

LaGrange County Drainage Board Minutes  
Commissioner's Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor County Office Building

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The regular session of the LaGrange County Drainage Board was called to order by Larry Miller at 9:45 AM on January 17, 2017.

**Those Present Were:**

Larry Miller, President  
Terry Martin, Vice President  
Dennis Kratz, Member  
Rex Pranger, Surveyor  
Sherri Lewis, Secretary to the Board

**Agenda:**

Terry Martin moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:**

Terry Martin moved to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2016 meeting. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELECTION OF LAGRANGE CO. DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS:** Terry Martin moved to elect Larry Miller as President, Terry Martin as Vice President and Sherri Lewis as Secretary. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEETINGS:** Dates and times for meetings and public hearings. Rex requested the Drainage Board set aside a separated date and time for public hearings. The Board unanimously agreed that an afternoon time of 3:00-4:00 p.m. would be an appropriate. Rex noted that there will be 30 days notice for each hearing so that everyone could plan accordingly.

**DITCH CERTIFICATION:** The Drainage Board certified: ROWE #16, J.J. CHARLES #28, SOLDNER #2, SARAH DAVIS ML #5, BRANDEBERRY #6, TRUMAN FLINT #8, LONG #21, PHILLIPS #37, BUCHANAN #91A, MATTHYS #98, HUTCHINS #137, LIEBERENZ #144, SANDERSON #150, RABER #220, GG GIBSON #223, PIGEON CREEK #226, EAST FLY CREEK #227, BLOUGH ML #30, MATHER #47, WM MURRAY #157, MATHER #47, FARVER #65A, YEAGER #134.

**NORTH BRANCH OF ELKHART RIVER:** A letter requesting permission for the LaGrange County Highway Dept. to use the drainage right-of-way to install rip rap in conjunction with the bridge reconstruction on the regulated ditch at 700 S. and 200 W. was presented and signed by the Board. Terry Martin made a motion to grant permission to use the right-of-way. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROJECT REPORT:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OTHER:** Rex presented Dennis Kratz with drainage literature and gave a short presentation of Drainage Maintenance funds and GDI funds.

Randy VanWagner had 2 projects to discuss. Rex located a manhole and the tile across the street from the low area where the Ira Young #46 in Stroh needs to have a 8-10" tile installed. Rex asked the Board how the cost should be divided and they recommend a 3 way split between the Highway, Calvary Chapel Fellowship and Evelyn Hurt. There is \$1,275.00 in the maintenance fund currently.

Intersection of 500 S – 1000 W will have 200 ft of 3 ft double walled tile put in. There is a property owner that is willing to pay for the tile. Randy had 2 bids, with Midwest Tile having the lower bid of \$5,016.00. The Highway Dept will do most of the work with the exception of installing the tile, which they will need to hire a contractor.

**Adjourn:**

Terry Martin motioned to close the drainage board meeting for Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Dennis Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Larry Miller, President

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Terry Martin, Vice President

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Dennis Kratz, Member