The Vanderburgh County Drainage Board met in session this 30th day of April, 2019 at 4:21 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex with President Jeff Hatfield presiding.

Call to Order

President Hatfield: Okay, we'll go ahead and call the Vanderburgh County Drainage Board to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Hatfield: Our first item is the Pledge of Allegiance. Would everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

Approval of the April 16, 2019 Drainage Board Meeting Minutes

President Hatfield: The first item is approval of the previous meeting minutes. Madelyn, please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Here.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Request Approval for Flyover of Eagle Slough from Frontier Geospatial

President Hatfield: The next item is request approval for flyover of Eagle Slough from Frontier Geospatial. County Surveyor Mueller?

Jeff Mueller: Yes, when we went out for bids before, this was one thing that wasn't included in that. Although, in my drainage report to you all, I did suggest that once the spring, after we hit spring, and one of these days it will stop raining and creeks will go down, that we do a flyover of Eagle Slough. Eagle Slough is a really long drain that starts close to Green River and then goes into Inland Marina. So, it runs quite a bit of the distance of the levee. As a matter of fact, some of the material that constructed the levee actually came, Eagle Slough was dug and the levee was constructed back in the 30’s was my understanding. But, it’s a hard ditch to get to, to see what’s going on. So, what we want to do is take a drone and have them fly over. These folks did it before, they put a drone over it, we got a great movie, we could sit there and we could look at it, see if there’s any problems. I mean, the alternative, in the good ole days, would be to take a canoe down the thing. I’m getting too old for that. So, anyway, what we’re asking is for approval for $2,000, to award to this group. I know that this agreement was sent over to our County Attorney, and changes were made to it. I believe you’re okay with it, Mr. Jones, is that correct?

David Jones: The revised one.
Jeff Mueller: Yes, which is what you have. So, that's what we’re asking for approval on.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: Madelyn?

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: Hunter Chase?

Jeff Mueller: They were hoping to come in tonight, but after I sent an email to them explaining that, you know, we still have some things to do, they, Shannon Frank agreed, yes, they did have some things to do. So, we’re still working on things. Some of them are on easements. I did see some paperwork from Shannon today on the ownership of the one basin that was going to be worked on. And, like I said, one of the things that I asked her to do was, the homeowners have just now gotten, or the engineer just got their last list, and what I want is for them to say that, you know, hey, we’ve got a problem between this one and this one, and them to come back and say swale 23 will take care of that. You know, let's have it in writing so that the folks can understand that this particular proposal, or that particular proposal by the engineer or the developer will, that's what we’re doing to address the problem. So, it’s all nice and in paper and everybody can see that.

President Hatfield: What I liked about your and John’s responses to all that information that came through, is that you separated out what was truly, in our purview, and what was truly in the civil courts issue, and I really appreciate that.

Jeff Mueller: Well, thank you.

President Hatfield: Because it forces the parties to not look to us to settle a civil dispute.

Jeff Mueller: Yeah, and you know, it’s all of my opinion of what’s in the code—

President Hatfield: Right.

Jeff Mueller: --and in my opinion what’s in the code—

President Hatfield: Yep.

Jeff Mueller: --and sorry folks about the other issues.

President Hatfield: No, very much appreciate your and John’s efforts on that.

Jeff Mueller: Okay, thank you.

(Ditch Maintenance Claims)

President Hatfield: Okay, on ditch maintenance claims.

Jeff Mueller: I have no claims.
Other Business

Jeff Mueller: Although, I will tell you that we did receive notice from one of the farmers that one of the trees went into a ditch, and they’re wanting to remove it for $150. I think it was on one of the Pond Flat ones. You know, normally on things like that, we give them the go ahead to do small jobs like that. I believe the previous Drainage Board gave me approval up to, was it a thousand or $2,000 to do things on an emergency basis?

Commissioner Musgrave: What number do you want?

Jeff Mueller: No more than two.

Commissioner Musgrave: I’ll make a motion to grant emergency approval authority for the amount of $2,000 to the Surveyor. And, you’ll come back to us to let us know—

Jeff Mueller: Yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: --that you exercised that authority?

Jeff Mueller: Yes, yes, but most of the time it’s a tree down. You know, if they want to move it—

President Hatfield: Right.

Jeff Mueller: --$150, a couple hundred bucks, you know, so, okay?

President Hatfield: Okay. Ben, do you want to second her motion?

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion. And, is it again, up to two, is that how we’re phrasing this motion?

Jeff Mueller: Yes.

Commissioner Shoulders: Okay, I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: Madelyn?

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)

Jeff Mueller: I have nothing else.

President Hatfield: Nothing else?

Jeff Mueller: Easy meeting tonight.

Public Comment

President Hatfield: Any public comment?

Adjournment

President Hatfield: Okay, with that, just need a motion for adjournment.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: The meeting is adjourned. Thank you.
(The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.)

Those in Attendance:
Jeff Hatfield
Jeff Mueller
Others Unidentified

Ben Shoulders
David Jones
Members of Media

Cheryl Musgrave
Madelyn Grayson

VANDERBURGH COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

Jeff Hatfield, President

Ben Shoulders, Vice President

Cheryl Musgrave, Member

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