

TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
February 2, 2022
Drainage Board Meeting Minutes

Those present were:

Tippecanoe County Drainage Board President Tracy A. Brown, Vice President Thomas P. Murtaugh, member David S. Byers, County Surveyor Zachariah Beasley, Drainage Board Attorney Doug Masson, and Drainage Board Executive Administrator Melisa Gipson. Spencer Willem, Surveyor's Office Survey/Drainage Coordinator and Tim Walters, Surveyor's Office GIS Technician were also in attendance.

Approval of January 5, 2022 Drainage Board Meeting Minutes

Vice President Murtaugh made a motion to approve the January 5, 2022 minutes as submitted. David Byers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3330 Klondike Commercial Subdivision

Kyle Betz with Fisher and Associates presented a proposed commercial subdivision at 3330 Klondike Rd. The site is approximately five acres and sits on Klondike Road just south of Coppergate Apartments and west of the Klondike elementary and middle schools. The development consists of three new commercial buildings and associated parking and will use underground detention for stormwater runoff. The site is in the Indian Creek drainage impact area, so it is subject to restricted release rates. The western two-thirds of the property drains due west into an unnamed tributary of Indian Creek, and the eastern third of the site currently drains to an inlet that is located on the Coppergate Apartments property. A portion of this storm pipe is in poor shape, so the developers are going to reroute it to the north and east sides of the site and connect it with a new drainage outlet. The surveyor asked if Fisher and Associates had communicated with the county highway department to get the construction entrance final approval. Mr. Betz confirmed that they were in contact with the county highway department. The surveyor confirmed that the current storm pipe is over 50 years old and has roots and debris present in it. Mr. Betz explained that the storm pipe downstream from the site is undersized and carries more water than it should, but there is no easy method to replace the pipe with a larger pipe because doing so would require running through downstream properties. However, this situation will improve once their underground detention is constructed, and the detention ponds that will be constructed as part of the Klondike schools project will also help improve this situation. Vice President Murtaugh asked if the development is expected to have a single user or multiple users. Mr. Betz clarified that two of the three buildings are going to be about 20,000 square feet and that there will likely be anywhere from three to five users in total. The surveyor recommended conditional approval as stated on the January 27, 2022 review memo. President Tracy Brown asked if there was any public comment. Patrick Jarboe from T-Bird Design commented that he agreed with Mr. Betz's analysis of the project. He also asked if the easement language would be cleaned up, organized, and coordinated with the easement's owner to reflect the new location of the storm pipe. The surveyor confirmed that this would be taken care of on the final plat. Vice President Murtaugh made a motion to conditionally approve the development as stated on the January 27, 2022 review memo. David Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Satisfaction of Mortgage: Marion Dunkin #25 Regulated Drain

Drainage Board Attorney Doug Masson informed the board that Kenny Byers (no relation to David Byers) made all the payments required under the reconstruction assistance program and that the board needs to record the satisfaction of mortgage. David Byers made a motion to record the satisfaction of mortgage. Vice President Murtaugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Petition to Encroach: William Walters #84 Regulated Drain Submitted by: Tiptont - Project 69kV Transmission Line: Consultant Commonwealth Associates, Inc.

The surveyor introduced a petition to encroach submitted by Commonwealth Associates for the Tiptont 69,000-volt transmission line project. The encroachment will occur on the William Walters #84 regulated drain. The project will occur on the north side of the county and follow along State Road 43 into White County. The surveyor recommended approval as presented. Vice President Murtaugh motioned to approve the petition to encroach. David Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Petition to Encroach: S.W.Elliott #100 Regulated Drain Submitted by: Tate & Lyle – Project GSP Networks Duke Fiber Build


The surveyor introduced a petition to encroach on Branch 14 of the S.W. Elliott #100 regulated drain submitted by GSP Networks for an underground fiber project at the Tate & Lyle south plant. The project will occur just north of the railroad tracks on the south side of Lafayette. The surveyor recommended approval as presented. David Byers made a motion to approve the petition to encroach. Vice President Murtaugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Business


The surveyor announced that the surveyor's office had accepted quotes for the E.F. Haywood open ditch and bank stabilization project. Gary Excavating was awarded the job. The surveyor also announced that quotes for the J.B. Anderson open ditch dredging and bank stabilization project would be due Monday, February 7, 2022.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.



Tracy A. Brown, President



Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President



David S. Byers, Member



Melisa Gipson, Executive Administrator