

DRAINAGE BOARD

December 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jay Larson called the regular meeting of the Davison County Drainage Board to order at 7:05 P.M. Auditor Kiepke was absent, so Drainage Administrator Bathke took roll call as follows: Members of the Board present were Gregg Bult, Jerry Buchholz, Jay Larson, and Commissioner Bode. Members absent were Chet Edinger, Mark Klumb, and Commissioners Kiner. Ex-Officio members present were Drainage Administrator Bathke and Drainage Deputy Administrator Jenniges. Ex-Officio members absent were Highway Superintendent Weinberg.

Guests – Loren VanOverschelde, Matt Hayes, and Chad Blindauer.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Bode, second by Buchholz to approve the agenda for the December 6, 2016 meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Buchholz, second by Bode to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT & CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

None.

DON BLINDAUER DRAINAGE-Application #1

Don Blindauer has made an application for a drainage permit. The applicant (Chad Blindauer) was present to answer questions. The location of the drainage project is:

The SE 1/4 of Section 6, Perry Township, T 104 N, R 60 W of the 5th P.M., Davison County. The drainage project will be buried drain tile on the north and south side of the trees; which will drain water to the outlet into a three dot blue line located on L&C Larson Family Farm, the SW ¼ of Section 6, Perry Township, Davison County.

1. Application received November 21, 2016.
2. Applicant and necessary neighbors notified November 23, 2016.

Discussion included Mr. Blindauer giving an explanation of the project. He has spoken with the Larsons, and they do have some concerns dealing with the plan. Administrator Bathke explained he and Deputy Administrator Jenniges have spoken with Kent Larson, family member of L&C Larson; who would like the application tabled until he could have more information on the project.

Administrator Bathke explained what he and Deputy Administrator Jenniges saw on the site visit, which was fairly flat land, no ditch, and a creek on Larson's property (proposed outlet) that has not been cleaned out in several years.

Loren VanOverschelde explained the Larson Creek does not drain at a good rate, which then backs water up to the north; onto his and Luczak's property as well as over the road. He feels adding more water to this creek would exacerbate his water problems.

Commissioner Bode addressed the board seeing two issues; the application and the Larson Creek flow. Administrator Bathke explained how the Larson Creek is low, flat, full of cat-tails, and does not drain properly. He also explained that any cleaning of the Creek would be the land owner's responsibility, not the County. Administrator Bathke explained the applicant could change the outlet to enter the right of way, then travel via buried pipe the last 304' to the creek, with the approval of the HWY Superintendent. However, this was not seen as a viable solution by the board or Mr. VanOverschelde.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Bode to approve the application, pending 1) written approval from L&C Larson Family Farms and 2) from the HWY Superintendent to allow the outlet to enter the right of way, if needed. The motion died for lack of a second. Buchholz asked if we could approve the application without indicating the location of the outlet, which was advised against. Buchholz explained the best course of action would be to table the application, allowing Mr. Blindauer time to develop a better upstream plan and outlet location.

Motion by Buchholz, second by Bult, to table the application to be heard again at a future meeting, allowing Mr. Blindauer time to develop a better upstream plan and outlet location. A roll call vote was taken as follows. Buchholz – Yes, Bult – Yes, Edinger – Absent, Larson – Yes, Kiner – Absent, Bode - Yes, Klumb – Absent. Motion carried.

DON BLINDAUER DRAINAGE-Application #2

Don Blindauer has made an application for a drainage permit. The applicant (Chad Blindauer) was present to answer questions. The location of the drainage project is:

The NW 1/4 of Section 9, Badger Township, T 104 N, R 61 W of the 5th P.M., Davison County. The drainage project will be a buried drain tile that will drain the south 30 acres of the quarter, with the outlet entering a three dot blue line on the same quarter.

1. Application received November 21, 2016.
2. Applicant and necessary neighbors notified November 23, 2016.

Discussion included Mr. Blindauer giving an explanation of the project. Administrator Bathke explained what he and Deputy Administrator Jenniges saw on the site visit, which was a well-defined ditch for the water to flow. The office received no calls on this application.

Motion by Bode, second by Bult, to approve the application as designed and explained. A roll call vote was taken as follows. Buchholz – Yes, Bult – Yes, Edinger – Absent, Larson – Yes, Kiner – Absent, Bode - Yes, Klumb – Absent. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The next meeting will include a request to appoint Board Members Larson, Edinger, and Buchholz to another 3 year term. We will also accept nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and the Oath of Office will be given to all members; as this will be the first meeting of 2017.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

January 17, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN

At 8:06 P.M., Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST

Susan Kiepke, Auditor

Jay Larson, Chairman

Publish Once

Approximate Cost: