The Vanderburgh County Drainage Board met in session this 14th day of March, 2017 at 3:33 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex with President Cheryl Musgrave presiding.

**Call to Order**

President Musgrave: I would like to call to order the March 14th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Drainage Board.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Musgrave: If you will stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

**Approval of the February 28, 2017 Drainage Board Meeting Minutes**

President Musgrave: Do I have a motion to approve the previous minutes?

Commissioner Shoulders: So moved.

President Musgrave: I will second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Shoulders: Aye.

President Musgrave: Aye. The motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

**Emergency Removal of Beaver Dams within Wabash Eerie Canal**

Jeff Mueller: Do you want me to take off from there?

President Musgrave: Yes.

Jeff Mueller: Emergency removal of the beaver dams within the Wabash Eerie Canal. I just wanted to let you know that work has been completed. We'll keep an eye out on this to see if our little friends return, and also to see if we can find a hut, where they're hanging out at.

**Bid Specifications for 2017 Maintenance of Regulated Drains & Permission to Advertise Notice to Bidders**

Jeff Mueller: Next is bid specifications for 2017 maintenance of regulated drains. You have before you a really thick package, and if you don't want it, we'll take it back, because we'll send it to our bidders. Anyway, which is for the bids for the 2017 maintenance work. As you recall, the annual report was submitted to you on the February 7th meeting, along with the ditch rates. So, we have a plan in place, we have the funding mechanism, unlike the federal government, in place, and now we're ready to go for bids. So, the bids are to be advertised on March 17th and March 24th. You have a copy of that advertisement in your package. We'll need you to sign that. So, I'll need a motion on that in just a minute. So, the bids will be due on noon April 4th, and they would be opened that night and taken under advisement. Then we would come back on April 11th with recommendations and awarding. So, if there's anybody watching that's interested in bidding, or listening, they contact the Surveyor's Office and request a package, and Linda can mail it to you. Once, we also have a few additional projects beyond the annual maintenance, and we're still
kind of working on the paperwork. So, in the big package we do say that there are four projects that we’re not bidding at this time, but we want persons to let us know if they would be interested in bidding those projects. Once we work through the issues we can also move forward on those projects. Those projects are: removal of a structure on Kolb Ditch; tree removal in Wesselman Woods; work on Keil Ditch, and work on Crawford Brandeis south of Lynch Road. On all four of those ditches we’ve got some access issues that we’re trying to get through. So, like I said, once we do that, we’ll also contact any bidder that’s interested and we’ll work on those. We’ll be coming back to you on those. So, with that in mind, like I said, you have a package. If you want the Reader’s Digest version, there’s a spreadsheet. This kind of tells you everything that’s in this, so you know what you’re bidding on. A lot of it’s regular maintenance, spraying, so on and so forth. Some of that regular maintenance, we’ll also be getting some stuff from Big Creek, because they’ll probably have a few extra projects that they’ll want to do. So, with that, I would like to request that you approve the advertisement for the newspaper, so that we can move ahead with that.

President Musgrave: Well, let me have a question here.

Jeff Mueller: Okay.

President Musgrave: Did you need a motion for the emergency removal of beaver dams?

Jeff Mueller: You gave me one at the last meeting.

President Musgrave: Okay. So, the bid specifications of 2017 maintenance of regulated drains is your, besides the claims, that’s it for today?

Jeff Mueller: Yeah, I’ve got some claims, and the only other thing, I’ve got one other thing to tell you about. So, that’s going to be it.

President Musgrave: Alright, is there a motion for the bid specifications?

Jeff Mueller: To advertise, yes.

President Musgrave: Advertise, yes.

Commissioner Shoulders: Yeah, so moved.

President Musgrave: And, I’ll second. And I’ll say, it looks like a tremendous amount of work.

Jeff Mueller: Well, don’t give me credit, give Linda credit, okay.

President Musgrave: Alright.

Jeff Mueller: So, she is the paperwork pusher on this every year. I just kind of look at some of the special things and say, here’s what we would want to include, or what we kind of want to do different, but the paperwork is all pushed through through her and all of the bids coming in, and all of the tabulations and all of the awarding and checks, and all of the other stuff. The other person that helps is up here, Madelyn. So, those two gals keep the work, the paperwork moving.

President Musgrave: So, in otherwords, anything that goes wrong, it’s Linda’s fault?

Jeff Mueller: No, no, no, the buck stops here.

Madelyn Grayson: Linda and I are like peanut butter and jelly.

Jeff Mueller: I take responsibility for the office.

President Musgrave: Alright.

Jeff Mueller: We’re not going to do that.

President Musgrave: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Shoulders: Aye.
President Musgrave: Aye. The motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

Other Business

Jeff Mueller: A couple things, just on other business real fast. I do want to let you know that on Pond Flat, there was some work to be done underneath the I-64 bridges, that the State Highway had agreed to do, and the State Highway did the work. I’m very appreciative with INDOT on them getting with us, and them recognizing the needs and doing the work for us. So, we got a little thing done there.

President Musgrave: Okay.

Jeff Mueller: The only other thing on other business is John Stoll, Chris Weil from the city and myself, we went to Road School at Purdue. There were some interesting sessions on I-69. Road funding was very interesting. Some very interesting graphs on money that’s going to be projected to come in, or not come in. Had a very interesting luncheon where former Governor Daniels, who’s now President of Purdue, held a question and answer period with Governor Holcomb. So, he asked the questions of Governor Holcomb. So, it was pretty interesting. They talked about it quite a bit. We also had our Indiana Association of County Surveyor’s meeting where we had about 40 counties represented. So, that’s about it on that. One other thing though that does affect us a little bit, is if you remember a few weeks ago, I gave you something on a Transborder Groundwater Task Force Bill. No one at the County Surveyor’s meeting knew anything about it. The only thing I’ve been able to find out is a Representative of Jeffersonville is sponsoring it. So, if I can find any more out, I would like to know, because, I mean, one of these days it’s going to affect us.

President Musgrave: Okay.

Ditch Maintenance Claims

President Musgrave: So, do you need a motion on the ditch maintenance claims?

Jeff Mueller: Yeah, the only thing is I’ve got a ditch maintenance claim for $566, it’s for the beaver dam removal. So, if you could approve that, then our business will be done, unless anybody’s got anything else.

Commissioner Shoulders: So moved.

President Musgrave: I will second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

Commissioner Shoulders: Aye.

President Musgrave: Aye. The motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

Public Comment

President Musgrave: If there is no other business, Eldon, do you have anything?

Eldon Maasberg: No.

President Musgrave: Wait, Linda is coming forward.

Jeff Mueller: Do you got something?

Commissioner Shoulders: Linda is running up.

Linda Freeman: Well, just that the bid specs, if somebody is listening and they want to see what type of work we do, it will be online, hopefully, tomorrow.

Jeff Mueller: Oh, thank you.
President Musgrave: What's the address?

Linda Freeman: Vanderburghsurveyor.com. Then down in the right hand side there's specifications for 2017. You don't want the (Inaudible)?

President Musgrave: No.

Adjournment

President Musgrave: Alright, so, no other business to come? Is there a motion to adjourn?

Commissioner Shoulders: So moved.

President Musgrave: I'll second. The motion carries.

(Motion approved 2-0)

Commissioner Shoulders: Thanks, Jeff, thanks, Linda.

(The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.)

Those in Attendance:
Cheryl Musgrave
Ben Shoulders
Joe Harrison, Jr.
Madelyn Grayson
Linda Freeman
Others Unidentified
Jeff Mueller
Eldon Maasberg
Members of Media

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