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**WARRICK COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

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**DEPARTMENT OF STORM WATER**

**September 9, 2019**

Regular Session

Old Historic Courthouse

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The Warrick County Drainage Board and Department of Storm Water met in regular session with Bob Johnson, President; Dan Saylor, Vice President; Terry Phillippe, Secretary, Morrie Doll, Attorney, Jason Baxter, Deputy Surveyor; Steve Sherwood, Director of Storm Water; and Jennifer Curry, Recording Secretary.

\**Phil Baxter, Surveyor-absent*

Present in the audience was Joe Grassman, Glen Krueger.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

President Johnson opened the meeting of September 9 ,2019 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Bob Johnson: First we have the approval of minutes for August 26, 2019.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I make a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: Second.

President Bob Johnson: All in favor. 3-0

**CLAIMS:**

President Bob Johnson: Claims? We have $69.02

Commissioner Dan Saylor: I make a motion to pay the claims

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I will second.

President Bob Johnson: All in favor. 3-0

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

President Bob Johnson: Other business, Jason.

Jason Baxter: I just had a couple things, the log jam on Pigeon Creek I sent bid packs out and have a pre-bid meeting this Thursday, September 12, 2019 on it. On Angel Ditch with the ditch reconstruction I sent out TROE’s last Thursday, September 5, 2019 and we received one back of nine so far. That’s it.

President Bob Johnson: Okay.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Jason, that log jam Pigeon Creek, is that something just Warrick County or is that the one in Vanderburgh?

Jason Baxter: No, this is just Warrick County.

President Bob Johnson: Is that all you have Jason?

Jason Baxter: That’s all I have.

President Bob Johnson: Anything else? Anything for the Drainage Board? Mr. Sherwood.

**STORM WATER DEPARTMENT**

Steve Sherwood: Thank you, Mr. President. Robert’s Ridge Road Drainage Improvement Project has been completed by O’Risky as of August 30, 2019, I had a final inspection meeting on September 3, 2019. In regards to that, I have a change order with #1 that I have authorized the extension of a pipe, it was a buried piece of pipe that we had to extend it a little further outside the right-a-way with the property owners permission, the change order comes to amount of $985.00 on top of our total project cost of $48,720.00 was the total bided cost.

Morrie Doll: So, you are asking for a motion to approve final payment plus…

Steve Sherwood: Well, I will handle the change order first, I would like to have a motion to approve the $985.00 change order.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: I make a motion to approve the $985.00 change order.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Second.

President Bob Johnson: All in favor. 3-0

Steve Sherwood: And then second of all the bided amount of the project again was $48,970.00 I am holding $250.00 in retainage until the grass grows and we can sign on off on that for the yard work and the outside pavement, but inside the road right a way and the disturbed areas outside of the pavement. So, the total amount to be approved for the final invoice less the $250.00 retainage will be $48,720.00, if you would I would like a motion to approve that.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: I make a motion to approve.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: Second.

President Bob Johnson: All in favor. 3-0

Steve Sherwood: Thank you. On the Old Hickory Estates Drainage Improvement Project, if you recall we had the low bid let to Ragle at the last meeting, I will have a pre-conference with the contractor Ragle tomorrow morning on site at 10:30 A.M., once I have information from him as the project manager contact information I will pass that along to the two effected lot owners of this project that will be involved in, and the project scheduled tentatively start one week from today on Monday, September 16, 2019, I will keep the Board apprised the project as it progresses attentativly, that is a 4 week schedule project at this time with up to a 5 day total closure of the roadway for the pipe crossing, that will be taken care of all advance signage and notification related to that including contacting sheriff, fire, and emergency other sources. Unless the Board has any other questions for me, Joe, do you have anything for the Board today?

Joe Grassman: No, I do not.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: I have a question, this morning we got an email about Pigeon Creek flooding, they have a meeting at10:00 A.M. at the State House in room 431 and all the Commissioner’s have received an invite.

President Bob Johnson: What is that Dan?

Commissioner Dan Saylor: The September 18, 2019, 10:00 A.M., Eastern Daylight time, State House room 431..

Steve Sherwood: That would follow after our, I believe we have a meeting with Joint Vanderburgh and Gibson Drainage Board September 16, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. in Vanderburgh County. Terry, as I understand it, you and I will be the two designated people to attend is that correct?

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: That’s the same thing I understand, yes.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: So, is this meeting going to be attended by us, or is that..

Steve Sherwood: I am not, this is the first I heard of it when you mention that.

President Bob Johnson: If we are going to attend, somebody needs to RSVP before this Friday.

Steve Sherwood: I am assuming Ron Bacon is aware of this meeting?

President Bob Johnson: He is the one that sent it.

Morrie Doll: Is it with DNR? Who is it with?

Commissioner Dan Saylor: \**Reading email*\* The chairman who’s honor is discuss the recent flooding issue, if you would like to attend and testify at this meeting please let me know by Friday, an in-term study committee will listen to the Storm Water flooding issues to make recommendation for legislation for what is necessary for the 2020 session.

Morrie Doll: It is an Interim Study Committee by the legislature for possible bills to be admitted in the upcoming session of the general assembly dealing with flooding, this crosses multiple county lines the way it sounds so…

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Storm Water Management Task Force.

Morrie Doll: Yeah, I don’t know that if everybody has to go because they wont want you to repeat each other, if you think it’s imperative that a representative go, one of you should probably talk about the effects of the Warrick County farming and the other issues, we are sort of held hostage here by the Vanderburgh County’s inability to fix this problem.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Dan, thanks for bringing that out I was also going to reserve my response to that email to today, I am the rookie in the room here so I don’t know if I’m the most appropriate one to go although I’d be happy to.

Morrie Doll: The legislative Study Committee normally runs about half a day, there may be time limitations to the period of time you are allowed to speak, it will be chaired by the member of the general assembly, the members that have been appointed to the Study Committee will normally be Natural Resource Committee members or something of that sort. It’s hard to say if it will lead to legislation or not.

Steve Sherwood: If they are wanting some local testimony, there are several farmers who are very passionate about that issue.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: Jason, you were copied on it. Says Surveyor@warrickcounty.gov

Jason Baxter: When did that come in?

Commissioner Dan Saylor: Today.

Steve Sherwood: The Wagner’s are heavily involved with farming that area, Mosley…

President Bob Johnson: I’m not sure if they are asking for just general public though, Councilor what do you think?

Morrie Doll: It’s hard to say, Ron Bacon would be in a better position to answer that question. I wonder if Representative Bacon is on the Interim Study Committee. I mean, I have served on a lot of Interim Study Committees, some of them are pretty productive and some of them aren’t.

Steve Sherwood: May want to ask Mr. Bacon who he thinks should attend.

Morrie Doll: Yes, I recommend that.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: So, if a citizen is appropriate, maybe Tim Mosby would be a good one.

Morrie Doll: Tim is adamant about it.

Steve Sherwood: Tim is a former County Commissioner in that respect too.

Morrie Doll: I don’t think its necessary if all three County Commissioner’s go up if you have other business that needs to be done that day I don’t think it’s necessary. Who knows how many other counties may be representatives there so they may hear several different problems from many different counties, and they will put together what we used to call a “Christmas Tree”, a piece of legislation has many different parts in it, so it has too many good things for anybody to vote against it.

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: If it is feasible someone could make the trip up there then someone would say “okay, you have 2 minutes on the floor”

Morrie Doll: Yeah, very short. This is a project, and I don’t know if you are inclined to do this, but a Google Earth photo of this site might be mounted on foam board, cost about $50 to get that done at Alpha Graphics, would really display this issue, wouldn’t it? Like, showing why it is so difficult to fix this problem, I don’t know if that’s something you are interested in doing or not but maybe Jason and Steve can mark where the county line is and something in that sort of, where that inevitable stream stops and things of that sort. Picture is worth 1000 words.

President Bob Johnson: So, I guess we will wait for a response from Ron and go from there, I certainly wouldn’t have trouble with you, Terry, going up. If they allow citizens, Tim Mosby would be…

Commissioner Dan Saylor: I have a feeling Mosby, or somebody representing those famers out in that area would definitely like to attend this meeting.

Morrie Doll: Even if they couldn’t speak they may want to hear it.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: Right, and be there. So, we sent a message to Ron asking who they recommend, if it’s one of the Commissioners?

Morrie Doll: And if he can give you some of the rules of the road, who’s going to be there and how long, just so you know what to except just so you can adjust your resources and send them accordingly. That would be my advice.

President Bob Johnson: Anything else Mr. Sherwood?

Steve Sherwood: No Sir, thank you.

President Bob Johnson: Anything else from the Board here? Councilor?

Morrie Doll: No Sir.

President Bob Johnson: Glen?

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Terry Phillippe: Make a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Dan Saylor: Second.

President Bob Johnson: All in favor. 3-0