

**Motion to approve minutes of 12/23/13 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Phillips South Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that Rex Kuhn told him that the Phillips South Ditch still needs some work done on the upper end...but, there are no more funds. Kevin Nigh said that from what he can remember, the Drainage Board put a limited time assessment on that ditch with the understanding that they would review it again when that time was up. David Mohr said that they need to look up those dates and the minutes to verify what was decided upon. Taylor Sumerford said that he would gather that information for the Board.

**Ditch Spraying**-Kevin Nigh asked Taylor Sumerford if he had a chance to speak to Donna Cook regarding the details of using a private contractor to monitor the ditch spraying. Taylor had not spoken to Donna yet. Kevin Nigh made a motion to table the ditch spraying/private contractor issue for the time being, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Thompson Ditch**-Don Parker noted that the Thompson Ditch cleaning had been completed.

**Drainage Board Appointments**-Kevin Nigh made a motion to keep the same appointments for the same positions as the Drainage Board had in 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Drainage Board Meeting Dates and Times**-Kevin Nigh made a motion to keep the days and times that the Drainage Board meets the same as they followed in 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Set a date for the Phillips South Hearing**-Taylor Sumerford is going to bring the original agreement for the Phillips South Ditch Assessments to the next Drainage Board meeting....so they will discuss setting the date then.

**GIS**-David Mohr said that there has been some discussion about putting the County’s Legal Drains on the GIS. Jim Brown and Tom Debaun are looking into this, and will report their findings to the Board at a later date.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to approve minutes of January 13, 2013 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.**

**Phillips South/Set Date for Public Hearing**-Kevin Nigh suggested setting the Public Hearing for the Phillips South on February 24, 2013 so that Norma Ross would have enough time to run the notice in the paper twice, (one week apart). Motion was made by Kevin Nigh to set the public hearing for the Phillips South Ditch on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.

**Clark Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that Keith Theobald and Dave Brown are starting to work on the Clark Ditch on their own.

**Drainage Concerns by City Garage**-Tom Franklin who lives at 1043 Hendricks Street told the Drainage Board that he believes the drainage Tile by his residence has collapsed and there is a lot of flooding in the area. Kevin Nigh asked Mr. Franklin for his phone number so that he could contact him after he looked into the situation. Mr. Franklin said that someone at the City Garage had shown him a map of where the underground tile is located. Kevin asked how long Mr. Franklin thought the pipe was....Mr. Franklin thought it was about a city block long. Kevin said that he would talk to the Highway Superintendent and look into the situation.

**Adjourn**

**\*Note: Due to time constraints....the Phillips South Public Hearing will be changed to March 3, 2013 at 9:00AM.**

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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 January 27, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.**

**Phillips South Public Hearing**-Kevin Nigh made a motion to change the date for the public hearing on the Phillips South Ditch to March 3, 2014 at 9:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.

**Ditch Maintenance Assessments**-Taylor Sumerford asked the Drainage Board whether there were any additions or deletions to the Ditch Maintenance Assessment list to be made. Kevin Nigh said that he thought there was one that David Mohr wanted to drop down, but he could not remember the details. Kevin said that he was satisfied with the list. Kevin Nigh made a motion to leave the Ditch Maintenance Assessment List as is, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0.

**Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch**-Kevin Nigh made a motion to meet with contractors concerning the Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00am at the Shelby Farm Supply parking lot to look over and discuss the work that needs to be done, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. Kevin Nigh also made a motion to tell the contractors when they meet that the bids for the Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch work must be submitted to the Commissioners' Office by March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 2/0. Taylor Sumerford will contact the contractors.

**Ditch Spraying**-Don Parker asked when the Ditch Spraying bids should be requested. Kevin Nigh made a motion to let any interested parties know that the date for them to submit bids for spraying County ditches will be March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by 5:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of February 10, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, 1 abstention.**

**Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch**-Kevin Nigh informed all attending that the Drainage Board met with contractors that morning to look over and discuss the work that needs to be done on the Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch. Those contractors that are interested are to submit their bids by March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:00am.

**Phillips South Public Hearing**-Kevin Nigh reminded the Board that the Public Hearing for the Phillips South Ditch will be held on March 3, 2014 at 9:00am.

**Adjourn**

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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David Mohr, President

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Don Parker, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**PHILLIPS SOUTH PUBLIC HEARING**

**MARCH 3, 2014**

**KEVIN NIGH ABSENT**

**Ed Phillips South Ditch**-David Mohr said that the Phillips South Ditch Assessment is currently \$10.00 per acre and the Board would like to extend that for two (2) years. At the end of the 2 years that amount would be changed to a \$5.00 per acre maintenance fee for as long as the County Surveyor, Taylor Sumerford, deems necessary. Rex Kuhn, one of the property owners in the watershed said that keeping the \$10.00 per acre in place for 2 years should see the project thru to completion. Rex also said that \$5.00 per acre after that would build the fund so that maintenance and future projects would be possible. He said the project has worked out well and in general the property owners are fine with it, and he has not heard much in the way of complaints. Rex said that it is obvious that work that has been done in the area has done a lot of good. He thanked the Drainage Board for all of their help and stated that they have been very good to work with. Don Parker made a motion to extend the \$10.00 assessment for the Phillips South Ditch for 2 more years, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0. Don Parker made a motion to put a \$5.00 per acre maintenance fee on the Phillips South Ditch after that 2 years, with a minimum of \$20.00 per lot, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MARCH 10, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes from February 24, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0...and motion to approve minutes for the Phillips South Public Hearing on March 3, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0-1 abstention.**

**Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch**-Bids were opened for the work to be done on the Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch...they are as follows:

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| <b>Bruce Hill:</b>              | Bottom-Dip Lump Sum: \$18,800.00. Rip-rap per ton: \$20.00. Equipment to replace rip-rap: \$100.00 per hour. Tile outlets: 4" = \$140.00, 6" = \$170.00, 8" = \$190.00, 10" = \$240.00, 12" = \$260.00 and 15" = \$327.00. This bid includes leaving the cottonwoods piled.                       |
| <b>Larry Mohr Construction:</b> | Bottom-Dip Ditch-\$19,000.00. Rip-rap per ton: \$12.75. Equipment to replace rip-rap = \$125.00 per hr. Tile outlets including materials: \$185.00 each. Will burn the brush at the same time the ditch is cleaned.   |
| <b>Wells Excavating:</b>        | Bottom-Dip Ditch, clear cut trees one side of the ditch, spray stumps, burn and bury-\$33,600.00. Rip-rap-\$12.65 per ton. Equipment to place rip-rap-\$150.00 per hour. Repair tile outlets including materials-\$350.00 each. Alternate Bid: Come back to burn and bury in 2 years-\$39,000.00. |

Kevin Nigh made a motion to award the contract to Larry Mohr Construction for the cleaning of the Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Woodruff ditch**-David Mohr said that Mark Fischer asked permission of the Drainage Board to fix the undercut problems that he is having along the Woodruff Ditch. He would like to place rip-rap in those spots at no cost to the County. Don Parker made a motion to allow Mark Fischer to place rip-rap in undercut spots on the Woodruff Ditch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

### Adjourn

## DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2014

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

**Motion to approve minutes of March 10, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Open Bids for Ditch Spraying**-The Board opened bids for the annual ditch spraying for 2014. They are as follows:

**Dalton's:** Total \$25,722.70. Each ditch listed separately with its footage. Most priced at .08 per foot, some at .10.

**Shidler Spray, Inc.:** Total \$25,997.88. Most at .083 per foot, some at .094 per foot.

Kevin Nigh made a motion to approve the low bid from Dalton's with the stipulation that they get started a little earlier this year and that when they start they stay on the job until it is finished, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Roberts Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford told the Drainage Board that he thought that Mr. Stickford had gotten in touch with someone to get some of the trees out on the Roberts Ditch. Don Parker said that he had talked to Mr. Stickford also and that the tree trimming had been postponed until fall. Kevin Nigh made a motion to amend the agreement that the Drainage Board had with the contractor and with the property owner to allow the Roberts Ditch cleaning work to be done in the fall of 2014 instead of spring 2014 due to weather, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. Taylor said that he would ask Calvin Stickford to keep the Drainage Board informed on the tree situation.

**Compton Ditch**-Don Parker said that it had been brought to his attention by Mrs. Burbrink, (a property owner on the Compton Ditch), that some work needed to be done. Don said that he spoke with Mrs. Burbrink a few times to let her know that the Board was looking into it. He met on site with Kem Anderson who gave him information on the ditch. Kem said there was a tile going straight east that should alleviate some of the water and take it right to the river. Taylor said that pine trees were planted over the top of the tile, and they would be difficult to deal with. David Mohr said that the owner of the pine trees wants to keep the pine trees and is not interested in the tile. Don said that he would continue to look into the situation.

**O M Thompson Ditch**-David Mohr said he received a phone call about the O M Thompson Ditch in Moral Township. David said that 20 years ago when they cleaned the tile, they used a galvanized pipe 68" wide and 44" tall and 36' long and made a farm crossing. When the farmer crossed it earlier this year, it caved in because it was all rusted out. David said that it needed to be torn out and that the farmer would furnish two to three loads of #2 stone, and asked the Drainage Board to furnish about a half load of rip-rap and the pipe. He said that he suggests using a 5' concrete pipe from CPI and having Carl Mohr use his crane to move it. The other option would be a 5 footer, corrugated pipe. David said that as of February 2014 the O M Thompson fund had \$10,085.32. Kevin Nigh said that he doesn't remember ever putting in crossings for anyone. David said that he knows of one that the County furnished the labor and the owner furnished the material. Kevin said that he would rather furnish the rip-rap and the farmer do the rest of it, so that the Board did not have to use up most of that fund. Taylor Sumerford said that he had some concrete pipe that he thought might work. He said that if David wanted to go look at it, he was welcome. Kevin said that as far as crossings go, the Board doesn't usually get involved in farm crossings, other than giving permission for the owner to put one in himself if his calculations are correct. He said that if the Board gets involved, others will expect the same to be done for them. Kevin Nigh made a motion to table the request on the farm crossing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Roberts Ditch by Marietta**-Don Parker said that the blowholes and the outlet that were repaired looked good, but as he went maybe a 100 yards or less farther, there was no water trapped....then maybe another 100 yards there was. Also, the crossing that was to be taken out is still in there....and another one was put in. He wonders if that will restrict the water flow.

### Adjourn

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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David Mohr, President

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Don Parker, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

## DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2014

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

**Motion to approve minutes of March 24, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Medsker Ditch**-Harold Tennell came before the Drainage Board with concerns about the Metzger Ditch at the corner of 750W and 500S. Harold said that there is a crossing over 2 small tiles and when it rains even 2', it floods the fields around it and even floods 800W just to the south. He said that in 2012 the ditch was cleaned out, but did not make much of a difference. He would like to see the tiles and crossing taken out and maybe an 80" egg-shaped tile put in so that the water flows and it can be crossed, but won't flood so easily. David Mohr told Mr. Tennell that they would go take a look at it.

**Clark-Mohr-Hankins Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford informed the Board that some of the farmers on the Clark-Mohr-Hankins Legal Drain have taken it upon themselves to do some dipping and cleaning of the ditch.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**APRIL 28, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of April 14, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**McFarron Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford said that Michael Brooks had contacted him with a concern regarding the McFarron Ditch, but Don Parker had already taken care of the issue.

**Carmony Tile/Dan & Doris Carmony**-Taylor Sumerford said that Dan & Doris Carmony are building a house and would like a crossing over the Carmony Tile. He said that he had not yet gone to look over the site. He said that he would get that looked over and inform the Board of what he finds.

**Thompson Watershed**-Kevin Nigh said that in the Thompson Watershed, below the retention pond for the Overlook Subdivision, there is ditch that takes the overflow from the retention pond, (and everything else in that area). Kevin said that floods and over-spraying of vegetation has caused the side of the ditch to blow out. He said the bottom of the ditch needs to be dipped out and the breach in the side needs to be repaired. Kevin said that he asked Taylor Sumerford to contact some contractors to give quotes on repairing the damage. He said that two bids had been turned in. They are as follows:

Dingman Excavating: Clean out approximately 500 lineal feet of the ditch, pack clay dirt to repair the bank, put spoil in wash to repair field and grade-\$1,850.00.

Bruce Hill: Dip the ditch from inlet to the bend, (approximately 1,200'), and scatter the spoil - \$1,500.00.

Motion to award the Thompson Watershed project to Bruce Hill- Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Medsker Ditch**-Don Parker said that they shot some levels on the Medsker Ditch that Harold Tennell has concerns about...and didn't see much difference. Don said that Mr. Tennell said there are two small tiles and Don said that he went and measured the one tile and it was 30"...not the 12" indicated. Don said that there was 9/10" of rain last night and it hardly raised any...which contradicts the statement that 2" of rain floods the fields. David Mohr asked if there would be any way to put two 15" tiles to the side of the slope on the crossing. Don said that could probably be done. Don said that there was 18" of water in the 30" pipe so there was still 12" of clearance. He said he just wanted to give that information to the Board.

**Thompson Ditch**-A gentleman in the audience said there were 2 dead sycamores down in the Thompson Ditch. Taylor Sumerford said that he would meet the gentleman at the site to take a look at it.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

**SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA**

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David Mohr, President

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Don Parker, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MAY 12, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of April 28, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Harold Tennell/Medsker Ditch**-David Mohr said that he went to look at the Medsker Ditch in regard to Harold Tennell's concerns. David said that he feels the problem is on further downstream...he said that the debris on the banks indicated that the water had to have been waist deep over the top of the pipe. He said that since the ditch on down was clean, there has to be a restriction somewhere. David said that he thinks the pipe is sufficient and even if they put a bigger pipe there it would not help; the water is just not getting away. David said that Mr. Tennell's suggestion that a much larger pipe be put in had no validity.

**Thompson Watershed**-Taylor Sumerford said that Bruce Hill did dip out the stretch of ditch in the Thompson Watershed that the Board had hired him to do during the meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**MAY 27, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of May 12, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Medsker Ditch**-Harold Tennell came before the Board to ask what they thought about the condition of the Medsker Ditch when they went to look at it. David Mohr said that he thinks the brush downstream needs to be trimmed back so that a higher volume of water can get through. Mr. Tennell brought pictures in to show the Board. He disagrees that the brush is the problem, and believes that the pipe at the crossing needs to be larger. Don Parker told Mr. Tennell that he has been watching

the ditch closely....and he does not feel that a larger pipe is necessary. He said that if it does get up over the 30" pipe....it just flows over the pipe and continues right on downstream as it was meant to do. Mr. Tennell says that if the Board does not put in a larger pipe, he will put a levy up to keep the water from ruining farmland. Don told Mr. Tennell that if he did, it would just cause the other farmers to have to put up levies, too.....and so on and so forth. Don told Harold that he would continue to watch site with an open mind to see if he observed anything different happening. David Mohr said that he would also look at the site after a heavy rain to see if there was anything else going on that proved to be a problem.

**Long Acres Sub Division**-Ray Sullivan from Long Acres Sub Division came before the Board to tell them that Taylor Sumerford came out to look at the ditches in the division after Mr. Sullivan contacted him. Mr. Sullivan said that after the work that was done to the ditches in the past....their ditches flow pretty well. What he is asking, is for the Board to compose a letter to the property owners in that area to please keep their ditches clean. He said that many do, but those that don't are contributing to a mosquito problem....and that the standing water that is there is deteriorating the clay soil which disturbs the percolation. He said that if he or another property owner were to write the letter, he didn't feel that much attention would be paid to it. Kevin Nigh said that the Long Acres Fund has a balance of \$13,166.00 and that he felt that a letter could be drafted and sent out with ditch funds asking residents to do a little "hand work" to their ditches. Mr. Sullivan thanked the Board for their help. Another resident also spoke to tell the Board that several new residents had come who probably did not know that it was their responsibility to police those ditches....and if the letter educated them of that fact, it might make a difference.

**Adjourn**

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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David Mohr, President

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Don Parker, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JUNE 9, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of May 27, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch**-Don Parker told the Board that someone contacted him about a county tile that outlets into the Roberts-Howell-McPherson Ditch and needs attention. Don said that it is part of the ditch that was cleaned north of Marietta. David Mohr said that they had discussed cleaning the open parts of that ditch and then starting on the tiles, repairing or replacing as needed....so, he thought that next year they could get started on that.

**Lakeview**-David Mohr said that Lakeview is done. The willows and cattails have been cleaned from around the pond...it has been graded down to the water's edge and it has been seeded and a straw blanket has been put down. Gentry Excavating did the work.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JUNE 23, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of June 9, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**McPherson Tile**-Jim Douglas came before the Board with a map of the tail end of the McPherson Tile. Jim said that it is plugged and the area is flooding. A gentleman with Jim said that the tile had been put in at least 50 years ago...and the problem is that it was put in too deep. They believe that it is an old concrete horseshoe tile. Jim requested that the Drainage Board replace that tile this summer. David Mohr said that he "guesstimated" that it would cost approximately \$10.00 per foot. Taylor Sumerford will find out what the fund balance is. Taylor said that he would be glad to get with Mr Douglas and check out the distance that needs replaced. Kevin Nigh made a motion to get the information on the footage of tile needed and the fund balance and discuss the situation further, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Long Acre Letter**-Kevin Nigh read the letter composed by John DePrez that will be sent to the residents of Long Acre letting them know that it is their responsibility to keep their ditches free of debris. Don Parker made a motion to accept the letter and have it sent to the Long Acre residents, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

**Adjourn**

DRAINAGE BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JULY 14, 2014**

**DON PARKER**

**Motion to approve minutes of June 23, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.**

**Hills Branch Legal Drain**-Mr. Dale Herthel came before the Board to report his findings on the portion of the Hills Branch Legal Drain on the Miller property, (at the request of Taylor Sumerford). Mr. Herthel said that when Mr. Miller built the

house....he built the ground up. He said that Mr. Miller has 3 acres on the south side of the ditch and 2 acres on the north side. Mr. Miller told Mr. Herthel that when he built the house, someone from the County told him that they would come thru every seven years and clean the ditch out. Neither Kevin Nigh nor David Mohr knew who would have told him that. Dale said that Mr. Miller has let the area by the ditch go...and that there are 14 mulberry trees growing up into the bank of the ditch within a 100' space. Dale said that they cannot be gotten out with an excavator, and would have to be accessed thru his property and taken down with a chainsaw. Kevin Nigh asked if there was a place to burn the trees on his property. Dale said yes. Dale said that the waterflow is not being hindered too much yet....but, there is some small stuff in the waterway and it needs to be taken out. He said that the trees will have to be taken out so that someone can get in with a piece of equipment and clean the ditch out. Dale said that he also wanted the Board to know that there is 95 rod on the north side of the ditch, on his property, that did not get sprayed. Kevin said that he would need to take a look at the account balance for the Hills Branch Legal Drain.

**McPherson Tile**-Heath Eberhart who had been at the last meeting with Jim Douglas came before the Board to let them know that he had measured the footage on the stretch of the McPherson Tile that they had spoken about. He said the footage is approximately 5,700 feet. Kevin Nigh asked Mr. Everhart if it was all 10" tile. Mr. Everhart said that yes, it is 10" round concrete tile that had been put in around '52 or '53. He does not know the depth, but was told it was too deep to drain correctly. Heath said that they dug a test hole this spring...and there is still water standing in it, maybe 6 to 8 " below ground level. David Mohr said that he would find out what the price of 10" tile installed, per foot would be...but, that it most likely could not be trenched, you'd probably have to use an excavator. Kevin said that he did not know if there was enough money in the fund to take care of it. Heath said that he did not think they would necessarily be opposed to helping out. Kevin and David said that it should be done in phases. Kevin said that he wondered if the whole length was too deep....or if just the portion on the south end was too deep. Heath did not know. David suggested they take the matter under advisement and get the elevations. Heath said that he was always told that from 44 to Marietta there was only 5' of fall. Kevin said that the Board would just keep getting information and then see what could be done.

### **Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**JULY 28, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of July 14, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Roberts Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford told the Board that he and Heath Eberhart went to the Roberts Ditch and took shots from the culvert that the County lowered. They took shots of the forks and figured what the grades would be with a 3-1/2 foot trench. David Mohr stated that the area is pretty flat. Heath said that he has always been told that from 44 to the Marietta Bridge there is 5' of fall on Blue River....and that's only about 4 miles. Kevin asked if their idea was do-able....David Mohr said yes. David said that he asked for a price the other day...but, the gentleman was busy and could not come up with a price right then. Taylor said that he would try to get in touch with his contact for the gas pipeline to find out how deep their pipe is buried. Heath showed the Board approximately where the pipelines, (2 of them), are located. Kevin said that the Roberts Ditch fund has a balance of \$40,445.19, but there is an outstanding bill for the cleanout that Larry Mohr will be doing on the northern part of the ditch after the crops come out. Kevin said there will be another deposit of around \$27,000.00 after the fall taxes are paid. David made a call and said that he got a price of \$5.10 per foot for 12" pipe, installed. Kevin said they could estimate about 6,000 feet of pipe, and if they rounded up their price estimate to \$6.00 per foot, that should cover any extras needed. He said that Taylor will check on what the invoice should be from Larry Mohr, so depending upon what the difference is....there might be enough to do it. Kevin Nigh made a motion to continue information-seeking on the Roberts Ditch project, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

### **Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

**SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA**

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David Mohr, President

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Don Parker, Vice President

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Kevin Nigh, Member

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**AUGUST 11, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of July 28, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Roberts Ditch**-David Mohr told the Board that he did not think that they could take money from the Roberts Ditch fund to clean the three ditches and do some tile work because work done on a legal drain is generally paid for by the property owners in the specific watershed, and part of the property owners in that watershed do not benefit. When they approved the work to be done, they combined the Roberts, Howell & McPherson Ditches. He thinks that the cleaning portion might be fine, because all three ditches come to and use the open ditch, but Kevin Nigh said that the tile work may need to be isolated to just one ditch fund. Taylor Sumerford brought a copy of the legal description before the Board and said that he thought that where it says "south line" it should say "north line". The description shows the total length of the ditch as 8,100 ft. Kevin Nigh said that after the fall project is completed if there is a balance left over the Board could decide the percentage of each watershed that the balance goes back to. Then, out of those funds the cost could go toward the tile of each of those ditches. The percentage would be determined by the number of acres. David said that he thought that would be a fine resolution.

**Taylor Sumerford**-Taylor Sumerford said that he had received a call from a woman about a broken tile...after describing the location; David Mohr said that he had taken a look at it, and that it is a private tile.

### **Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**AUGUST 25, 2014**

**KEVIN NIGH ABSENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of August 11, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.**

**Haw Creek**-Tom Finke with the Bartholomew County Surveyor’s Office came before the Drainage Board to let them know that their Surveyor’s Office received a petition requesting that a section of Haw Creek, (approximately 6 miles), become a regulated drain. The watershed for this section is in both Bartholomew and Shelby Counties. The watershed consists of about 36,500 acres with 78% being in Bartholomew and 22% in Shelby County. Tom said that he got the parcel information from Shelby Co. GIS and Bartholomew County has 7,500 parcels and Shelby County has 425 parcels. Bartholomew has 5,000 owners and Shelby Co. has 190 owners. Tom said that the reason for the petition is that in 2008 there was a lot of flooding in Columbus and while Bartholomew County has made some significant improvements, the petitioners would like to make more. Tom said that there is a provision in state statute that would allow Bartholomew County to petition the Shelby Co. Drainage Board to relinquish their jurisdiction on the joint drainage board since the entire drain is in Bartholomew Co. Tom said that is their intent, and they will send the Drainage Board a letter stating that. Tom said that he has talked to the petitioners and that all of the property owners in Shelby Co. would be notified. David Mohr asked if Tom had any idea when the public hearing would take place. Tom said that they would like to wait until harvest was over. David said that he saw no problem with it, and asked if it would be hard to do thru town. Tom said that it would be a challenge. Tom said that the petitioners have a website and the address is citizensforhawcreek.org. Don Parker made a motion to take the request under advisement, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.

**Adjourn**

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SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

**DON PARKER ABSENT**

**Motion to table minutes of August 25, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> David, vote 2/0.**

**Haw Creek**-Taylor Sumerford came before the Board asking approval to send the letter he composed to the Bartholomew County Surveyor’s Office. Motion to approve the mailing of the letter composed by Taylor Sumerford to the Bartholomew County Surveyor’s Office, Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, vote 2/0.

**Morristown Storm Tile**-David Mohr said that he spoke to David Benefiel from Morristown the other day. Mr. Benefiel told David that Morristown wanted to put a storm tile between City Hall and the Fire Station there and that they had dug down to the Gordon Tile, (a 24” cement tile), and cut a hole in the tile and found 11” of water... which is right at half full. David took a look at it. David said that Hunt wants to build a structure on top of it and bring the storm sewer in up higher and then flow down into the tile. David said that Dave said they would be installing a 12” tile and that it would go west behind the assisted living facility. David said that he told Mr. Benefiel that he didn’t have a problem with it, but that the other members of the Drainage Board would also have to agree. David said that if they do, he thinks that they should have to pay a storm water assessment on that area. Kevin Nigh asked if David thought there could ever be a possibility of it becoming an over-flowing fountain like they encountered east of there at the edge of 52. David said yes, if it became plugged. David asked Taylor Sumerford if he would take a look at it. Taylor said that he would.

**Flat Rock**-Taylor Sumerford said that Dave Robertson stopped him on Saturday and said that in Flat Rock by the Fire Station there is a catch basin that was put in sometime in the 50s that had a pipe going into it....but; the pipe had been taken out. Mr. Robertson would like to see the pipe put back in. Kevin Nigh said that it would just have to be looked into.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of September 8, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, 1 Abstention.**

**Haw Creek**-Taylor Sumerford brought before the Board another letter that he had composed to send to Tom Finke at Bartholomew County Surveyor’s Office. The letter proposes a meeting to provide details of a joint board, (which would be made up of two representatives from the Shelby County Drainage Board, 2 from the Bartholomew County Drainage Board, and one representative from an uninvolved Drainage Board), in regard to Haw Creek and the section that lies in both Bartholomew and Shelby Co. A motion was made by Kevin Nigh to approve sending the letter composed by Taylor Sumerford to Tom Finke at the Bartholomew County Surveyor’s Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. Taylor will let the Board know when the meeting is set up.

**Hills Branch Legal Drain**-David Mohr reminded the Board of Dale Herthal’s visit to the Drainage Board back in July to discuss the Hills Branch Legal Drain. Kevin Nigh asked if Mr. Herthal had gotten anyone to take care of the brush. David said no, that the work would have to be bid out. He said that there is a lot of brush to clean out on the lower half. He told the Board they needed to set up a contractor’s meeting. David said that they should try to get that going so that when the crops were out, the work could start. David said the worst part is from Brandywine up to 75W....and then on the east side of 75. He said there

are a lot of big mulberry trees. He said that part of it goes thru a guy's yard. He said the brush needs to be cut because Mr. Herthel wants the wood. David informed the Board that thru Mr. Herthel's property there are places where watergrass, weeds and sandbars are choking the drain and slowing down the waterflow. Kevin Nigh made a motion to meet with contractors at 8:30am on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 75W and 600N to look over the Hills Branch project, and to have the bids be in by October 14<sup>th</sup> by 8:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Roberts-Howell-McPherson Legal Drain**-Don Parker suggested meeting with the 2 or 3 property owners affected by the tile work that needs to be done on the Roberts-Howell-McPherson Legal Ditch that Heath Eberhart had spoken to the Board about a few months ago. Taylor Sumerford will ask Jim Brown for a GIS map showing where the legal description indicates the County's portion ends. Kevin Nigh said it would be good to meet when the crops were out. The Board decided to meet with the property owners on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 after their Drainage Board meeting.

**Adjourn**

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**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 14, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of August 25, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Mohr, 1 Abstention.**

**Motion to approve minutes of September 22, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Hills Branch Legal Drain**-Bids were opened for the work to be done on the Hills Branch Legal Drain they are as follows:

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Total
Brandon Everhart	\$12,000	\$2,500		\$14,500
Hill & Son Excavating	\$ 9,200	\$3,700		\$12,900
Smooth Stone Excavating	\$13,500	\$6,900		\$20,400
Ramsey Farms Ag Enterprise	\$ 5,500	\$2,750		\$ 8,250
Gentry Excavating	\$ 2,528	\$3,371	\$1,880	\$ 7,779
Wells Excavating	\$ 9,464	\$2,068		\$11,532

Kevin made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Gentry Excavating at \$7,779, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don, vote 3/0

Kevin told the Surveyor, Taylor Sumerford, about some utility poles that reference cornerstones that are being replaced.

Adjourn

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 27, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of October 14, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Hankins Ditch**-David Mohr told the Drainage Board that he had been contacted by Roger Scheffler with concerns about the condition of the Hankins Ditch. A motion was made by Kevin Nigh to take bids to clean and dip the Hankins Ditch from 300N to Clark Rd. Bids to be received on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. The Board will meet with contractors on November 3, 2014 at 9:00am in the Scheffler lot on the south side of 300N.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of October 27, 2014 Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.**

**Receive Bids for Hankins Ditch:**

Smooth Stone Excavating, LLC – Phase I: \$3,250.00 Phase II: \$3,250.00.

Ramsey Farms Ag Enterprises – Phase I: \$3,550.00.

Ramsey Farms Ag Enterprises – Phase II: Dip on the North Side \$3,950.00.

Bruce Hill - Phase I: Cut brush, dip ditch and scatter \$3,500. Phase II: \$3,500.00.

Kevin Nigh made a motion to accept the bid from Smooth Stone Excavating, LLC to do the work on the Hankins Ditch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Van Pelt Ditch**-Derrick Byers from the City of Shelbyville's Stormwater Utility Department came before the Drainage Board with a request for them to clean the Van Pelt Ditch from about 2,000' from McKay Rd to where it meets up with the Fortune Ditch, (a total of approximately 2,125'). Derrick said that Rex Kuhn asked that he be notified when that happens, as he farms most of the ground the Van Pelt crosses. Kevin Nigh made a motion that Taylor Sumerford get in touch with contractors, give them the scope of work to be done, and have them submit quotes by 5:00pm on November the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of November 10, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Van Pelt Ditch Quotes**-The Board opened quotes for work to be done on the Van Pelt Ditch. They are as follows:

Smooth Stone Excavating - \$1,995.00.

Bruce Hill & Son Excavating - \$1,800.00.

Ramsey Farms Ag Enterprise, LLC - \$1,800.00.

Because there was a tie between Bruce Hill and Ramsey Farms, Kevin Nigh made the motion to table the decision until the following Monday during the Commissioners Meeting so that Bruce Hill could be present and John DePrez could research the legalities of how to best resolve the issue of the tie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0. Taylor Sumerford will contact Mr. Hill and let him know to be present.

**Mary Moore Ditch**-Mike Larrabee, (a property owner between 1000N and Freeport Rd.), came before the Drainage Board with concerns about the top side of the Mary Moore Ditch. Mike said that though there was a new outlet put in, they have not gotten much or any relief on the top side, and it is causing problems in the laterals, also. There is still a problem with blowholes. David Mohr said that he was by there this morning...and it looks like a lake, so somewhere downstream there is a problem. David Mohr said that he would take a look at it the next morning. Kevin Nigh said that the fund is in the red right now, but it does not show the fall tax installment yet.

**Phillips South**-Taylor Sumerford said that he had gotten a call from Rex Kuhn about the Phillips South Ditch. Taylor said that Rex would like some additional work done. The assessment for this fund goes from \$10.00 per acre to \$5.00 per acre in 2015. Kevin said that the fund has a balance of \$17,000.00 in it right now....and after the fall taxes it should be approximately \$22,000.00. David Mohr said that they would need to get a footage estimate, etc....and more information about what Mr. Kuhn believes needs to be done.

**Ditch Spraying**-Taylor Sumerford said that he was contacted by Dalton's proposing that they extend their spraying bid another year. Taylor said that his concern was that it might discourage other bidders. He said the last 2 or 3 years they've only been getting two bids. Kevin Nigh said that the Highway has been looking into rolling over their bids for a year. Taylor said that he might call Kem Anderson and ask about that process.

**Adjourn**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 8, 2014**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Motion to approve minutes of November 24, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Phillips South Ditch**-David Mohr said that Rex Kuhn recommended the footage, (3,140'), for the work that needs to be done on the Phillips South Ditch. Rex also requested 15" but it could be down-sized at some point to 12". David said that he believes it should be down-sized to 12" at some point, for the economic benefit. David said it could be put out for bid. Kevin Nigh asked if Rex was offering to do the work if the County provided the materials, (as he had done previously). Taylor Sumerford said that he had not spoken to him about that, but he would check with Rex to see. Kevin said that he did not have any current tile prices, and said that maybe Rex would have them. Taylor will ask Rex. David mentioned the possibility of doing half of the work with 15"...and half with 12" tile. David reminded the Board that there was approximately \$17,000.00 in the fund...and that would go quickly with the big tile. Taylor will get back to the Board with the information from Rex.

**Ditch Spraying for 2015**-Kevin Nigh observed that the Board could just rollover the 2014 bids since there is a state statute that allows that. Taylor Sumerford said that he would like to call the other contractor and let him know. Kevin agreed and asked Taylor to make sure that the parties involved were alright with that rollover.

**Shelton and Phillips South Ditches**-Taylor Sumerford said that James Ramsey would like to take a small corner of one legal drain and put it into another legal drain. Taylor said that one is the Shelton Drain and the other is the Phillips South. These are both on maintenance. The corner is probably less than 1/2 acre. James told Taylor that Rush County has a form pertaining to that course of action. Taylor brought a copy for the Board to look over. Kevin Nigh asked Taylor to check and make sure which way the water flowed in that watershed. Taylor will ask Jim Brown for assistance. Kevin Nigh made a motion to table Mr. Ramsey's request until a later date so that more information can be gathered, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Adjourn**

**Motion to approve minutes from December 8, 2014 Don Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.**

**Roberts Ditch and the Powell Ditch**-Taylor Sumerford came before the Drainage Board about the Trans Canada Pipeline in regard to the Roberts Ditch and the Powell Ditch. They are experiencing some wash-out over the pipeline. Don Parker made a motion asking Taylor to contact Bruce Hill about laying riprap between Marietta Rd. and 400 S, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

**Hills Branch**-David Mohr said that Gentry Excavating said that the work that he did on the Hills Branch Ditch got him up to Dale Herthel's line....and that for \$1,800.00 more, he could continue on to Kasco. Kevin Nigh made a motion to pay Gentry Excavating an additional \$1,800.00 to work on the Hills Branch Ditch from Dale Herthel's line to Kasco, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, vote 3/0.

**Shelton and Phillips Ditches**-Taylor Sumerford said that as soon as Jim Brown gets back in the office, he will ask him for help in determining the water flow in the Shelton and Phillips South watershed.

**Adjourn**

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