

**JOHNSON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
MINUTES
July 2, 2019**

The Johnson County Drainage Board met Tuesday July 2, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Courthouse Annex.

Members present : Rick Chase, Andrew Cochrane, Kevin Walls (Commissioner) Bob Etter.
Bob Weaver

Others present : Surveyor Gregg Cantwell. Recording Secretary Connie Reynolds.
Attorney Roger Young

Rick Chase called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Mr Weaver motioned to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2019 Meeting as mailed. Mr Walls seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

HOUGHAM ARM LEGAL DRAIN VACATION

Gregg Cantwell Johnson County Surveyor stated information on vacation of Hougham Arm.

Jason Branstetter of Tippman Construction stated 80 acres was purchased to the south of the Cold Storage 900,000 freezer facility.
With new project pond sizes will be changed

Rick Chase asked how this will improve legal drain.

Bryan Sheward of Kimley Horn stated how this will improve drainage of area,
The Army Corp has taken this area as a Water of United States.
Mr.Sheward stated there cannot be a deed restriction

Attorney Roger Young asked how did the Army Corp know about this?
Mr.Young stated legalities of deed restrictions on this property.

Discussion followed.about tiles on property

Bob Etter asked if a small area could not be vacated along the angled line on map.

Mr.Sheward stated anything that is done will need Board Approval.

More discussion followed on details of area requested to be vacated.

Kevin Walls asked if the people on the west side will flood.after construction finished.

Attorney Roger Young asked if the city of Franklin is also concerned about what was just asked.

Mr.Sheward stated they have meetings with the City of Franklin with full information on what will happen to the area with vacation on site.

Kevin Fry (Owner)
4467 Greensburg Rd
Franklin IN

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Mr. Fry stated he came into Surveyors Office today and went over contour maps of area of his property and concerns on drainage problems with vacation of Hougham Arm, the area has always had a drainage issue.

Mr.Fry stated concerns of Maintenance if not done by County who will ? Such as Business sells to another firm where vacation is requested, will they honor maintenance agreement for legal drain.

Mark Davis
5611 E 50 S
Franklin IN 46131

Mr. Davis asked if underground culverts are included for drainage of area. Also east Hougham Woods.

Rick Chase asked petitioner to answer questions before continuing.

Mr.Sheward stated the city will require a maintenance agreement written through city of Franklin.

Mr.Fry asked if taxes will still be assessed after vacation occurs.

Gregg Cantwell stated the property will still be in watershed of Amity Ditch and assessments will still be collected.

Discussion followed on water flows of area.

Danny Gill
6184 E Greensburg Rd
Franklin in 46131

Mr.Gill stated he paid for ditch maintenance on east side of Amity Legal Drain.

Mr.Gill stated when request for maintenance was presented to County Office, answer was couldn't because funds are not available.

Mr.Gill stated also the ditch tiles overflow after a substantial rain, cannot handle flow.

Gregg Cantwell stated the Amity Ditch does not have enough funds to cover all maintenance . could do a reconstruction but each property will have to pay.

Mr.Cantwell stated the the Amity could become an Urban Drain several are in process in the Greenwood area.

Discussion followed on Corp of Engineers to follow the maintenance requirements and who will maintain.

Rick Chase asked what will be done if not approved.

Mr.Branstetter stated when purchased the area was a valuable asset for expanding building business, wasn't aware of Legal drain issues

Jim Williams
5233 E Greensburg Rd
Franklin In 4613

Mr.Williams stated the area of vacation will not effect him, but with more progress the area will not have drainage at all.

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Margaret Mardis
4859 S 75S
Franklin IN 46131

Ms Mardis stated when the road went through more water appeared on her ground and money was spent to keep water out.

Ms Mardis stated the petitioners should pay for maintenance on Amity before continuing.

Ms Mardis stated neighbors are having sanitary/ sewage problems.

Ms Mardis stated she is still a farmer and they need to work together.

Bob Weaver asked what is the time table for plans etc .

Mr.Sheward stated within 2 months for replat,Army Corp approx. 6 months.

Bob Weaver asked if approval is wanted tonight.

Discussion followed on future maintenance of Legal Drain and area.

Andrew Cochrane stated there is a flaw in project in design requirements.

Kevin Walls stated there are more problems to be reviewed before any approvals are to be granted.

Mr.Walls recommends to table the petition until complete plans are available.

Attorney Roger Young stated the real concerns are in greenline area , what in future will Corp of Engineers will allow or not allow type of maintenance will city impose on owner.

Mr.Cochrane asked if environmental consultant will be available.

Motion to table until August 6, 2019 meeting

**Motion to continue without notice until August 6, 2019 by
Kevin Walls seconded by Andrew Cochrane. Motion carried by a
vote of 5/0.**

Kevin Walls stated with new development an impact fee needs to be put in place.

Bob Weaver stated in northern Indiana impact fees are in place.

Move to adjourn by unanimous vote of 5/0.

Respectfully submitted :

Rick Chase

Chairman

Connie Reynolds - Recording Secretary