**THE JASPER COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, AT 10:15 A.M. AT THE JASPER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CASA MEETING ROOM, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFFREY DEYOUNG (CHAIRMAN), JAMES WALSTRA (VICE CHAIRMAN), AND REIN BONTREGER (MEMBER). ALSO, PRESENT WERE VINCE URBANO (SURVEYOR), JACOB AHLER (ATTORNEY), JACK HABERLIN (ENGINEER), AND RHONDA ELDRIDGE (SECRETARY).**

Chairman, Jeffrey DeYoung, called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 5, 2024 AND AUGUST 13, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Walstra made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024 and August 13, 2024 meeting. Rein Bontreger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TRI COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS – DRAINAGE PLAN**

**MATT MIHALIK – NIES ENGINEERING, INC.**

Matt Mihalik, NIES Engineering, Inc., presented a drainage plan for the proposed Tri County School Addition and Renovations.

Rein Bontreger made a motion to approve the drainage plan for the proposed Tri County Primary School Addition and Renovations as presented. James Walstra seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**CARPENTER CREEK/HUGGINS TILE #1718/NATURAL WATERCOURSE/LATERAL #1 TO STACK TILE #4503/HUNTER LATERAL/GUSHWA DITCH #181/MAY TILE #113/LATERAL #1 TO MAY TILE #113/LATERAL #2 TO MAY TILE #113 - SURF INTERNET PERMIT: GDLDIN01.SA07C – PERMISSION TO CROSS**

**JOSHUA HICKEY, PERMIT SPECIALIST – SURF INTERNET**

The Surveyor presented plans by Surf Internet – Permit: GDLDIN01.SA07C which they will be crossing Carpenter Creek, Huggins Tile #1718, Natural Watercourse, Lateral #1 to Stack Tile #4503, Hunter Lateral, Gushwa Ditch #181, May Tile #113, Lateral #1 to May Tile #113, and Lateral #2 to May Tile #113 county regulated drains in Carpenter Township.

James Walstra made a motion to approve the crossing of Carpenter Creek, Huggins Tile #1718, Natural Watercourse, Lateral #1 to Stack Tile #4503, Hunter Lateral, Gushwa Ditch #181, May Tile #113, Lateral #1 to May Tile #113, and Lateral #2 to May Tile #113 by Surf Internet – Permit: RMTNIN01.SA10B as presented. Rein Bontreger seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**KANKAKEE RIVER PROJECT – BID PACKET AGREEMENT**

**BUTLER, FAIRMAN & SEUFERT, INC.**

Vince Urbano stated members of the Kankakee River Basin Commission felt it necessary to hire Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. to prepare bidding documents for the next phase of the Kankakee River Bank Restoration project, which will be paid for by the Kankakee River Basin Commission.

Bid packets will be sent out in the near future and the bid opening will take place during an upcoming drainage board meeting.

Urbano stated the project will consist of restoring the Kankakee River banks for a distance of approximately two miles.

**LATERAL #1 TO DEHAAN DITCH #190/UNCAPHER/BRETZINGER/RATLIFF – FLOODING ISSUES**

Vince Urbano stated a call had been received by landowner, Michael Bretzinger, advising of damage to his property/home due to boards being placed in a dam on the Lateral #1 to DeHaan Ditch #190 county regulated drain by landowner, Zachary Ratliff, located in Section 33, Township 32, Range 7 in Keener Township.

Urbano stated he and James Walstra offered to view the damages and Bretzinger was unreceptive to them viewing them.

Urbano stated a few days after Bretzinger’s refusal to allow the damage to be viewed, he received an email from Bretzinger’s neighbor, Mark Uncapher, with attached pictures of a flooded basement claiming “every year the local farmer across from my property line blocks the ditch with boards causing the street and my basement to flood when it rains with any volume at all”.

It is the consensus of the Surveyor, the Drainage Board Members, and the Drainage Board Attorney this appears to be a civil matter.

The Jasper County Engineer stated the dams need to be managed appropriately. Urbano stated he has viewed the boards damming the Lateral #1 to DeHaan Ditch #190 and has never seen all the boards in- place causing any type of flooding issue. Walstra stated he has viewed the dam and feels there is no way this is causing any damage to any neighboring property.

**ADJOURN**

James Walstra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rein Bontreger seconded the motion. Motion approved.