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STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

IN RE: BOYD INTERCOUNTY DRAIN  
(Ottawa and Allegan Counties)

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING FOR DETERMINATION OF PRACTICABILITY

Proceedings commenced at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Salem Township Hall, 3003 - 142nd Avenue, Burnips, Michigan, held before Marjorie A. Covey, CSR-2616, RPR, Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public.

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Brady Harrington, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development  
Ms. Denise Medemar, Allegan County Drain Commissioner  
Mr. Josiah Timmermans, Deputy Drain Commissioner for Ottawa County  
Ms.Carolynn Parnell, Deputy Drain Commissioner for Allegan County

1 Burnips, Michigan

2 June 14, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

3 PROCEEDINGS

4 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: All right. We've got 10  
5 o'clock.

6 So at this time let's call to order the Boyd  
7 Intercounty Drain Drainage Board. I'm Brady Harrington. I'm  
8 with the Michigan Department of Agricultural Development. I  
9 serve as Chair of the Drainage Board. I will be a nonvoting  
10 member except in the case of a tie.

11 Your commissioners and voting board members are  
12 Josiah Timmermans, who is the Deputy Drain Commissioner for  
13 Ottawa County; and Denise Medemar, who is the Drain  
14 Commissioner for Allegan County.

15 We also have Carolyn Parnell up here who is the  
16 Deputy Drain Commissioner for Allegan. She will be taking  
17 minutes on our behalf. And Margie is our court reporter so  
18 we will ask that we keep this organized so she can take a  
19 transcript of the meeting.

20 Our first order of business is election of a  
21 secretary for today's meeting.

22 ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: I will make a  
23 motion for Allegan County to be secretary.

24 OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS:  
25 Support.

1 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Is there any discussion on  
2 that motion?

3 If not, all in favor?

4 (Both Board Members replied "Aye.")

5 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: That motion will pass.

6 The reason we're here today is we received a  
7 petition requesting maintenance and improvement of the Boyd  
8 Intercounty drain. That petition was signed by five property  
9 owners, which is the minimum required by Public Act 40 of  
10 1956.

11 The petition is essentially a request and an  
12 allegation that there are drainage issues, and the board  
13 needs to correct those issues.

14 And today's meeting is very preliminary. We're  
15 going to make sure that we have a sufficient number of  
16 signatures on the petition to make it legal, and whether the  
17 petition is sufficient to proceed to a first step.

18 And our second decision is whether or not it's  
19 practical to take that first step, which is essentially an  
20 inspection of the drain by a professional engineer, and  
21 development of a preliminary engineering report that will  
22 help us make a decision at a future meeting as to whether or  
23 not a project is necessary.

24 Today's decision will be a yes-or-no decision on  
25 whether it's practical to proceed with that first step. And

1 we're going to rely pretty much on your testimony for making  
2 that decision.

3 So the petition that we received reads as follows:

4 "To the Allegation County Drain Commissioner, the undersigned  
5 are freeholders from within the Boyd Intercounty Drain  
6 Drainage District located in Jamestown Charter Township, in  
7 Ottawa County; in Salem township, in Allegan County,  
8 Michigan. The signors of this petition request that the Boyd  
9 Drain be maintained and improved as provided in Chapter 8,  
10 Act Number 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended. The  
11 maintenance and improvement is necessary to extend the drain  
12 to properties that do not currently have direct access. The  
13 petition is signed by at least five freeholders. These lands  
14 shall be liable for assessment for benefits of the work  
15 requested."

16 And that petition was signed by five property  
17 owners. Those property owner's deeds were checked by Allegan  
18 County, and it was found that all five were from within the  
19 drainage district, and would be liable for assessment in the  
20 event that we have a project.

21 And you also checked with the treasurer's office to  
22 make sure taxes were current from all of those signors?

23 ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: Yes.

24 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay. So that said, we do  
25 have a petition with five valid signatures based on your

1 checking.

2 And at this point in time, I would accept a motion  
3 regarding sufficiency of the petition as to whether or not it  
4 is sufficient to proceed with this hearing.

5 ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: I'll make a  
6 motion --

7 OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS:  
8 Support.

9 ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: -- that the  
10 petition is valid.

11 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay. I have a motion to  
12 find the petition sufficient and valid to proceed, and we  
13 have a support for Ottawa County.

14 Is there any discussion on that motion?

15 Hearing no discussion, all in favor?

16 (Both Board Members replied "Aye.")

17 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: And opposed?

18 None.

19 So that motion will pass.

20 So at this point in time, we're going to hear from  
21 you. I'm going to open this up to public comment.

22 I have a couple of comment cards from people that  
23 would like to take testimony -- or give testimony.

24 And we'll go ahead and start with Boyd Berens. So  
25 Boyd?

1           MR. BOYD BERENS:  Yes, sir, I'm Boyd Berens.  I'm  
2 the guy that, whose name is on that drain.  So sometimes  
3 that's good, sometime it's bad.

4           But I worked on it, Cal Klooster worked on it with  
5 me to get that drain designated as a county drain.  And the  
6 reason why I did that was because I was afraid some of the  
7 neighbors down the line farther wouldn't allow me to dig it.  
8 We used to dig it ourself.

9           So we went through all of the stuff and it ended up  
10 costing quite a lot, more than what I ever dreamt it would to  
11 do that.

12           So I guess it kind of plagued my feelings a little  
13 bit.  And the reason why I never petitioned to have it dug  
14 after that was because I have lived with these people, it's  
15 right by me, and they were paying a really big assessment,  
16 and it made me feel bad.  And we kind of got out of farming,  
17 somewhat, so but now we're back into it, and I own land that  
18 drains into that thing in section eight, five, nine and four.  
19 And them ditches are shut.

20           And they never -- they didn't pay much attention to  
21 that end of the drain, the south end of that, what I call the  
22 south end of that drain.  I don't know why they didn't, but  
23 that's still -- that's still a county drain.  And I would  
24 really like to have it opened up, so the guy that rents it  
25 who is paying some pretty good rent can have access to all of

1 the land that he's paying for.

2 So I don't know if I got anymore -- I don't think I  
3 have anymore to say. I think that's probably about what I  
4 got in a nutshell.

5 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay. And the property  
6 that's being rented is in what section?

7 MR. BOYD BERENS: Oh, there is four.

8 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay.

9 MR. BOYD BERENS: And five and nine and eight.

10 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: So it's all of your  
11 properties?

12 MR. BOYD BERENS: He rents -- yeah.

13 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Got it. Okay.  
14 Keith Genther?

15 MR. KEITH GENTHER: Yeah, my concern is the cost  
16 because I'm a homeowner, but just recently we sold the farm  
17 that was in, I believe, section 34 and 33. And we dealt with  
18 this thing for years, 50 years between us farming and the  
19 renters farming. And, yeah, it was a mess.

20 And they tried things in the past, and with varying  
21 degrees of success, and it was never really addressed right.

22 It has to go west farther, they have to clean out  
23 on the other side of Mud Lake to get to fall. I mean we  
24 still get flooded down there.

25 Cal is dealing with it now because he bought the

1 farm.

2           Personally, the only thing that I'm interested in  
3 is what it's going to cost me on my taxes, you know. And at  
4 this point, I don't know. I'm all for it, if it's not going  
5 to cost me a lot. So I don't know how things are going to be  
6 assessed, and that is really my concern why I'm here today.  
7 Thank you.

8           CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay.

9           So with regards to the cost, we will have a rough  
10 project cost at the point that we make a decision on  
11 necessity. We don't have that today, but we will have that  
12 at that point.

13           What I can tell you is from the last project, the  
14 break out between the two counties was 90 percent to Allegan  
15 County, and 10 percent to Ottawa.

16           So that's probably not totally helpful to you, but  
17 that's what we have today.

18           MR. KEITH GENTHER: Okay.

19           CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Cal Klooster?

20           MR. CAL KLOOSTER: So as Keith mentioned, I just  
21 bought his parents' farm. I've been renting it, boy, at  
22 least 20 years. So we've been dealing with -- the outlet of  
23 the Boyd Drain drains into Black Creek.

24           And I ran into Brent, talked to him, I guess it was  
25 a year ago. And the outlet, from the outlet into Black



1 Creek, past Ottogan -- Ottogan Street, has been cleaned  
2 several times, but the water is not going down. They've done  
3 a really nice job cleaning it, but there is two or three feet  
4 of water in that ditch yet. And the culvert that goes under  
5 Ottogan is about three-quarters full.

6 And when it was initially dredged, and it was  
7 engineered by a guy by the name, I don't know his business  
8 name, but it was engineered by a guy by the name of Bill  
9 Chapel, I remember his name because -- I think I remember it  
10 because it cost a lot.

11 And you talk about reengineering this, and I don't  
12 think any of that cost has to be done again. You just need  
13 to, you know, get somebody out there and dig.

14 And there was a drain commissioner by the name of  
15 Paul Geerlings, and after -- I mean I'm going to say five to  
16 ten years after it was initially dug, and I put tile outlets  
17 into the Boyd Drain on the Genther farm, and they were above  
18 the waterline. Now they're a foot below the waterline.

19 So the Black Creek, I think, it gets pretty flat  
20 going to the west. I don't know how far you got to go to  
21 drop it a foot, but if you could drop the water table a foot,  
22 I don't know if that means dredging for 200 yards or all the  
23 way to 32nd Avenue. I don't know what that means.

24 But -- so, you know, I would be -- I would love to  
25 have that Black Creek dredged. And the outlet of Boyd Drain

1 is, I think, is in good shape because it's been dredged twice  
2 -- maybe three times since the founding of the Boyd Drain.

3           What Boyd says though, a part of this engineering  
4 was they went with a drain, they went into Allegan County,  
5 I'm going to say halfway south into section four of Allegan  
6 County. And then they stopped, I think they stopped maybe on  
7 the property line between the Roger VandeBunte farm, I don't  
8 know if you have maps in front of you, but between Roger  
9 VandeBunte property and the property I own in Allegan County,  
10 in section four.

11           And then I dredged up to Consumers Power, it was  
12 all part of the Boyd Drain. I dredged to -- I think Roger  
13 VandeBunte and I went like 50/50 on the dredging. We went up  
14 part of the way.

15           And then we came to an area called Ackerman's  
16 Swamp, and it was owned by a guy by the name of Harold  
17 Ackerman. And I think he's passed away a number of years ago  
18 and I don't know who owns that property now, but it's quite a  
19 big wetland.

20           And then south of that it goes into Boyd's property  
21 and it was never touched. So this poor guy, he has to -- he  
22 paid all his tax too and he never had one thing done to it.

23           And, you know, I think somebody can dig pretty -- I  
24 think the digging is the cheap part. The engineering cost is  
25 the expensive part and all the surveying, and this and that.

1 And we all know water goes downhill, but, I mean if you -- I  
2 think if you just say, we're going to dig, dig for a period,  
3 a ways, I think it would keep the cost down for us, and for a  
4 homeowner like Keith, you know. And then there would be a  
5 lot of other farms that would, I guess -- it's a huge  
6 watershed, I don't know how many acres flow into it, maybe a  
7 thousand acres. I don't know what flows into this Boyd  
8 Drain, quite a bit. Maybe not quite that. I bet it's close.

9 MR. BOYD BERENS: It's a lot.

10 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: But it was -- you mentioned when  
11 you started it that we have to engineer it. And I'm thinking  
12 engineering was done 15 years ago, what was wrong with that  
13 engineering? Why bother going through that cost again, just  
14 dig.

15 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: We are required on a  
16 petition to retain the services of an engineer. But you're  
17 right. There is a set of plans that we can use, and  
18 essentially I think that the engineering can be kept to a  
19 minimum.

20 MR. BOYD BERENS: That's good.

21 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: Because that would save a lot  
22 for everybody.

23 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Yep.

24 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: And, yeah, Boyd, I think got  
25 this petition going. I'm a signature holder on it. And then

1 you've got farmers that are higher up, and property owners  
2 that have houses.

3 And, you know, you always hear them complain. Oh,  
4 I got a little charge on my property taxes. Boyd, why did  
5 you have to have that done, you know.

6 MR. BOYD BERENS: Why is your name on the drain.

7 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: That's all. But that's my  
8 thoughts on it. I'll probably think of something later.

9 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Anybody else wish to give  
10 public comment?

11 I am not seeing any -- go ahead.

12 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: I have a question. So these  
13 culverts that go under 32nd Street and Ottogan, what's that  
14 elevation difference between Ottogan to 32nd Avenue? Two  
15 feet? Five feet?

16 ALLEGAN COUNTY MAINT. SCHOLTEN: I don't know  
17 offhand.

18 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: Okay. Yep. Just kind of  
19 curious, you know.

20 And I don't know if I mentioned, but I asked Paul  
21 Geerlings after it was formed if I could -- I may be  
22 repeating myself, I don't remember, but I dug part of Black  
23 Creek on my own. But there was nobody living through that  
24 area.

25 ALLEGAN COUNTY MAINT. SCHOLTEN: Now it's all

1 house.

2 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: Now you have houses coming off  
3 from Mason Street, and houses coming off from Ottogan, and  
4 we're in Ottawa County now, and they're all joining the  
5 backend. And you just don't say, go dig for, you know 500  
6 feet or whatever, you know.

7 But I know when I did that digging on my own, and  
8 it didn't cost too much money, and then it dropped the water  
9 enough for those tile outlets to work again.

10 But that area is so flat that any sediment coming  
11 downstream --

12 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Right.

13 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: -- settles out. And then it,  
14 then it doesn't work good.

15 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay. So essentially what  
16 I'm hearing is all you guys are looking for is a clean out of  
17 what's there.

18 MR. BOYD BERENS: That's what I'm hoping for.

19 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: You're not looking for  
20 extending the drain anywhere, just a clean out of what was  
21 done in the early 2000s.

22 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: Well you'd like it taken care of  
23 up by you, right?

24 MR. BOYD BERENS: There is a couple little  
25 offshoots that are not included in the Boyd County Drain.

1 We'll have to probably take care of that ourself, or maybe we  
2 can hire the crane guy that's there doing the project to  
3 clean it.

4 It's not real big areas, but they need to be  
5 cleaned up too. But it's been a long time since it was  
6 cleaned out.

7 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: And I remember years ago, or  
8 when this all started, it had to be in 2003 or '4, right in  
9 that area.

10 MR. KEITH GENTHER: 2003.

11 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: Okay, 2003. But Roger  
12 VandeBunte, he kind of got this going, and I'm glad he did,  
13 because -- I'm glad it's a county drain because now we can go  
14 through somebody else's private property that, you know, they  
15 might be -- I know I got some neighbors that have kind of  
16 plugged up some of the ditches by our place because they're  
17 members of the Ducks Unlimited or whatever, you know. And  
18 that's their thing.

19 But I'm, you know -- we're trying to grow crops,  
20 and the two don't really get along together. And they're  
21 great neighbors, but I am glad it's a county drain that, by  
22 law, we can --

23 MR. BOYD BERENS: Yes, that's --

24 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: We can ask to have it cleaned.

25 MR. BOYD BERENS: Because anybody that's on that

1 drain, if it's not a county drain, they can tell you you  
2 can't come on their property, and you can't dig that ditch.  
3 This way you can, no matter what.

4 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay. Any other public  
5 comment?

6 If not, I will close public comment at this time.

7 Commissioners, any questions based on what you  
8 heard from public comment, or any comments before you take a  
9 vote on practicability?

10 ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: I really don't  
11 have questions.

12 OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS: Same,  
13 similar. We covered it pretty thoroughly.

14 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay. I guess then I  
15 would request a motion from one of you as to whether or not  
16 the drain is practicable.

17 ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: I will make a  
18 motion that the drain is practicable.

19 OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS: Support  
20 that.

21 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Is there any discussion on  
22 the motion?

23 Hearing no discussion, all in favor?

24 (Both Board Members replied "Aye.")

25 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: And opposed?

1           None.

2           That motion will pass.

3           With regards to an engineer or surveyor, do you  
4 have someone that you would like to do the work that you know  
5 could keep it to a minimum? And I can certainly direct that  
6 when I send out the request to them that we've got a recent  
7 set of plans, and this is basically an inspection.

8           ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: I would like  
9 to have you check with Fishbeck.

10          CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay. Do you have someone  
11 with Fishbeck that you work with?

12          ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: Well we did,  
13 Clair and Cheryl.

14          CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay.

15          OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS: There  
16 is a younger gentleman that's working under Clair now that's  
17 worked for us, and I can't remember his name.

18          ALLEGAN COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. PARNELL: Tony?

19          OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS: Tony,  
20 yes.

21          ALLEGAN COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. PARNELL: Tony  
22 Heath, does that sound right?

23          OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS: We've  
24 had some good success with him. No issues with that.

25          CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: So is that a motion



1 regarding Fishbeck to do the engineering on this?

2 ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: Yes, I'll make  
3 that motion.

4 OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS: Support  
5 that.

6 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Any discussion?

7 All in favor?

8 (Both Board Members replied "Aye.")

9 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Opposed?

10 None.

11 Motion passes. I will send them out a request for  
12 a cost proposal for that work.

13 ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: Okay.

14 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: And we'll make sure to  
15 keep it to a minimum as part of what we request.

16 MR. CAL KLOOSTER: Please, please.

17 MR. BOYD BERENS: Yep.

18 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: That's it for today's  
19 hearing. Basically what we're going to come back with is a  
20 preliminary engineering report that's a summary of the  
21 inspection that's been done, and recommendations for what the  
22 engineer believes should be done going forward.

23 And we'll have another hearing just about like this  
24 one to decide whether or not a project is necessary. You'll  
25 get a notice for that just like you did for this.

1           And with that, I'll thank you for taking the time  
2 today. I appreciate it when the petitioners actually show up  
3 for these hearings.

4           Boyd, you had a question?

5           MR. BOYD BERENS: Do they have a timeline when  
6 you're going to have that next meeting by any chance? Will  
7 they send us a notice again?

8           CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Yes. Timeline is going to  
9 depend in large part on how busy our engineer is. I don't  
10 expect that this is going to be an extensive survey or  
11 anything like that. Hopefully it's something they can turn  
12 around in a month or two.

13           MR. BOYD BERENS: There is crops planted on both  
14 sides of that. So it probably won't be until later this fall  
15 before they'd even be a chance that they could dig it.

16           CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: What have you got planted  
17 at this point?

18           MR. BOYD BERENS: There is corn by me. They  
19 haven't even got it planted yet, there is going to be corn  
20 there.

21           CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: Okay. Again, appreciate  
22 your time this morning.

23           And, Board, I guess a motion to adjourn would be in  
24 order.

25           ALLEGAN DRAIN COMMISSIONER MEDEMAR: I'll make that

1 motion.

2 OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS: Support  
3 that.

4 CHAIR BRADY HARRINGTON: All in favor?

5 (Both Board Members replied "Aye.")

6 OTTAWA COUNTY DEP. DRAIN COMM. TIMMERMANS: We're  
7 adjourned.

8 (Board adjourned at 10:25 a.m.)

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