

**St. Joseph County Drainage Board Meeting
June 5, 2023 – 4th floor Chambers - County-City Building**

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
Randall Matthys
John Summers
John Linn**

**Derek D. Dieter, Commissioner Representative
Robert L. Kruszynski Jr., Ex-Officio Member
Marcel Lebbin, Attorney
Morgan Ealy, Administrative Assistant**

APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2023, MINUTES

(Audio Position 00:00:14)

Mr. John Linn made a motion to approve the April 3, 2023, minutes, being seconded by Mr. Derek Dieter and carried unanimously, 5-0.

SURVEYORS REPORT

(Audio Position 00:00:27)

A. Payment to Contractors

Mr. John Linn: I had a question about the Lawson-Fisher work. What were they doing?

Mr. John Law: When the County redid Gumwood Road and then Cleveland Road north, they put in a basin. The original plan was that the basin wasn't supposed to hold water. It's holding water, so John, before he left, agreed to pay Lawson-Fisher to figure out why and also a solution. Once the diagnostic side is done, the County Engineering will pay for reconstruction of whatever is needed for the basin.

Mr. Thomas Schlarb: What's the deal on Quinn Road where Allsop was digging? It's the worst thing I've ever seen. Where you go back off Quinn to the south.

Mr. John Law: I talked to Al about that and he's going to come back and level all that. It's on the East Bunch south of Quinn between Juniper and Ivy.

Mr. Thomas Schlarb: I don't want any payment on that job until he finishes it. I don't see it listed here.

Mr. John Law: He hasn't charged us yet.

Mr. John Linn: It's not the Quinn to Osborne partial? That's a different project?

Mr. John Law: That was the original contract. Once he got going, he got additional things to get done. I saw that he is coming back and leveling all that. It's part of the contract.

Mr. Thomas Schlarb: I want to make sure that's taken care of before we pay any of that.

Mr. John Law: I got him coming back to do all that leveling and picking up sticks.

Mr. Thomas Schlarb: It's a mess. I've never seen a job that bad.

Mr. Robert Kruszynski: John received a couple other calls about that and went out there and saw it. John was pretty upset about it too.

Mr. John Linn: Can you remember what the Aerial Influence is? Is that our drone? Does it work?

Mr. Robert Kruszynski: We do have a drone. John is in the process of getting his licensing for it. He's been practicing with it.

Mr. John Linn: Are they actually flying something for us or is that training or equipment?

Mr. John Law: We got the drone, but you have to have a license to fly it.

Mr. John Linn: What is the \$6,100 to Aerial Influence?

Mr. John Law: That's buying the drone.

Mr. Randall Matthys: Is that the full payment for the drone then?

Mr. John Law: Yes. The licensing is \$175 for practice and \$250 to take the test.

Mr. Randall Matthys: This came out of the Juday Creek fund?

Mr. Robert Kruszynski: Yes. Before John left, he told John Law that if we buy one, we'll take it out of a couple of drainage ditch that it's hard for us to get to. So, John took it out of the Juday Creek ditch fund.

Mr. John Linn made a motion to approve the April payment to contractors, being seconded by Mr. Randall Matthys and carried unanimously, 5-0.

B. Change of Assessments

(Audio Position 00:11:20)

None.

PITTMAN DITCH

(Audio Position 00:11:34)

Mr. Robert Kruszynski: They went private in 2021 and there was plenty of documentation to warrant them not being assessed for the Pittman Ditch, but when it was vacated in 2021, they were assessed in 2022. It was a total of around \$3,100 that they were all assessed. John Law and I met with the President of the Pittman, and he said do whatever is necessary to reimburse them. Instead of sending the property owners \$10 and then talking to the Auditor's office, if something

needs to be done on the Pittman for \$3,100, we can just pay and take care of it that way. I wanted to make the Board aware of it, but Marcel also agreed. They also wanted Elm Road paved, and we got that done for him too.

Mr. Thomas Schlarb: On Dogwood north of New, the section they just did, the pipe is going to wash out with how they laid it.

Mr. John Law: That tile has been my sore spot for a long time. On Quinn Road, we will have to tear up that whole road to replace that culvert and then repave. The culvert for whatever reason sunk, so there's a lip right there that has been catching stuff. I told Engineering about it when it was happening, and they said they would look at it and nothing has been done.

Mr. Thomas Schlarb: The curve south of me on 331 where the Birk 7 goes past where the big barn is falling, we need to do something. Both ends are falling. It's where Fir Road used to go straight on there. It's going to be a big job. Does that resort back to the landowner?

Mr. John Law: I'm not familiar with the situation. I'll come down and look at it. Is it a State culvert or a County culvert?

Mr. Thomas Schlarb: 331 does not go over it and the County Road is closed. Kevin and Doug both came to look at it and told me it was going to be a hard job. We don't know how we're going to bid it out either because they weren't sure what it would get into because everything is going to be in there. How do we want to handle this? I don't know who owns the pipe. It's a cement pipe.

Mr. John Law: I'll have to look at it and see who owns what.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

(Audio Position 00:30:15)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

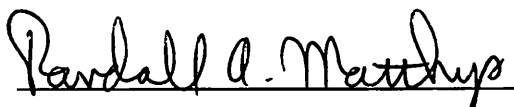
(Audio Position 00:30:26)

Mr. John Linn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m., being seconded by Mr. Randall Matthys, and the motion was unanimously carried, 5-0.

St. Joseph County Drainage Board


Thomas Schlarb, President


John Summers


Randall A. Matthys

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Derek D. Dieter, County Commissioner

John Linn

Dated this 10th day of July, 2023