

# STARKE-MARSHALL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2024

@ 8:30 A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Starke-Marshall Drainage Board met in regular session in the Starke County Government Building meeting room this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024. The following members were present: Matt Lawrence, Charlie Chesak, Mike Burroughs, Stan Klotz, Thomas Schouten: Starke County Surveyor, Autumn Ferch: Drainage Board Attorney and Gwen Rentz: Drainage Board Recording Secretary. Maurice Loehmer was not in attendance. The following proceedings were held to wit:

## IN RE: MINUTES

Stan Klotz motioned to approve the draft of the September 17, 2024 minutes. Matt Lawrence seconded the motion with 4 ayes.

## IN RE: CLAIMS

Mike Burroughs made a motion to approve the claims. Matt Lawrence seconded the motion with 4 ayes.

## IN RE: OPEN BIDS - House Ditch

Thomas asked the board to reject the bids due to changes on the project. Stan Klotz motioned to reject the bid, write up new proposal and send out new bids. Mike Burroughs seconded with 4 ayes.

## IN RE: 2024 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Thomas presented a list of projects from 2024. No Discussion.

## IN RE: 2025 DRAINAGE BOARD DATES

Thomas stated that the next board meeting will be January 8, 2025.

## IN RE: NEW BUSINESS

Thomas stated that he has been working with Autumn Ferch in regards to a drainage issue. Thomas was not able to find any paperwork stating if the tile belongs to the county or a private tile. The water issues have been going on for several years. The property owner stated to the board that the drainage issues began when area homes installed perimeter drain tiles around their septic systems. Stan Klotz asked if the county is positive this issue is a county regulated tile. Autumn stated that it has not been determined that the tile is the county's responsibility. Stan Klotz asked Autumn if legally the board can decide on how to proceed. Autumn stated that this is step 1 in the process. Charlie asked if the board moves forward with this project if that then gives the board rights to the tile. Autumn stated it depends on what the board decides to do moving forward. Thomas stated that he has no idea where any documentation went in regards to this tile. He has not been able to locate any paperwork. Craig from Marshall County stated that in the past he has created a watershed for anyone that will be using a tile. Come up with watershed, a price to repair then prorate the price into acreage then install the tile according to county specs then the county takes over the tile and puts on assessment. This project would need a public hearing. Autumn stated that we will discuss more at the January meeting. Matt Lawrence motioned to move forward with this project. Seconded by Stan Klotz with 4 ayes.

Thomas informed the board that he sent out bid proposals to spray contractors for 4-5-year contracts but has not received anything back.

With no further business to come before this board at this time, Mike Burroughs motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stan Klotz seconded the motion with 3 ayes.



Charlie Chesak, President

Mike Burroughs, Vice President



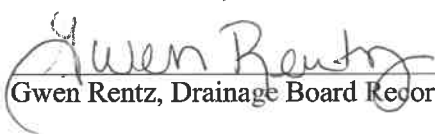
Matt Lawrence, Secretary



Stan Klotz, Member

Maurice Loehmer, Member

Thomas Schouten, Starke County Surveyor



Gwen Rentz, Drainage Board Recording Secretary