

MEETING MINUTES
WILLIAMS INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE BOARD
FOR DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY
Kent and Montcalm Counties

Nelson Township Library, 88 Eighth St., Sand Lake, Michigan
April 30, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Brady Harrington, Chair, MDARD
 Ken Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner
 Todd Sattler, Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Angie Latvaitis, Kent County Deputy Drain Commissioner
 Joel Morgan, Kent County Drain Commission Engineer
 Dan Fredricks, LRE
 Cole Hedrick, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes
 Bonnie Rozema, Court Recorder
 Sign In Sheet of Public Attendees

Meeting was called to order by chairman, Brady Harrington at 2:02 pm.

Motion by Sattler, supported by Yonker, that **Kent** County Serve as Secretary. Roll Call: Kent County, yes; Montcalm County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Yonker, supported by Sattler, to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Kent County, yes; Montcalm County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sattler, supported by Yonker, to accept the meeting minutes from March 28, 2024 as presented. Roll Call: Kent County, yes; Montcalm County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair Harrington indicated that petition dated October 2, 2023 from residents within the Williams Drainage District requesting the drainage board for improvements and district be extended into Montcalm County was what started this procedure. A Meeting of Practicability was held on January 10, 2024 that determined that the petition was sufficient.

Dan Fredricks of LRE provided preliminary engineering report of the William ICD through a PowerPoint presentation, attached for reference. The drain has the following conditions:

- Sand Lake water level is high with weir submerged 8-inches and outlets into 3-24-inch culverts that are submerged.
- Log jam and beaver dam in the downstream channel that is not a county drain.
- Sediment built up in channel
- Woody debris and dense vegetation.

Options

1. Do nothing
2. Extend drain upstream to Lake Street to provide an adequate outlet and extend downstream. Clean the stretch of sedimentation and debris for capacity.
3. Road Crossing upgrade. With EGLE flows, Richie is shown to have 1-2 year capacity. As culvert at Richie has not been reported to overtop, doesn't feel it is necessary and will look further into and will verify flows. Anticipates the study will show culvert capacity is sufficient.

Engineer recommends Option 2 with an estimated cost of \$85,000. Spoils will need to be hauled from the wetlands and costs reflect this.

Chair Harrington read petition.

Public comment was received by the Board. Several property owners presented questions to the Board and others present. Public comment closed at 4:25 pm. Transcript of the meeting was taken by Bonnie Rozema and will be provided for official record later.

Comments by Board Members:

Yonker: Appreciate public comment. The first 700 feet south of Lake Street is a problem. Per the Drain Law, if one person is harmed with high water we need to address. It is a community effort to help our neighbors. With the scope of the project, will take into consideration the comments made in the meeting.

Sattler: Appreciate the time of the audience and giving public testimony. Wanted to make clear, that the process of the petition is taking baby steps and providing the resident's input. Based on public testimony, it appears that the majority do not want the project, however the legal Lake Level makes the decision harder. The weir control on the lake is a good control structure in comparison to other lakes in Montcalm. The assessment methodology to place the benefit on the lake more than upstream properties as requested will be looked into.

Motion by Sattler, supported by Yonker, that the proposed maintenance and improvement IS necessary for the public health, convenience, or welfare.

Discussion: Sattler asked Chair how will the percentages be determined between Counties as the entire work is in Kent. This will be looked at in future meeting and then Montcalm has full control on how to assess it amongst the District.

Roll Call: Kent County, yes; Montcalm County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sattler, supported by Yonker, that the municipalities, Nelson Township and Village of Sand Lake in Kent County; Casnovia Township in Muskegon County; Pierson Township in Montcalm County receive an at large assessment for benefit to public health. Roll Call: Kent County, yes; Montcalm County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Yonker, supported by Sattler, to adjourn. Roll Call: Kent County, yes; Montcalm County, yes. Meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.