The Vanderburgh County Drainage Board met in session this 2nd day of April, 2019 at 4:09 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex with President Jeff Hatfield presiding.

**Call to Order**

President Hatfield: I'll call to order the Vanderburgh County Drainage Board meeting for April 2, 2019.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Hatfield: If we could all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

**Approval of the March 12, 2019 Drainage Board Meeting Minutes**

President Hatfield: Okay, I want to entertain a motion to approve our last meeting’s minutes.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

**2019 Maintenance of Regulated Drains: Award of Contracts**

President Hatfield: Okay, next item, County Surveyor, Jeff Mueller, is going to go through the 2019 maintenance of regulated drains, awarding contracts on regulated drains. Jeff?

Jeff Mueller: Okay, as you can recall, at the last meeting we had a bid opening. Those numbers were ran into the minutes. Linda has put together this spreadsheet that you have before you in your package, and has identified the low bidders. And, therefore, our recommendations, under Bidder A. I do want to point out, and she could go a little bit more in detail, if you want, we did have a new bidder this year. What was that, five cases, four cases, was after the low bidder, but what was it they didn’t supply, Linda? Come on, you know the drill.

Linda Freeman: Yes, Linda Freeman, Vanderburgh County Surveyor’s Office. Basically, the new bidder, Aaron’s Construction and Excavating, did not, he did not notarize his signature on the bid forms, the bid schedules, nor did he supply a bid bond check. I contacted David Jones, our legal counsel, and they stated that their recommendation is, as attorney for the Board, I would have to reject the bids as non-compliant. So, that’s kind of where we went with it.

President Hatfield: But, I do remember seeing an email that you had talked to this bidder and you explained this to him, and he stated that he would be back next year to bid.
Linda Freeman: Yes.
President Hatfield: Okay.
Linda Freeman: He would be back next year.
President Hatfield: Alright.
Linda Freeman: So, he wasn’t, you know—
President Hatfield: Right.
Linda Freeman: --new guy, didn’t quite read all the documents.
President Hatfield: Right.
Linda Freeman: I did talk to him on the phone prior to his bidding, but you can’t explain everything, you know, when he got a full bid packet that told him exactly what he needed to do.
President Hatfield: Right.
Linda Freeman: So—
President Hatfield: Okay.
Commissioner Musgrave: And, the bid packet has a handy checklist—
Linda Freeman: Yes.
Commissioner Musgrave: --and he overlooked?
Linda Freeman: Yes.
Commissioner Musgrave: Okay, so there was not a fault of communication from us to them?
Linda Freeman: No.
Commissioner Musgrave: Okay.
Linda Freeman: So, basically, the spreadsheet as you see before you represents the 120 bids that we opened. We got them jotted down all correctly that day. I was pretty surprised. There are maybe a penny on the total bid type of thing for multiplication stuff that… I did confirm with all the bidders that had the different bids, that we had competitive bids on, that these were their bids. Because I sent them a copy of this as well. Everybody said yes. So, these are good to go.
Commissioner Musgrave: So, you’re looking for a motion to adopt the spreadsheet as the accepted bids?
Linda Freeman: Yes, Bidder A is the lowest bidder, and that’s our recommendation. The other thing is, we need, if you don’t want to sign several contracts, that you allow Madelyn to sign them for you on your behalf and file them in her lovely drainage—
Commissioner Musgrave: Alright, I’ll make a motion to accept the Bidder A, and also to direct Madelyn to stamp our signature.
Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.
President Hatfield: Okay, Madelyn, if you could call the roll.
Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?
Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.
Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?
Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.
Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Hatfield: Good job.

Jeff Mueller: Yes, and she spends a lot of time on this.

Commissioner Musgrave: It shows.

Jeff Mueller: And, keeps the books straight for us and stuff.

President Hatfield: Yeah.

Jeff Mueller: You know, and as we, as you will recall when I bring bid claims through to you, the ditch claims to you that I will say work previously approved by this Board, and that work is the document that I gave you recommending, and, you know, the bids that went out and these bidders. So, everything is following in the logical steps. Okay?

Jeff Mueller: Hunter Chase update. We do not have anything tonight. The document that came in last week addressed some more of the issues, and John and I have been reviewing that, but there's still some outstanding issues. I sent you all an email. Jeff, you replied to it, I know, and, Cheryl, both, you both replied to it, and I think everybody's on the same page. We don't want to bring this thing forward until everybody's happy with it, everybody's looked it over, we've got the "i"s" dotted and the "t"s" crossed. Both attorneys got with me too and noted that, you know, they're aware of what's going on.

President Hatfield: Uh-huh.

Jeff Mueller: And, as I said, I think as long as everybody is on the same page we want to keep this thing going, but we don't want to come in here premature, or have 50 people sitting out here in the audience wanting a paper and arguing and everything else.

President Hatfield: Yeah.

Jeff Mueller: -- to dirt moving season, and stuff like that—

President Hatfield: You've gotta let—

Jeff Mueller: -- and we don't want to be sitting here—

President Hatfield: No, just let it play out, yeah.

Jeff Mueller: Right, and that was, I kind of used a little bit of that to say, I don't think anybody's in here in a hurry to write any paper right now—

President Hatfield: Yeah.

Jeff Mueller: -- as far as a fine or anything else. You guys would rather see a completed document that both sides are happy with.

President Hatfield: Right. Right.

Jeff Mueller: So, that's where we're at, and, so, that's where we are.
Ditch Maintenance Claims

Jeff Mueller: Moving on, one ditch claim. I didn't give you a summary sheet because there is only one claim. This is for the final 15 percent that's owed Big Creek Drainage Association on the Pond Flat Main maintenance.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve the claim.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Other Business

Jeff Mueller: I think the only other thing is, Mr. Jones, in the Commissioners meeting, what he stated, is exactly factual as far as what's going on with Stonegate. He hasn't met with us, he hasn't discussed it with us since things have been going on, and John and I are aware of the situation, and we'll go from there whenever things come our way. So, alright?

President Hatfield: Thank you. So, no other business? Is that it?

Jeff Mueller: The only other thing is that's a little bit disturbing, I know we always try to help everyone to develop. And, I don't have any problems with that. I am a little bit disturbed with House Bill 1625, and I know I talked to you, Commissioner Hatfield about it. Not that we don't want to know what's going on, but it's a little bit disturbing in that it says that any ordinance that the county passes, which would mean if we would make a change to the drainage code, we would have to do an economic analysis. That bothers me, because who's going to pay for these analyses? And, you know, I would like to think, in the end, when we do an analysis, when we do a change, we meet, we discuss it, we all know how it's going to help or hurt things, and everybody has their say. To have us do an economic analysis on these things, I just think is opening a door that I hate to see opened. So, anyway, as a comment, that's all I have.

President Hatfield: Okay.

Jeff Mueller: Okay?

Public Comment

President Hatfield: Any public comment? Okay, seeing none from the two folks that possibly could do that.

Adjournment

President Hatfield: Could I have a motion to adjourn?

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Okay, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.)
Those in Attendance:
Jeff Hatfield        Ben Shoulders    Cheryl Musgrave
Jeff Mueller        David Jones      Madelyn Grayson
Linda Freeman       Others Unidentified Members of Media

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