

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY SURVEYOR**

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING**

**20 NORTH 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET**

**LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 47901**

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**MAINTENANCE REPORT**

**Mary McBeth #128 Regulated Drain**

**Tippecanoe County Drainage Board**

**August 20, 2018**

The Mary McBeth county regulated drain was originally constructed in 1909 as a branch of the John S. Lofland drain per Tippecanoe County Superior Court Cause 9171, Box No. 394. The drain and its watershed are located in Sections 26 and 35 of Township 21 North and Range 5 West in the political township of Randolph and Sections 27, 33 and 34 of Township 21 North and Range 5 West in the political township of Jackson, Tippecanoe County and Sections 3 and 4 of Township 20 North and Range 5 West in the political township of Coal Creek, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Per the records in the county surveyors office there has been two previous unsuccessful attempts made to establish a maintenance fund for the Mary McBeth. Once in 1986 and again in 2006.

A petition signed by landowners representing approximately 12% of the benefitted acres was filed in the county surveyor's office in November 2017 and accepted by the drainage board on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. Since then the surveyor has conducted an informal meeting with landowners representing over 70% of the benefitted watershed acres. These landowners verbally agreed to support the maintenance rate hearing and project.

Currently there are zero (0) lineal feet of open ditch and 12,310 lineal feet of tile. Based on the existing severe erosion conditions on the downstream end of the drain landowners have requested the lower end be converted into an open ditch for 2250 lineal feet. Approximately 1300 lineal feet of tile will be replaced. Upon completion of the maintenance project there will be 2250 lineal feet of open ditch and a total of 10,060 lineal feet of tile to be maintained by this maintenance fund. The watershed contains 1526.06 acres.

It is the judgment of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor that a sum of \$80,355.00 is needed to perform the much needed maintenance on this system.

An assessment of \$6.50 per acre and a \$20.00 minimum over an 8 year period is recommended. This will generate \$80,273.12 over an 8 year period.

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It is the professional opinion of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor this rate will allow for the long overdue maintenance work and ensure that monies will be generated for future maintenance on this system.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Tippecanoe County Surveyor

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