

August 15, 2024

MINUTES OF August 15th MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff, Commissioner Candidate Joe Sherman, and Michelle Laubis recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

V112-125	Minutes of August 13, 2024:	
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker	Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
V112-126	Bills	
1 st -Striker	2 nd -Rush	Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V112-127	Additional Appropriation	
1 st -Rush	2 nd -Striker	Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Commissioner Rush, Commissioner Striker, and clerk attended CORSA training in Vets Hall Wednesday August 14.
Commissioner Striker attended the multi county jail meeting on Wednesday with nothing new to report.

Wolf Ditch #1134 Hearing #1 was held in Vets Hall. All commissioners were present. Commissioner Crowe started the meeting at 11:00 and introduced commissioners and clerk. Everyone signed in and Commissioner Crowe offered to read the petition, no one wanted the petition read. Commissioner Crowe turned the meeting over to Trent Bass. We looked at the area about a month ago, read the petition. This is the preliminary hearing today. Commissioners will decide today if we proceed or not. Trent read the preliminary report. The existing tile is plugged through the woods causing the water to back up and ultimately boil up and run across the top of the ground. Improvement is necessary. There are two options at this point Option #1, replace main and lateral entirely for a total estimate of \$109,310.00 which would be approximately \$175 an acre. Option 2, replace main and lateral through woods only estimated at \$47,750.00 which would be approximately \$82 per acre. The closer the property is to the improvement the cost will be higher. Maps were included for both options. Trent explained the maps and cost of work for each option. Does anyone have any questions? Commissioner Crowe-since the petitioners are here, I'd like to hear what your thoughts are on option 1 vs option 2. William Pfeiffer (petitioner) I think for our purposes either option will take care of the issue. If it's less expensive, option 2, obviously long term, it probably doesn't solve the whole issue but we're fine with either option. Commissioner Crowe- does anyone else have any comments or concerns or anything they want the commissioners to know. Please state your name.

Jerry Althausen- What is the condition of the clay tile from the woods to the hog barns? Trent- we don't know yet we haven't done any site survey, if it's approved today, we will go out and probe the tile and inspect the tile and come up with a plan for the final hearing. Jerry- My thinking would be option 1 may be more money but it might solve more problems down the road. Commissioner Crowe- Trent it's our job to decide whether to move this project forward or not today. Can we move forward with both options on the table? Or do we need to choose an option today? Trent- I don't believe you have to pick one today. Tom Wilcox- we represent the church farm. When you were talking about the cheaper option if that doesn't solve the problem down the road which you'll find out because you don't know how bad that tile is, I think we better wait until you come up with something for the rest of the tile. Trent-my opinion it doesn't hurt to keep it open until the final. Something I forgot to mention about the brush removal specifically. That is something we like the landowners to do prior to us showing up, by code we must submit the plans to ODNR, and they are sticklers when it comes to brush removal. The way we assess the brush, whoever's land it is on, we assess 75% to them, so it's in their best interest to go ahead and remove that. Shane Kellog- do you guys have specified how many feet you need cleared on each side? Luke Larrabee- 25 feet from the center line so 50 feet total.

Commissioner Crowe- anyone here from RAJ Land Holdings LLC? It looks like the brush is their property. Any other comments or concerns?

Tom Wilcox- I'd like to know after he looks at the tile. Commissioner Crowe- if we vote to move forward today, he'll have all the numbers and information at the final hearing. The only real difference between this hearing is who is paying. If we don't proceed today the petitioners have to pay, if we go to the final hearing the watershed must pay. Commissioners have any concerns or questions? Do I have a motion whether we proceed with the petition or not. Commissioner Striker moved to proceed with the two options and Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes V112-128 & V112-128a Once the engineer has their final estimate you will get a notification for the final hearing. Trent- We will wait until the crops come off. We'll be looking at springtime for a final hearing.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
 President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
 Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
 Timothy L. Striker

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board