

4 COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

MAY 8, 2025

@ 8:30 A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment the 4 County Drainage Board met in regular session in the Starke County Government Building meeting room this 27th day of May 2025. The following members were present: Ed Jernas, Jeff Mitzner, Adam Faulstich, Ken Redlin, Gwen Rentz: Starke County Surveyor, Autumn Ferch: Drainage Board Attorney, Sara Dingman: Recording Secretary. The following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: FEBRUARY 20, 2025 MINUTES

Jeff Mitzner made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2025 meeting. Ken Redlin seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

IN RE: CLAIMS

The following claims were submitted to the board for approval: Beaver Excavating/Keller Arm - \$6,000, Dirtworks/Carlson - \$3,500, DNR/Robbins - \$200, Renfrow/Lawrence Pontius - \$1,950. Jeff Mitzner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Adam Faulstich seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

IN RE: BEALL DITCH

The Beall Ditch project had come before the board and the board had motioned to table. Gwen noted that she believed it was in their best interest to bid phase 2 of the project. There are some drainage concerns in that area. Phase 1 looked great. Phase 2 would be 6,600 feet. Jeff Mitzner made a motion to bid out phase 2 of the Beall Ditch. Ken Redlin seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

IN RE: BURNSIDE TILE & POWELL TILE

Gwen informed the board that Craig Cultice had informed her of two broken tile issues that needed something done to fix them. Due to these tiles being on farm field they were deemed emergency jobs by the board. Gwen informed the board she would confirm they are county tiles and then proceed with the emergency work.

IN RE: SOLOMON DITCH – APPROVAL LETTER ANCILLA


Gwen informed the board they did receive Ancilla's approval letter for the Solomon Ditch project that was presented at the February 20, 2025 meeting.

IN RE: GEARHART DITCH – LIVESTOCK IN DITCH

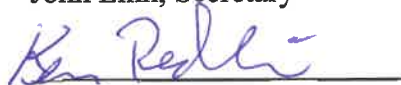
Gwen informed the board that she had received complaints from an adjoining property owner of animals in the ditch. Gwen sent certified mail to the property owner and has not received any response. She would like to see what can be done about getting this resolved. The cattle are getting out under a broken fence and the fence is on the county right of way to the ditch. Gwen wanted the board's permission to move forward with the process that is specified in the drainage handbook.

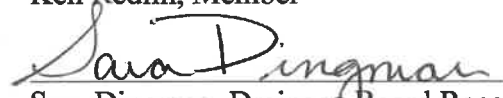
IN RE: NEW BUSINESS

With no further business to come before this board at this time, Jeff Mitzner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Adam Faulstich seconded the motion with all ayes.


Ed Jernas, President


ABSENT
John Linn, Secretary


Ken Redlin, Member


Sara Dingman, Drainage Board Recording Secretary


Jeff Mitzner, Vice President


Adam Faulstich, Member


Gwen Rentz, Starke County Surveyor