

**St. Joseph County Drainage Board Meeting
February 1, 2021 – Room 732 County-City Building**

Public Hearing on The Haven Subdivision

The Public Hearing on the following basin, The Haven Subdivision, was called to order at 8:27 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 Summers being seconded by Commissioner Dieter and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. John Summers to classify The Haven Subdivision as an Urban Drain and to put it in the existing Juday Creek being seconded by Commissioner Dieter and the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made at 8:30 a.m. by Mr. John Summers being seconded by Mr. John Linn 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
Derek D. Dieter, Commissioner Representative
John R. McNamara, Ex-Officio Member
Karisa Buckwheat, Administrative Assistant**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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 not being present at the Drainage Board Meeting was nominated as Vice President of the Drainage Board. 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. John Linn made a motion to appoint Karisa Buckwheat as the Drainage Board Secretary being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PRIORITY LIST

Mr. John Summers made a motion to approve the Priority List for 2021 being seconded by Mr. Thomas Schlarb and the motion carried.

MEETING LIST FOR 2021

Mr. John Linn asked the board to move the April 5, 2021 meeting date out to April 12, 2021. The board agreed. Mr. John Summers made a motion to approve the meeting list for 2021 with the updated April 12, 2021 meeting date being seconded by Mr. Thomas Schlarb and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF November 2, 2020 MINUTES

Mr. Thomas Schlarb asked for approval of the November 2, 2020 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. Payment to Contractor

With the board unable to see the Payment to Contractor Attorney Brandie Ecker suggested to table it until the March 1, 2021 Drainage Board Meeting. Mr. John Linn made a motion to table the Payment to Contractor until March 1, 2021 being seconded by Commissioner Dieter and the motion carried.

B. Change of Assessments

With the board unable to see the Change of Assessments Attorney Brandie Ecker suggested to table it until the March 1, 2021 Drainage Board Meeting. Mr. John Linn made a motion to table the Change of Assessment until March 1, 2021 being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

C. Clover Hills Subdivision

Mr. John Summers made a motion to set the Clover Hills Subdivision for a Public Hearing on April 12, 2021 at 8:27 a.m. being seconded by Mr. John Linn and the motion carried.

D. Silver Oak Estates

Mr. John Linn Made a motion to set Silver Oak Estates for a Public Hearing on April 12, 2021 at 8:28 a.m. being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

Matt Meersman, Director of the St. Joseph River Basin Commission was present to speak about Senate Bill 389. Senate Bill 389 repeals Indiana's state wetland regulation. Mr. Meersman stated that there are problems with our state wetland regulations. He let the board know that he is asking our legislators to improve the regulations rather than eliminating them. He is encouraging everyone to contact their representative and tell them all wetlands are important for clean water and flood protection in our lakes and streams.

(Video Position 16:01)

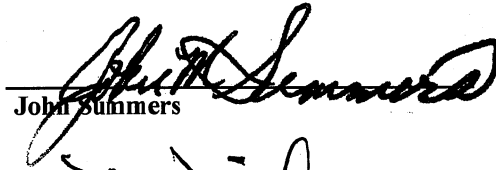
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. John Linn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 a.m. being seconded by Mr. John Summers and the motion carried.

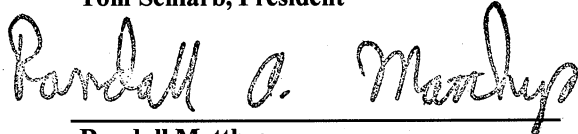
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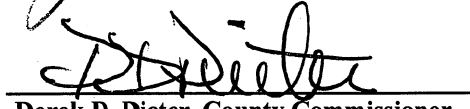
Tom Schlarb, President



John Summers



Randall Matthys



Derek D. Dieter, County Commissioner

John Linn

Dated this 1 day of March 2021.