

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES
June 9, 2021**

The Montgomery County Drainage Board met on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dave Rhoads followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Vicki Emmert gave the prayer.

Board members in attendance were Chairman Dave Rhoads; Vice Chairman John Frey, Secretary Matt Mitchell and members Lance Sennett and Doug Mills. Present were Tom Cummins, Surveyor, Vicki Emmert Secretary and Attorney Tyler Nichols.

Also present was Brenda Foster, Michael Sowers, Mark Barclay, Emily Smith and Roger Azar.

There were no meetings in April and May 2021.

Approval of Minutes

John Frey moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the March 10, 2021 Drainage Board minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

There were no hearings, stormwater or petitions to report on today.

Old Business

Tom Cummins reported that public meetings should be held for the **William Shelley #706** and the **Claude Moody # 583** drains in June and/or July. Mr. Cummins requested the Board to email him dates that they would not be available so that arrangements can be made for the meetings.

New Business

Tom Cummins reported he has been working with Mike Sowers. In 2012, landowners came before the Board to add a private mutual drain in Ripley Township to the **Swearingen-Runyon 1 #557**. At that time, **Swearingen-Runyon 2 #719** was created. Mr. Cummins has been working with landowner Michael Sowers concerning the reconstruction in 2013 of the **Swearingen-Runyon 2 #719**. The overhead projector was used to display the area. The overhead projector displayed the new tile and what at the time of the reconstruction was believed to be a private tile running in the area. There were no maps of the area to prove it different. Foster Farm Drainage does not have a camera but Maxwell Farm Drainage does and he went into the drain and GPS'd the area. Since this work will be done after a considerable time after the reconstruction Mr. Cummins wanted it to be known now why it is being done. The proposal is to now destroy the old tile and connect any laterals into the new tile and the GPS work to be paid out of maintenance. The new drain was constructed following the surface swale.

Mike Sowers – reported the old tile both clay and plastic is causing maintenance issues.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by John Frey, to destroy the old tile and connect any laterals that are necessary in the Swearingen Runyon 2 #719 and the project be paid for out of maintenance. Motion carried, 5-0.

Tom Cummins proposed setting reconstruction hearing dates for the **Clarence Widener #582 and the Otis Thompson #708** for the July 14, 2021 meeting. Both of these drains are on the classification report in need of reconstruction in the long-range plan for this year. The overhead projector was used to display the areas.

Doug Mills – inquired where the drains are.

Tom Cummins – reported the **Clarence Widener #582** is just south of Crawfordsville and crosses 231 near Walmart. All subsurface water runs into a private open ditch. The engineers are looking into options for the drain outlet.

John Frey- reported there is a residential development possibly in that area and it needs to be addressed also.

Doug Mills – reported it is zoned Ag but can be changed to urban if needed.

Dave Rhoads – inquired if Gary McCutchan owns the ground.

Tom Cummins - reported Gary McCutchan owns most of the land.

Tom Cummins proposed setting a hearing date for the **Otis Thompson #708** for the July 14, 2021 meeting. Reconstruction of the downstream portion was completed around 2017 and now ready to work on the upstream portion. Used the overhead projector to display the areas.

Doug Mills – inquired about the railroad.

Tom Cummins –reported we did not reconstruct the area around the railroad. The existing tile was of adequate size and grade.

Lance Sennett moved, seconded by Doug Mills, to set reconstruction hearings for the Clarence Widener #582 and the Otis Thompson #708 for July 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Courthouse. Motion carried, 5-0.

Dave Rhoads- inquired about the new proposed Tempur Sealy plant coming to Montgomery County and there being a regulated drain in area.

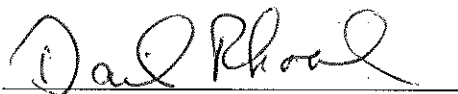
Tom Cummins – reported it is the **John Galey #518** drain and used the overhead projector to display the area. The proposed company will be responsible for paying for any drainage work and any redirecting of tile that will be required for the project.

Mike Sowers- thanked everyone involved for the 2013 reconstruction and for the GPS work recently done. It is nice to know where the file is.

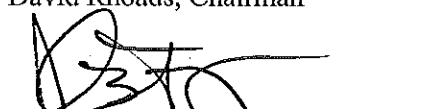
The next meeting will be July 14, 2021.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by John Frey, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm. Motion carried, 5-0.

Vicki Emmert,
Recording Secretary




David Rhoads, Chairman




John Frey, Vice Chairman



Matt Mitchell, Secretary



Lance Sennett, Member



Doug Mills, Member

Dave Rhoads- inquired will the company re-connect the laterals.

Tom Cummins – reported the company would have to submit a drainage plan and address the laterals. Safeguards will be in place.

John Frey – reported Bob Coon contacted him about the **Clifton Coon #509** but he could not recall the issue very well.

Tom Cummins – reported the **Clifton Coon #509** has surface water issues. Repairs are needed at the area where it crosses into Fountain County. Mr. Cummins recommended to privately install riprap in the area and is not aware of any subsurface water issues. The overhead projector was used to display the area.

John Frey – reported he would call him back.

Tom Cummins – reported if Mr. Coon needs to meet with the Mr. Cummins to please call him for further information. Reported it used to be a joint drain with Fountain County.

Roger Azar – reported he did not see any issues with the tile, as it is the head wall.

Tom Cummins – Fountain County is working on their drains and it may be appropriate in the future to make it a joint drain again to help maintain the outlet.

Other Business

Tom Cummins presented the Board with the 2021 Drain Classification Report. The report list the drains in need of periodic maintenance, reconstruction, or in need of vacating.

John Frey – inquired about the **Joe Hall #581** the beaver dams have been removed, but are back again. The water level is an issue. Kenny Cain is supposed to repair it.

Tom Cummins – inquired what is a viable time frame for a contractor to get a job completed before requesting a new contractor.

Dave Rhoads – reported give them thirty days to repair it or will call in a new contractor to complete the project.

Dave Rhoads – inquired there are fifteen drains in need of reconstruction on the classification report. Inquired what the top three on the list are.

Tom Cummins – reported possibly reconstructing three this year and with the goal of the **Joel Tobin #576** this summer too. Plan to set a hearing at the July meeting. Mr. Cummins will present the long-range report at the July meeting.