

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
FOR AUGUST 14TH 2023

The Fulton County Drainage Board met on Monday August, 14th 2023 in the Conference Room of the Fulton County Office Building at 9:00 A.M. The Following were in attendance: President Dave Sommers, Vice Chairman Rick Ranstead, Commissioner Bryan Lewis, Surveyor Seth White, Attorney Hollie -Pifer Shorter, drainage secretary Lacey Holloway, and Kathy Easterday.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RE: KATHY EASTERDAY- CEMETARIES

Kathy had Arthur Howard come in and his concern is that cemeteries only pay \$5.00 in draining. When the Chippawanuck got added on also known as the Tom Weaver tile it added \$9.70 on the Athens cemetery making it \$14.07. Mr. Howard's concern is why there is no constancy as to why its not the same amount \$5.00 every year. Bryan Lewis thought we made it as a flat rate for \$5.00 no matter what. This particular cemetery is in two parcels, and the front part is \$5.00 but the back part is the one that is stating \$9.70. There always has to be a minimum of \$5.00 in order to print a tax statement. Commissioner's agreed to remove the additional charge and keep the rate at \$5.00.

Kathy's next issue is, New Castle Township Previous Township Trustee refused to pay drainage on cemeteries stating that they are not responsible to pay these fees. That information is incorrect, so since the previous Trustee failed to pay these fees there has also been additional fees build up. The new Trustee wants to start with a clean slate and wants to know if there is any way the Commissioner's can waive the penalties only and that New Castle would pay the original bill of what they owe amounts. Dave Sommer's called Hollie (attorney) to ask if it was legal to remove the penalties and just have them pay the original amount/bill owed. Hollie agreed that it is okay to remove the penalties and that New Castle be responsible to pay the original bill amounts.

RE: DRAINAGE PLAN-LOT 21A LAKESIDE SUB DIV 8TH

This is a Chanel off of the lake, this drainage plan shows them having all drainage go to the lake. We already previously received verbal approval just needed to have signature's for approval. Dave Sommers made a motion to approve this drainage plan. Passes 3-0.

RE: SET HEARING DATE FOR #803 JOHN BAKER DITCH @ \$5.00 /ACRE FOR OCTOBER 9TH 2023 @ 9:15 A.M.

There is two parts to this, over at Bruce Lake is where John Baker ditch is. There is an unknown ditch that connects to John Baker and then there is another ditch that is next to the unknown that they also want to add to the maintenance of the John Baker Ditch. The watershed is not going to change at all. So, we need to set a hearing to petition to put these two sections on maintenance.

Motion was made to set hearing for October 9th @ 9:15 a.m. for \$5.00 min/acre. Motion passed 3-0.

RE: FAIRCHILD DITCH- JOINT BOARD

John Guier called us about this ditch and said that there is some problems close to the road. Landowners want to set it up on maintenance for a heads up. Seth wanted to talk to the commissioners about this issue just to inform them.

RE: BANNING PROPOSAL- HOFFMAN TILE RECONSTRUCTION

Seth asked banning to step in and help with this due to the issues we have had previously. Joe from banning got back with Seth and sent over a proposal for the Commissioner's to take a look at. Preliminary engineering would be \$11,400.00. Joe has done a little bit of the research, he is going to give two potential options one being an open and then the other being a closed option if possible. If commissioners would decide to go with one of these routes then banning would come out and there would be some field work that would need to be done. Their cost after everything included is a min of \$11,400.00. Seth would like to have landowners at the drainage board meeting. There is currently \$5,000.00 in the engineering fund right now which is for purposes like this. We used to have \$10,000 available in this account until budget was cut for this year. Surveyors office has asked for the full \$10,00.00 back in next year's budget that could pay the rest of this project out. As long as this payment can be split into two years then the bill will get paid in full with using the engineering fund. Rick made a motion to approve the Banning contract at \$11,400.00. Motion passed 3-0.

RE: 1207 W. 13TH STREET MINI STORAGE UNITS- DRAINAGE PLAN

Another storage until is going in 25 feet away from the other storage units that are currently there. There will be a swale and the water drainage will be off of his neighbors. The swale that is being put in is included in the volume, the swale is 2 acres. Motion was made to approve drainage plan. Motion passes 3-0.

RE: #553 SARAH HERROLD

Motion was made by Rick to accept the bill on the Sarah Herrold #553 for \$240.00 that's already been paid by the Lions Club. We will need an invoice and an account to pay it to.

RE: MILL CREEK- LAW SUIT

Rick asked if Seth would check on the Mill Creek law suit and see if the law suit time frame is up. Seth will have to get with Hollie and ask her if it has been long enough to dismiss the law suit so the County can move forward with getting something done.

CLAIMS: Dirt Worx Excavating- #558 Hoffman \$485.00

Prairie Marsh- #791 Durkes & Orr – Final Spray

#577- Joe Leasure Final Spray

#788- Mathew Zanger- Final Spray

Total for all three ditches \$4,151.04

Corporate Warehouse Supply- \$528.85

Prairie Marsh- \$300.00 Ditch #519 Stephen Bruce 1st spray 60% payment

Prairie Marsh- \$326.34 #609 Sausaman ditch 1st spray 60% payment

Prairie Marsh- \$345.72 #690 Allen Coplen 1st spray 60% payment

Prairie Marsh- \$10,257.66 #708 Leininger final spray 40% payment

Larry James Excavating- \$1975.00 repair of two suck holes #553 Sarah Herrold

Hollie- Pifer Shorter- \$833.33 Attorney

MINUTES: July 10 2023- approved 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

Surveyor ATTEST: Lacey Holloway, Drainage Board Secretary(A CD of the meeting is available in the Surveyor's Office)