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**MAINTENANCE REPORT
ON THE MOSES BAKER #114 REGULATED DRAIN
TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
APRIL 18, 2017**

The Moses Baker was originally established in Tippecanoe County Circuit Court, Case Number 2878 in 1883 and rebuilt and extended to and through the E.M. Platt Ditch in 1938. The drain and it's watershed are located in Sections 5 through 10, 15 through 18, 21 and 22 in Township 21 North, Range 3 West and Sections 12 and 13 in Township 21 North, Range 4 West in the political township of Lauramie, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

The Moses Baker Drain Maintenance Fund was established by the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board on the 21st day of May 2003.

Since the creation of the maintenance fund in 2003, the lower 2/3's of the open ditch has received necessary repair and maintenance work. The purpose of this hearing is to bring under maintenance additional tile and raise the per acre assessment.

The Moses Baker watershed contains 3178.93 acres. Currently the Moses Baker has 25,300 lineal feet of open ditch and 9684 lft. of tile that includes the Headwall Branch, Osborn Branch and South Branch covered by the maintenance fund. The proposed assessment is intended to also provide maintenance for the 5868 lineal feet of tile on the Cox Branch.

It is the judgement of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor that a sum of \$152,020.00 is needed to finish the remaining open ditch maintenance and improve the existing tile Branch systems.

An assessment of \$5.75 per acre and a \$20.00 minimum over an eight (8) year period is recommended. This will generate \$150,222.42 over an eight (8) year period. At present time there are charges totaling \$102,072.28 against this drain to the General Drain Improvement Fund.

It is the opinion of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor this rate increase will allow for the remaining open ditch clearing and dredging work and also ensure that monies will be generated for future maintenance on this system.

Respectfully Submitted by;



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