

**St. Joseph County Drainage Board Meeting  
January 6, 2019 – Room 732 County-City Building**

**Public Hearing on the Twyckenham - Douglas Basin**

The Public Hearing on the following basin, Twyckenham – Douglas Basin, was called to order at 8:28 a.m. There was no one present to speak at the Public Hearing. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. John Linn being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. John Linn to classify Twyckenham – Douglas Basin as an Urban Drain and to put it in Juday Creek being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made at 8:30 a.m. by Mr. John Linn being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

**St. Joseph County Drainage Board Meeting**

The St. Joseph County Drainage Board Meeting was called to order by Mr. Thomas Schlarb at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present:

**Thomas Schlarb  
John Linn  
John Summers**

**Brandie Ecker, Attorney  
John R. McNamara, Ex-Officio Member  
Karisa Buckwheat, Administrative Assistant**

**APPROVAL OF December 3, 2019 MINUTES**

Mr. Thomas Schlarb asked for approval of the December 3, 2019 minutes. Mr. John Summers made a motion to approve the minutes being seconded by Mr. John Linn and the motion carried.

**PROPOSALS**

There were no proposals for consideration.

**SURVEYORS REPORT**

**A. Elect President and Vice President of the Drainage Board**

Mr. Thomas Schlarb let the board know that he was interested in continuing his term as the Drainage Board President. Mr. John Linn made a motion to appoint Mr. Thomas Schlarb as the Drainage Board President being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

Mr. Randall Matthys let Karisa Buckwheat know that he was interested in continuing his term as the Drainage Board Vice President, Karisa Buckwheat let the board know. Mr. John Linn made a motion to appoint Mr. Randall Matthys as the Drainage Board Vice President being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

Mr. Thomas Schlarb made a motion to appoint Karisa Buckwheat as the Drainage Board Secretary being seconded by Mr. John Linn and the motion carried.

### **B. Payment to Contractors**

Mr. John Linn made a motion to pay the contractors being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

### **C. Change of Assessments**

Mr. John McNamara let the Board know that this most often was just combining or splitting some properties. Mr. John Linn made a motion to approve the Change of Assessments being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

### **D. Request for St. Patrick's Urban Drain**

Mr. John Summers made a motion to approve the request to attach an 8-inch diameter drainage pipe connection to an existing storm sewer manhole that is part of the St. Patrick's Urban Drain system. Approval of the request is subject to the approval of the drainage plan. Mr. John Linn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **E. Recommendation to increase Urban Drain Assessments**

Mr. John McNamara recommended that the Drainage Board increase the following Urban Drain assessments by 25%. IC 36-9-27-42 of the State Drainage Code allows the Board to do so once only, without a hearing.

Beechwood Estates \$25.00 per lot to \$31.25 per lot.

Birchwood Farms \$20.00 per lot to \$25.00 per lot.

Creston Hills East \$10.00 per lot to \$12.50 per lot.

Heather Lake \$20.00 per lot to \$25.00 per lot.

Mr. John Summers made a motion to increase the Urban Drain assessment by 25% being seconded by Mr. John Linn and the motion carried.

### **F. Yellow River Representative**

Mr. John Linn volunteered to be the Yellow River Representative. Mr. Thomas Schlarb made a motion to appoint Mr. John Linn as the Yellow River Representative being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Permission to Cross Drainage Ditch**

NIPSCO submitted a request for permission to cross the Niespodziany Ditch. After review Mr. John Linn made a motion to approve the request to cross the Niespodziany Ditch being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

**PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Jared Huss and Breagan Eicher of Lawson-Fisher Associates P.C. with offices at 525 W. Washington St., South Bend, IN 46601 were present to address an outfall request to Rogers Clark Ditch. Drainage issues exist at Bendix Woods County Park. They are working to address the issues by rerouting the runoff and discharging it into Rogers Clark Ditch which is the same ditch where the current flow discharges. A detention pond will be constructed on the Navistar property to reduce the peak discharge. The proper access easements will be obtained. Navistar will maintain the basin. The system is being designed to make sure that there is no undue impact to Rogers Clark Ditch. Mr. John McNamara made a recommendation to approve the request.

Mr. John Linn made a motion to approve the request being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

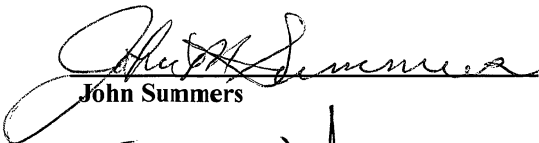
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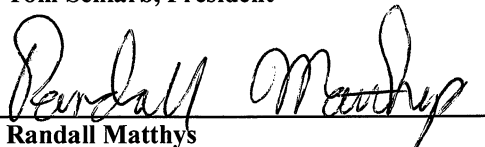
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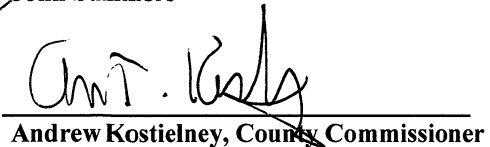
Mr. John Linn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 a.m. being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

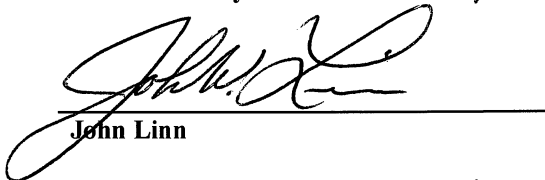
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Tom Schlarb, President

  
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John Summers

  
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Randall Matthys

  
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Andrew Kostielney, County Commissioner

  
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John Linn

Dated this 3 day of February 2020.