

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 12TH 2024

The Fulton County Drainage Board met on Monday February, 12th 2024 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. Public Attendance: Mayor- Trent O'Dell, Ron Williams & Mitch Hansen (USI).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RE: ROBINS & WALTER TILE-NEW APACHE ROAD

Runs through apache Drive through new division that they are putting in behind Kroger's. Surveyors office has talked with Mayor- Trent O'Dell and Mitch Hansen from USI a couple of times to see who is responsible for paying for the new tile that will run under the new road. Seth asked that the mayor be present at this meeting so that there could be a decision made with USI and HRP on this issue. Mitch stated, "as HRP was excavating the detention pond they found that the water table was a lot higher than what the geo tech had shown, and so HRP was actually running it to according to the water table. The contractor asked to raise the pond two foot higher." Mitch said, "I think we can work that out with the calculations if we can find the county drain tile, in the meantime they have located the county drain tile and locate where the plug is in the county drain tile." It is Mitches understanding that this is going to get fixed. Originally USI was going to use the county drain tile as an overflow and lower the pipe that was going into the county drain tile and go straight into the county detention pond. Mitch ran new calculations for a 10-year run off with a 12-inch pipe and add a man hole as another breather where they connect in and also have another man hole on the other side of Apache as a breather and also use as a maintenance access to clean, repair and has as a breather. The pond will store up 9/10s of a foot higher than what was originally designed and it will not go into the roadway and still stay in the pipe. Seth concerns with being a county tile, is that on the original plan USI was going to put in one structure and now USI is looking at putting in two-man holes which would cost another \$8,000.00. So now it is up to the drainage board and the mayor to decide if the extra man hole structure is needed. Mitch stated, "bringing the pond up higher is going to eliminate 18050 cubic yards of excavation and save the city \$50,000.00 rather than the \$90,000.00 that was originally being saved." Mitch wants to use HRP to put this tile in under the road, because if we

use more than one contractor on this project and something goes bad/wrong then we will have contractors pointing fingers at each other. Mayor Trent O'Dell asked, "Does the pipe under the road have to be done by HRP and not a private contractor?" Seth responded with, "No, it does not have to be done by HRP." The mayor stated, "We all know that HRP is going to be excessively high priced." Mitches concern is that pipe runs under a new sanitary, a new water main that was just put in and go under the road that HRP just put in. If that pipe gets backed up and causes issues, HRP is going to point fingers and say that it was the private contractor's fault, and then the private contractor is going to come back at HRP and say it was their fault. Rick Ranstead asked if HRP has construction inspection on this project from USI? Mitch responded with, "Yes we do have inspection but the other thing is if the other contractor hits the new infrastructure HRP is going to get fingers pointed and go back to the same situation of blaming one another." Seth stated, "HRP's quote is not out of line compared to private contractors quote, they are very similar." HRP is going to hook the county tile back into the new tile. Seth's question to commissioners and the mayor is, do you want that second man hole put in? Mitch is encouraging it and it may be needed. Mitch stated, "The second man hole is for additional breathing and there is going to be two different pipe materials that will need to be connected together and so there can be a concrete tile or there can be a sealer to connect them together. If a new man hole is installed then the new pipe and the old pipe can be separated and have a way to go in and maintain both pipes etc." Seth's responses, "those pipes are made to fit another tile into it, the county uses them all the time. Mitch does state, "theoretically, the county could save \$8,000.00 if HRP did not install that second man hole, the issue is just it could go through the other man hole out the other way." Seth states, "there is a riser sticking up already for a breather." Mayor O'Dell states, "So the breather is not an issue the second man hole is just in case something happens and the county has to go in and clean/keep maintenance up." Mayor O'Dell thinks it makes good sense to have the other man hole added in. Seth wants to know who would be paying for it and Seth wants HRP to be doing the work. Mayor said, "That the city would pay for the extra man hole." Mitch said, "Once the plug is open this county drain tile will be good to go, and that includes the removal of the trees." Mitch states, "Everything within the mobile home park and up to the new man hole to the left the drainage board would be paying for, and everything from the original man hole up to the new man hole the city would be paying for and HRP will do the work." Seth just wants to confirm the drainage board would pay up to \$8,000.00 and the rest would be paid by the

city and HRP is doing the work. Seth needs a motion to accept the updated drainage plan. Motion was made by Bryan Lewis, motion was seconded by Rick Ranstead. Motion passes 3-0.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE PART OF THE LOUDERBACK TILE

Dave Sommers opens the hearing for #840 Louderback tile vacation. This tile is where Mr. Spangler came in and had all the water issues with a suck hole in the road. We are vacating everything from west right of way to State Road 25 east. The new tile for maintenance will stop at the west right of way and state road 25, if there is any issue from now on under state road 25 it will not be the counties responsibility. Surveyors office has not received any objections, verbal or written to vacate this tile. Motion was made by Rick Ranstead to vacate the tile on the #840 Louderback from the state road 25 to west right of way, motion was seconded by Bryan Lewis, passes 3-0. Dave Sommers asks for a motion to closes the hearing. Motion made by Rick Ranstead and seconded by Bryan Lewis, passes 3-0.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING #843 WILLIAM SPANGLER TILE- SET UP ON MAINTENANCE

Dave Sommers opens the hearing for the #843 William Spangler tile to establish maintenance for the new tile that has been placed. The new tile was placed just like it was supposed to be to release all the water, there is no written or verbal objections. The maintenance set up will be at \$10.00/acre which is the exact same as it was for the Louderback. Landowners in this watershed will not have to pay anymore than what they were already paying and they now have a new tile. Dave Sommers entertained a motion to approve the maintenance set up for the #843 William Spangler Tile for \$10.00/acre, motion was made by Bryan Lewis and seconded by Rick Ranstead approved 3-0. Motion was made to close hearing, motion passes 3-0.

RE: RON WILLIAMS- 18TH STREET & U.S. 31 GO KART TRACK

This is also on the Robins & Walter Open ditch. Ron is proposing some recreational projects for Rochester. What Ron is looking at doing is putting in a kart track at 18th street & U.S. 31 on the twelve acres that is for sale. The issue is the Robins and Walters ditch that runs through about a third of the property. It seems to start over by Sweetgum rd. and runs across west under U.S. 31 and then eventually ties into Mud Creek. Ron shows us a video of Twelve Mile Lawn Mower race and Go Kart race to compare the two races. All the go karts have to have mufflers on them. Shifter carts all of silencers on them, they sound either like a

chainsaw or a lawn mower. The kart track that they would like to build/install is a replica of the Monaco F1 track. The benefit of this track is it is right along U.S. 31 where people travel from Chicago to Indianapolis and from Indianapolis to Chicago, this would be an opportunity for the racers to race on a track that would be similar to the Monaco F1 track. The issue is the ditch runs across a good portion of the land that Ron is wanting to use for the track. Ron would like to put some type of drainage pipe in the ditch and then run a crossing over the ditch to be able to complete his track, and be able to use almost the entire property. The track that Ron is wanting to put in is just under a mile. The karts that race will get up to approx. 85-90 mph. In Elkhart, the karts there are running around 90-95 mph. but, Elkhart's track is much longer. The rental karts could be rented pretty much everyday for 6 months and Ron is also looking at putting a building in to run rentals in the winter as well. The closes race track that actually race the karts is up at MRP in South Bend and then from there, there isn't one until west of Indianapolis – New Castle Motor Sports. Speed inside for go karts would be 35 mph. Seth states, "The only option would be to have a culvert the length of the ditch on Ron's property and then cover it on top, the re-routing of the ditch is not something that can be done, especially with grade." Fulton Counties practices are that the surveyor would give Ron a size of tile to use and then it would be at Ron's expense to install the pipe. The drainage board members think that this would be a great addition to the Rochester and are on board for this new development! Fulton County requirements are that Ron needs to provide a drainage plan for the parking lot and the building that shows he is to maintain his own water. Motion was made for Ron to cover the pipe in the ditch according to Seth's specifications, motion passed 3-0.

RE: SPRAY BIDS- OSCAR (PRAIRIE MARSH) WAS ONLY BIDDER

#561 Jackson Wagoner- \$781.11

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#795 James Weasoner Open- \$7,263.36

#790 Ball Ginther-\$9720.75

#821 George Wilson Open- \$4257.20

#803 John Baker Open- \$3939.94

#834 JM Robbins-\$10,625.90

#823 Thomas Mogel Open-\$1,934.80

#592 CB Moore-\$809.73

Motion was made to accept Prairie Marsh Bids. Motion passes 3-0.

RE: FAIRCHILD OPEN

There is a tile that is not on maintenance that is drawn in on the GIS, but it is not where the tile is located. Some farmers/landowners went and asked Craig the Marshall County Surveyor if this tile could be put on maintenance. Craig, his deputy surveyor, Seth and Michael went out and looked this tile over, it looks like a swamp right now. Seth's recommendation to Craig was to let's go ahead and assess the open ditch. The ditch was just got cleaned and looks good. Craig is getting some plans put together at Marshall county, there will eventually be a joint meeting and two of our drainage board members will need to attend that joint meeting at Marshal County.

RE: #763 RENTSCHLER ARM#4

This ditch was just bid out and Mitchel Tam won this bid. Mitchell went through and dipped the ditch, Greg Zimpleman called and asked Mitch if he would lower the pipe. The pipe was placed in 2009, so Seth called John Geier and John went out to look at it and there is water falling out of the pipe. There is also a great amount of grade, so we could lower the pipe about two feet. Seth's concern is that this ditch was already bid out so how is the county supposed to approach this issue. John Geier called Greg and asked if Greg could work out a deal with the county and put the pipe in. Greg said he would reinstall a new pipe and re-dip the ditch up to state road 25 for \$.50 a foot. Greg said he wanted this project done and he would help the county out to get it done, which is very generous of him. After talking with the drainage board, Greg received the green light to go ahead with this project. Mitchel is proceeding as planned with the winning bid plan.

RE: 600 WEST- ROY FLINTS GROUND-PRIVATE CROSSING

County put in a new tile about 2 to 3 years ago, Roy asked if there was a chance that a pipe could be put in and a crossing, Seth told him that would be find but he would have to go off of Seth's specifications. Roy met with Seth and Jordon Field

and Roy is going to pay for the this to be done. This part of the ditch will no longer be sprayed.

RE: ED GUDAS- PRIVATE CROSSING

1000 West at the Snepp Gillespie Ditch which was just set up on maintenance, Ed asked if he could put in a crossing so they could farm the ground all the way through. This is again going to be going off of Seth's specifications. In the end this will now be less for the county to spray and will not be an expense.

CLAIMS:

Ingram Excavating- #662 John McKinsey Tile - \$7,000.00

Corporate Warehouse Supply- \$1,057.75 – Toner Office Supply

Hollie-Pifer Shorter- Attorney - \$833.33

ADJOURNMENT- PASSES 3-0.

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