

# MARSHALL/FULTON COUNTY JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD

## REGULAR MEETING

March 18, 2024

The Marshall/Fulton County Joint Drainage Board met for the first time to establish board members and assessment rate for the Dora Fairchild Drain. Meeting on March 18, 2024 at 10:45 am in the Commissioner's Room of the Marshall County Building, 112 W Jefferson St. Plymouth, IN. Board members present were: Kevin Overmyer, President of Marshall County Drainage Board; David Sommers, Fulton County Member; Richard Ranstead, Fulton County Member, and Michael Kissinger, Kosciusko County Member. Also present were Craig Cultice, Marshall County Surveyor; Angie Kibbe, Marshall County Drainage Board Secretary, absent was David Stults; Marshall County Board Member. The meeting was opened in due form and the following business was considered. The Drainage Board meeting is streaming live and is available for live view at: [www.co.marshall.in.us](http://www.co.marshall.in.us).

### **Organization of the members**

Per Statute 36-9-27-14(1) If land in two counties may be affected, the chair of the board of each county shall appoint two of the members of the chair's board, other than the county surveyor, to serve on the joint board. In addition, the four members of the joint board shall appoint a fifth member. The fifth member must reside in a county that is not affected by the drainage problem. Fulton county members were present in the meeting today, Mr. Sommers and Mr. Ranstead. Marshall county members are Mr. Overmyer and absent today, David Stults. Mr. Cultice suggested the fifth member to be Mr. Kissinger from Kosciusko County. All were in agreement. **Mr. Ranstead motion to nominate Mr. Overmyer to be the president of the joint board, seconded by Mr. Sommers. Motion carried 4-0.**

### **Maintenance Assessments**

Mr. Cultice presented a surveyor's report and a map of the Dora Fairchild watershed, with the combined Fulton County section provided by Seth White the surveyor for Fulton County. The total acreage in the watershed is 534± acres, 301± acres in Marshall County, and 233± acres in Fulton County. Fulton County has 2,200'± of open ditch, Marshall County has 0'. Fulton County has 2,200'± of tile drain and Marshall County has 5,000'±. The projected estimated average

yearly maintenance cost is \$5,000-\$10,000, this would be for ditch cleaning, bank repair, de-brushing, DNR/Army Corp. permit application fees. Marshall County will hold the land assessments collected from each county. Mr. Cultice provided a maintenance assessment work sheet with possible fee rates. At \$5.00 per acre and a \$5.00 minimum, total assessment for the year is \$2,755.00; \$10.00 per acre and \$10.00 minimum assessment the yearly would be \$5,550.00, and \$15.00 per acre and \$15.00 minimum assessment the yearly would be \$8,325.00. Mr. Cultice makes note that upstream south of 20 A Rd the tile is broken down and north of 110 there are some holes that need repair. Mr. Sommers verified that once the collection has reached the four times the annual collection it would be shut off and that was confirmed by Mr. Cultice. Mr. Kissinger asked Mr. Cultice if a reconstruction was considered. Mr. Cultice said that was a consideration, he and Mr. White discussed it and they both would prefer to do maintenance assessments with the possibility in the future they could lower assessment fees. Mr. Sommers asked Mr. Cultice with the holes that need to be repaired is the \$5,000-\$10,000 going to cover that cost. Mr. Cultice states until they open the holes and look at the repairs that need to be done, he is not sure. Mr. Kissinger states that he had asked Mr. Cultice what size of the tile could have been laid around there and Mr. Cultice did not really know the size, so they are not sure what they would be replacing. Mr. Kissinger thinks it would not be any bigger than 6-8" tile. Mr. Overmyer thinks they are probably clay tile. Mr. Cultice says the little they know about it; it is probably clay. Mr. Ranstead remarks that \$10.00 to the \$15.00 rate should be considered, because you do not want to start off in the red off the bat. Mr. White seating in the crowd today, spoke up and said that they could always start high and lower it in the future. Mr. Kissinger states that in Kosciusko County, they usually do \$50.00 minimum on assessments. Mr. White states in his county they are usually \$5.00 to \$10.00 minimum on assessments. **Mr. Kissinger motions to set assessment at \$15.00 per acre with a \$15.00 minimum, seconded by Mr. Ranstead. Motion carried 4-0. Discussion among the board members and with agreement to have public hearing about the Dora Fairchild Drain assessments to be on Monday May 20,2024 at 11:00am in the Marshall County Commissioner Room. Notices will be sent out 30 days prior to the meeting.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the board **Mr. Sommers motions to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ranstead. Motion carried 4-0.**

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Angie Kibbe, Marshall County Drainage Board Secretary