Carter Ditch, (there are several ditches that run together in that watershed...Carter is the open ditch). Kevin Nigh noted that the open ditch begins at the north end of Roger Sheffler's property, (one of the two property owners of the land in question). and goes about 800 feet down the fence line but does not go all the way to the City's easement. Roger Sheffler was in the audience and remarked that when they get 2" of rain....the Hankins Ditch runs full. Mr. Sheffler told the Drainage Board that if the City puts more water into the head of the open ditch, it will just exacerbate the problem of too much water in the Hankins Ditch. Kevin said that the City has started paying a little bit into the maintenance fund for that watershed. Kevin said that he did not know if Matt was familiar with where the legal description stops and it would be a good idea to set up a meeting on site with Matt to explain all of the issues involved. Kevin proposed first thing in the morning at 8:30am. Diane Haehl will contact Matt to see if he is available to meet. Diane will also call the other property owner and make him aware of the meeting. The decision was made to meet at the upper end of the new road.

**Woodyard Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that he talked to Bruce Hill about work that needs done on the Woodyard Ditch. Taylor said that Bruce proposed:

1. Bush Hog the Brush
2. Dip the ditch in the area requested
3. Haul the spoils in area of grass, (300') to area of tillable land & spread with excavator
4. Dip the sand bars to the south
5. Leave approximately 6 trees as requested.

Taylor said that Bruce would do the above work for the sum of \$2,000.00. Kevin Nigh made a motion to approve Bruce Hill doing the work listed above for the sum of \$2,000.00 pending approval of the farmers whose permission would be needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0. Chris Ross asked Taylor to request that Bruce give this project priority.

**Snyder Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford informed the Board that the problem with the Snyder Ditch that Mr. Rode has been requesting help on has had the culvert cut, and now it has 2/10" of fall.

**Rhodes Legal Drain**-Kevin Nigh told the Board that Scotty Bratton informed him that a neighbor was filling in over the Rhodes Legal Drain and he is concerned. Kevin asked Taylor Sumerford to compose a letter, (along with Sam Booth, Plan Director), explaining the sensitivity of the drainage in that area....and inform him of necessary actions that should be taken.

### Adjourn

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MAY 26, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of May 11, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Hills Branch-**Keith Meltzer came before the Board asking for the Hills Branch Ditch to be dipped. A motion was made by Kevin Nigh to put this matter back on the Agenda for August 10, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Ditch Spraying-**Taylor Sumerford informed the Board that Heath Eberhart would be monitoring the Ditch Spraying for 2015.

**Maude Nave Ditch-**Taylor Sumerford said that he was going out to look at the Maude Nave Tile that Gordon Stine had inquired about. He will go this week.

**Adjourn**

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JUNE 8, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of May 26, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Ditch Spraying-**Lex Dalton, (ditch spraying contractor for 2015), came before the Board to inform them that they have been delayed by the weather, (especially wind), so far this year and they would like to start spraying on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. They will spray Shelby Co. Ditches every day, (including weekends). Taylor Sumerford told the Board that he was fine with Dalton's working every day. Kevin Nigh asked Mr. Dalton what herbicide his company uses on the ditches. Lex said that they use Triclopyr and Metsulfuron. Mr. Dalton thanked the Drainage Board for their patronage.

**Howell Ditch-**Don Parker told the Board that the work on the Howell Ditch, (by Marietta), has been taken care of.

**Maude Nave Ditch-**Taylor Sumerford told the Board that he still needed to go look at the portion of the Maude Nave Ditch that Gordon Stine has concerns about, (blowholes). Taylor said that other than that...he is pretty well caught up.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JUNE 22, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of June 8, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Ditch Spraying-**Taylor Sumerford updated the Drainage Board on the County Ditch Spraying. He says they've done the southwest part of the county except for the Fisher-Tucker-Shipp Ditch, which should be easy as it is in nice shape. They've also done 2/3 of the Gibson Ditch. Kevin Nigh remarked that there has not been a day that hasn't been windy or rainy since they've started the spraying.

**Hills Branch Ditch-**Taylor Sumerford said that on the Munger Farm, the Hills Branch Ditch is very brushy, and hard to get into to spray. Taylor suggested that in August, when they do some work needed on that ditch...they open up that brushy section. Kevin agreed that section could use some work. Kevin said that there is very little flow due to the flatness...so any obstruction really slows things down. Kevin said that he was all in favor for going as far as they can depending upon the funds.

**Spraying, (cont.)** -Don Parker said that he saw the sprayers in his area when he was out the other day. He asked Taylor Sumerford how Mr. Eberhart was doing monitoring the spraying. Taylor said he was doing a good job.

**Adjourn**

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JULY 13, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of June 22, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**2162 S. Fairview Rd.-**Mike Koth came before the Drainage Board with a drainage question regarding his residence, 2162 S. Fairview Rd. He told the Board that the drain near his home is not taking water. Mr. Koth said that his yard is receiving so much water from a field in one direction...and vacant lots from another direction that it is very much a concern. He asked if there was anything that the Board could do to help him...and if not, what could he legally do to protect his property? Kevin Nigh told Mr. Koth that back in approximately 2002 or 2003 there had been quite a bit of work done in that area, and that 24" pipe was installed to help with drainage. Kevin explained that there was not anything the Board could do, because the water

from Mr. Koth's area was set up to outlet into the City's Stormwater System and you cannot install pipe that is larger than the receiving end of the pipe it goes into. Mr. Koth asked for the Board's advice and Kevin asked Todd Johns, (Assistant Highway Superintendent), to go check the pipe at the site and see if it was clogged. The Board also said that they would go to the Koth residence and do a walk-thru with Mr. Koth to observe his concerns.

**County Ditch Spraying**-Taylor Sumerford informed the Drainage Board that the ditch spraying was finished. Heath Eberhart gave the Board an update. He said that the spraying went well...with approximately 80 to 85% of the spraying being accomplished. He said that only the SM Thompson Ditch did not get much done....due to the weather, (too wet), and the corn getting too high. The Board thanked Heath for his monitoring of the Ditch Spraying this year.

## **Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JULY 27, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of July 13, 2015 Kevin Nigh, Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Rhodes Legal Drain**-Jeff Bate, representing Scott & Mary Brattain of 4412 N. Morristown Rd., came before the Drainage Board to express some drainage concerns that the Brattain's have with the Rhodes Legal Drain. The Brattains say that their neighbor, Mr. Ramsey, has built a barn and put in a driveway and they were never notified. They say Mr. Ramsey has done this work on top of the Rhodes tile. They are concerned that this could cause damage to the tile, and there is a fence that they worry will obstruct drainage. They want the Drainage Board to be aware of this....and stay on top of the changes going on upon Mr. Ramsey's property. Kevin Nigh told Jeff and Mr. Brattain that when the Plan Commission approved Mr. Ramsey's plan...he was directed that he would be responsible for any damages to the tile during the construction process. Sam Booth, (Plan Director), was in the audience and informed the Board, Jeff Bate and Mr. Brattain that he had sent a letter to Mr. Ramsey about concerns the neighbors had and again out-lined Mr. Ramsey's responsibilities in respect to the construction being done on his property. Sam said that Heather Ramsey called him after receipt of this letter and told him they were being mindful of this during their work. They had a pile of material that was one of the Brattain's concerns...and Heather said that they would move the pile. She also said that it didn't look like they'd be building a house anytime soon...this had also concerned the Brattains. Another concern of theirs is a "mound septic system" behind Little Marion. Kevin told Jeff and Mr. Brattain that the Health Dept had overseen the construction of this system and taken the drainage of the area into consideration during its' installation. Sam Booth offered to contact the Brattains in the event the Ramseys do begin the house-building process.

**Country Club Heights**-Winnie Soviar, along with some other Country Club Heights residents, (from the south side of the addition), came before the Drainage Board with concerns about drainage in their neighborhood. Mrs. Soviar said that the catch basin in that area is not working. She said that it took 3 days for the water to get away the other day. She also was frustrated that there were no schematics for Country Club Heights. Kevin Nigh explained to Mrs. Soviar and the others that Country Club Heights was built in two parts...the 1<sup>st</sup> section was built in 1963, (Kevin informed them there was no Plan Commission back then), and the 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1972. The Board felt the 2<sup>nd</sup> section was probably grandfathered in under the 1<sup>st</sup> section's paperwork. Kevin contacted Ed Yarling, (one of the Commissioner's who had approved the original plat), who said that the Commissioners approved the plat...but did not take over the drainage system. He explained to the Country Club Heights residents what the process to become a legal drain consists of, (51% of the affected watershed property owners would have to agree to pay a ditch assessment fee so a fund would build up for ditch repair), and Mrs. Soviar said that she would go down to Taylor Sumerford's office and pick up a petition form for the neighborhood.

**Thompson Ditch**-Janet Lee, who resides at 5028 S 75 W, came before the Board with a concern regarding the Thompson Ditch. She said that her neighbor has installed 2 little culverts that puts his stormwater onto her property. She also stated that her neighbor will not clean out his ditch...which causes quite a problem as far as water being able to get away. Mrs. Lee brought pictures to show the Board. Don Parker told Mrs. Lee that they would come out to look over the situation.

**2162 S. Fairview Rd. /Mike Koth**-Mike Koth, (who had come before the Drainage Board at their July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting), came back before the Board concerning drainage problems at this residence, 2162 S. Fairview Rd. At the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Kevin Nigh asked Todd Johns, (Assistant Highway Superintendent), to go to the site and see if he could find any obstruction. Todd found 2 blockages. Mr. Koth, (and a neighbor who also had problems), asked the Board what their advice was. Kevin suggested that since the tile there is buried very shallow, the best thing to do would be to dig around the tile and find the obstructions so they could have them repaired. Mr. Koth's neighbor indicated that he would follow that advice...he had thought of doing that, but did not know if that was legal. Since this is not part of a legal drain....the repair of this problem will be the resident's responsibility.

**Thompson Ditch**-Tom DeBaun came before the Board to let them know that there were some trees in the Thompson Ditch that needed to be removed. He said they were located just south of his residence....and that they could gain access for the removal from his property. Taylor Sumerford said that he would go to the site to check it out.

**London Heights**-Taylor Sumerford said that he had been contacted by someone with a concern about drainage in London Heights. This individual was supposed to come to the meeting, but did not.

## **Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

**SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA**

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Don Parker, President

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Chris Ross, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**Motion to approve minutes of July 27, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.**

**Hills Branch Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford referenced the May 26, 2015 Drainage Board Meeting when Keith Meltzer had come before the Board to request dipping a section of the Hills Branch Ditch. Taylor told the Board that since the ditch needed some other work done, he would like to see them do all of the work at the same time. Kevin Nigh said that he was in favor of going as far as they could...and getting as much done as possible. Don Parker agreed, and said that doing all they could at one time should be more cost effective, too. Kevin Nigh made a motion to meet with contractors, at the starting point of the ditch where previous work had ended, after the Drainage Board Meeting on September 14, 2015...at 9:30am. In the same motion Kevin stated that the contractor's quotes for this project would be accepted during the September 28, 2015 meeting...with quotes to be turned in by 8:00am that day. 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0. Taylor will contact the contractors about the site meeting. Kevin said that when they meet, they will ask the contractors to price the work "per foot", and that the Board will instruct the contractors to go as far as the funds allow.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to approve minutes of August 10, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Country Club Heights Petition**-Winnie Soviar along with other representatives from Country Club Heights came before the Drainage Board to present their signed petition asking the Board to set up a public hearing to begin the process of possibly making their ditch into a legal county drain. John DePrez told the Country Club Heights residents that the public hearing could not be set any sooner than 30 days from today. Kevin Nigh made a motion to accept their petition and to set the Public Hearing for October 26, 2015 at 8:30am. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0. Kevin Nigh told the residents that the County would provide a list of all property owners affected in that watershed so that notice of the public hearing could be sent out.

**Long Acres**-Susan Blanner and Ray Sullivan, (residents of Long Acres), came before the Drainage Board to express concerns about their drainage. Susan told the Board that standing water has been a problem. Kevin Nigh told Susan and Ray that there is a fund balance for that ditch. He said that there had not been an assessment on that system for awhile, and that they may have to put that assessment back on after more work is done and the balance is spent down. Kevin Nigh made a motion to have Tim Dingmam go look at the site, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Maude Nave Legal Drain**-Taylor Sumerford told the Board that where Gordon and Ruth Stine live in Fountaintown the Maude Nave Legal Drain has two holes in it...one of them is on the county line. Taylor said the he had talked to Bruce Hill and he would do the work for a minimum of \$500.00 plus materials. Chris Ross made a motion to approve having Bruce Hill repair the damage for a do not exceed amount of \$500.00 plus materials, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

**Adjourn**

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**Motion to approve minutes of August 24, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Long Acres**-Taylor Sumerford said that he had spoken with Kem Anderson, and apparently Tim Dingman and some residents were waiting for Taylor at Long Acres. Taylor said that he would try to swing by there, but he has to be at Hills Branch at 9:30.

**Hills Branch**-Don Parker said that the Drainage Board was to meet with contractors at Hills Branch after today's meeting. Kevin Nigh said that he had looked at the minutes, and the contractors are to have their bids submitted by the Drainage Board Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to approve minutes of September 14, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Hills Branch Quotes:** The Shelby County Drainage Board opened bids for work to be done on the Hills Branch Ditch. They are as follows:

Smooth Stone Excavating, LLC: Phase I-Clean ditch from Kasco to State Rd. 9.... \$6,577.80.  
Phase II-Clean ditch starting 1000' east of State Rd. 9.....\$7.50 per foot.

Ramsey Farms: Phase I-Ditch cleaning- \$1.15 per foot.....\$6,643.55  
Phase II-\$3.40per foot, (1<sup>st</sup> 2,600 ft. @\$1.25 per ft., after 2,600ft, \$2.15 per ft.)

J & J Excavating: Phase I-Clean ditch, cut down trees, make room to clean ditch, pile and burn, bury if owner would like.... \$1.00 per foot. (\$5,777.00).  
Phase II-Clean ditch, down trees, make room to clean ditch, pile and burn, bury if owner would like.... \$2.50 per foot.

Bruce Hill: Phase I-Dip ditch, scatter spoils.... \$11,000.00. If want dozed, additional \$2,500.  
Phase II- \$6.00 per foot.

Wells Excavating: Phase I-Clear one side and bottom dip.... \$2.48 per foot.  
Phase II-Clear one side and bottom dip...\$2.30 per foot.

Chris Ross made the motion to accept the bid from J & J Excavating, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

**Long Acres**-Jack Boyce was to come in to discuss Long Acres, but was not in attendance. Taylor Sumerford said that Jack had told him that he felt 51% of the property owners were to blame for the drainage problems. Kevin Nigh said that there were 2 spots that were going to have to be replaced. Kevin asked Taylor to speak to several contractors and ask what their quotes would be to do the necessary work. Kevin Nigh made the motion to receive quotes on replacing tile where needed in Long Acres, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0. Kevin thought that fund might have approximately \$14,000.00 in it.

**Adjourn**

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**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 13, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of September 28, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**McFarren Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that Martin Eberhart had spoken to him about putting in a crossover on McFarren Ditch. Taylor expected Martin to be in attendance to speak, but he was not.

**Meadowview**-Taylor Sumerford had been contacted by Hannah Williams of Meadowview with concerns about the plastic caps in the neighborhood. Kevin Nigh said that they had concerns about those when they were installed. He said that there are dollars in that fund, and that he will look into finding cast iron caps to replace those with.

**Ditch Spraying**-Taylor Sumerford informed the Drainage Board that he had received a letter from Dalton's Spraying offering to do the 2016 Ditch Spraying for the same price as they did in 2015. Kevin Nigh made a motion to accept Dalton's offer to roll-over their ditch spraying bid from 2015 to 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Long-Acres**-Taylor Sumerford informed the Board that he had received one estimate for the work that needs to be done in Long Acres. He is waiting to receive two more.

**Country Club Heights**-Kevin Nigh asked Taylor Sumerford if there was anything else that needed to be done for the Country Club Heights Public Hearing on October 26, 2015.

**Carmarla**-Chris Ross said that Brenda Yontz had brought some concerns about Carmarla Addition, along 700N 500W, to his attention.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 26, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of October 13, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Van Pelt and Thompson Legal Drains**-Karl Montgomery came before the Board to ask if they would clean out the location, (600S & 700S), where the Van Pelt and the Thompson Legal Drains come together. He said that he has been experiencing a lot of backing up and washing out of his fields....and he thinks it will help alleviate that. Don Parker mentioned that further south on the Thompson Ditch, (south of 700S); there is a tree in the ditch. Tom Debaun informed him of this. Taylor Sumerford and Karl will meet in the Surveyor's Office later in the morning to look at the area on the map. Taylor will then contact contractors about doing the necessary work.



## PUBLIC HEARING COUNTRY CLUB HEIGHTS

J. D. Lux came before the Drainage Board as both a resident and a representative of the property owners in Country Club Heights. He stated that the property owners would like the County to take in Country Club Heights and make it a legal county drain. J. D. presented the Board with an affidavit showing that notice had been mailed to the property owners of the affected watershed and showing proof of notice had been placed in the newspaper. John DePrez, (County Attorney), looked over the affidavit and stated that it was fine. Don Parker asked if there was anyone who would like to speak. Several property owners had observations or questions. The following are some examples:

Dave Anewalt who resides at 2501 N. Richard Drive said that he experienced trouble with his septic system and water in his house during heavy rainfall. He added that standing water in his yard sometimes took as long as 6 weeks to get away.

Mike Carroll who resides at 2890 N. Fleming Circle asked the Board if Country Club Heights does indeed become a legal drain, will the work to be done include just the existing drainage system, or would it also include culverts, etc. that had been added after the original system was put in place. Kevin Nigh informed the audience that it would consist of work done on what he termed the "main trunk-line". Kevin said that he was very familiar with the drainage system in Country Club Heights, as he has walked the area many, many times. Since the City helped in finding the first major obstruction and Kevin is familiar with the area...the Board knows where most of the problems lie. Kevin said that the first part of the drainage system was installed in the 60's and the second part in the 70's...the County knows it will be taking on quite a few difficult situations. He said that originally, the system had been designed to handle just the stormwater drain off. The system is running at capacity now, and it will be a long process to improve it.

John DePrez told the Board that in order to be accepted as a legal drain the question needs to be asked whether 50% or more of the affected watershed property owners would benefit from becoming a legal drain. John said all information indicates that the answer to that question is yes. He also said the next question to be asked is...will the benefits outweigh the damages if the drainage system is accepted. John felt the answer to that question was also a yes. John recommended that the Drainage Board accept Country Club Heights as a legal drain. Kevin Nigh made a motion to accept Country Club Heights as a county regulated drain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

David Duba of 3009 Fleming Circle asked if the Board had access to the original plans for Country Club Heights. Kevin told him they did not...just the original plat. Mr. Duba asked what would be included in the work done. Kevin explained again that it would be the main trunk line.

Michelle Coffey asked if Bassett Ditch, at the point where Country Club Heights drains into it would be included in the work to be done. Kevin told her that was private property, and as such would not be included.

The audience then asked, now that the County has accepted their request for Country Club Heights to become a legal drain...what were the next steps. Kevin informed them that the Surveyor would begin investigation and prepare a report to give to the Drainage Board. The affected property owners would then receive notice, including information, assessment amounts and a schedule of costs. When asked for a rough amount...Kevin said that using the information that they had so far, and help that the City gave in finding the major obstruction, it might be roughly \$20,000 to \$30,000. He explained that while some assessments are on a "per acre" basis...theirs would be on a "per lot" basis. He explained that once all the details were in place, the Board could borrow from other funds to start the work over the winter. Michelle Coffey asked how long it would take. Kevin said that once started it would be relatively quickly. Dave Anewalt asked for clarification of what exactly would be included and Kevin told him that the main inlets and box culverts would be considered part of the main trunk line. He told the audience that the intent at this time was to get the main problems fixed and keep their assessments from being too high. Kevin also told the audience that if possible, he would like to find funds to map C. C. Heights' drainage system. Terry Smith asked if they did, would the mapping help them be able to see all of the additions, etc. Kevin indicated it would be of great help. Dave Anewalt asked who would be their contact and Kevin told them Taylor Sumerford.

A Mr. Schoenfield asked if the property owners would be assessed for the initial survey, Kevin said no. Another audience member questioned whether property owners were responsible for caring for their private ditches. Kevin answered yes.

Mike Carroll asked if a property wanted to add to the existing system...how would they go about it. Kevin said that no action should be taken until the system was evaluated properly. John DePrez added that there is a statutory process that must be followed for an addition to be made.

An audience member asked if an engineer would be necessary. Kevin said that at this time with the knowledge they had, it is the Board's belief that it will not be necessary.

### Adjourn

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**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of October 26, 2015 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.**

**Lakeview Estates**-Kelly Schmeisser and Jane Bratton came before the Board to request that the County take over maintaining the pond. Their association is almost out of funds to pay for the insurance and taxes on the parcel of land where the pond is located. Board Member, Kevin Nigh, said that there was a Public Hearing 8-10 years ago to look into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the addition. The proposal was voted down. There are 3.5 acres in the parcel and it is titled to the Lakeview Property Owners Association. The ladies informed the Board that a property owner had removed a beehive and covered the drain. Taylor said that he would meet with them after the meeting.

**SM Thompson**-Taylor will prepare a Preliminary Examination Report and estimate to present to the Board on November 23, 2015.

**Hills Branch**-Taylor informed the Board that J&J Excavating will be starting on Hills Branch. They have spoken to Keith Meltzer.

**Longacres**-Taylor will contact Bruce Hill.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of November 9, 2015 Chris Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**SM Thompson**-Taylor Sumerford informed the Drainage Board that the quotes for the SM Thompson Legal Drain would be for the north end of the ditch. The quotes are as follows:

J & J Excavating: \$4,450.00

Smooth Stone, LLC: \$4,000.00

Ramsey Farms: \$3,200.00

Kevin Nigh made a motion to have Ramsey Farms do the work needed on the north end of the SM Thompson Legal Drain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Country Club Heights**-Taylor Sumerford told the Board that he has an estimate of \$4,152.00 from Fluid Waste Services, Inc. to do some filming on the Country Club Heights project in order to give the Board some options to discuss at the next Country Club Heights meeting. Kevin Nigh made a motion to hire Fluid Waste Services, Inc. to do the filming in order to help see where the location of the problem is; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Long Acre Addition:** Taylor Sumerford said that Bruce Hill will take a look at Long Acre Addition for the Board.

**Adjourn**

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**Motion to approve minutes of November 23, 2015 Chris Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Zell Patterson Ditch**-John Sparks came before the Drainage Board with maps showing the area he is having drainage problems with along the Zell Patterson Ditch. He stated that he was unable to plant the acreage he outlined on the map, (along 750 N), and says there are problems on the north side of 850, also. He asked if there were funds available for work on this tile. Kevin Nigh remarked that the tile's outlet went into the Hills Branch Ditch...and asked Mr. Sparks if he could tell if it was working at all, and if there were any blowholes. Mr. Sparks said that since he couldn't plant much of the area, he couldn't tell if there were any blowholes there. Kevin said it had been a couple of years since they had done any work on the tile and wondered if it was a problem that had come up recently. Mr. Sparks said he felt it had been an ongoing problem....and that the previous tenant had just kind of ignored it. David Brown was in the audience and told the Board that they had Brian Mohr come out and look at it....and he said that the problem is where the tile intersects with the pipeline. David said he has had the gas company out and they said they would fix it....but they never have. He said there are one or two blowholes in his field. Kevin said there is about \$46,000.00 in the fund, and asked if Mr. Brown thought it would help if the Drainage Board hired someone to open it up at the pipeline. Mr. Brown said he thought that would be a good idea, and that he had no objections to the contractor opening it up on their property. Kevin Nigh made a motion to hire someone to open up the Zell Patterson Tile where it intersects with the pipeline for exploration, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Alexander Tile**-Taylor Sumerford said that Denise Cordell had contacted him concerning problems with the Alexander Tile at the northwest corner of the intersection of 700 and 52. She was to have come to the meeting, but was not in the audience. Don Parker said they would table the matter and wait for her to contact them.

**Roberts Ditch**-Heath Eberhart spoke to the Board about drainage problems along the Roberts Ditch. The area of his concern is on the east side of 450 W extended north from Marietta Rd. Heath said that Jim Douglas had done some digging along there, and that the old clay tile is collapsing and that it is about 7/8<sup>th</sup> full of sand. Kevin Nigh told Mr. Eberhart that there was some money in that fund and that the Board would look at a map of the watershed of that tile to determine the work that needed to be done. Don Parker asked Mr. Eberhart if he thought that the watershed property owners would agree to share the cost of the repair/replacement work needed. Kevin suggested that perhaps the Board could pay for the tile itself....and the owners could take care of the installation. Heath said that he would speak to the property owners.

**Long Acres**-Taylor Sumerford said that Bruce Hill was going to Long Acres to work on Mr. Huber's mailbox this morning, weather permitting.

**Country Club Heights**-Kevin Nigh said that they were going to work at Country Club Heights on Wednesday.

**Thompson Ditch**-Don Parker said that on the Thompson Ditch between 600 & 700, they have been working on the problem that Carl Montgomery brought to their attention.

**Adjourn****Motion to table minutes of December 14, 2015 Chris Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Reorganization for 2016**-Kevin Nigh made a motion to keep the organization of the Drainage Board the same as in 2015: Don Parker-Chairman, Chris Ross-Vice-Chairman, Diane Haehl-Drainage Board Secretary and John DePrez-Drainage Board Attorney; and to keep the meeting days and time the same: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, immediately following the Commissioners' Meetings. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Country Club Heights**-Kevin Nigh told the Board that Taylor Sumerford got the company from Noblesville that he had been working with on Country Club Heights to come down with the rotor-rooter and cameras and work on Christmas Eve. They located a lot of problems and tore all the roots out. The camera showed several obstructions from modifications that had been added incorrectly that will need to be dug up and fixed. The company is to give Taylor an estimate on mapping the rest of the system. Kevin Nigh made a motion to tentatively set the date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Country Club Heights Public Hearing, (to determine the assessment rate), as January 25, 2016 at 8:30am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ross, vote 3/0.

**Adjourn**