MINUTES OF THE MOROCCO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
October 3, 2023

Attendance- Bill Smart, Jason Cornell, Nikki Kimbrell, Clerk Treasurer, Sherri Rainford, Town attorney Dan Blaney in attendance and town employee Brian Vanderwall and Lisa Willis in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes: Jason made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023, minutes and Bill seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report: The balance in the checking account as of 09/30/2023 $28,657.25.

The following Claims listed in the September 5, 2023 Minutes were signed by Bill Smart and Jason Cornell, in King Clark and Bob Gonczy absents.

1. Yoder Drainage (Patterson Tile Project) 22,134.00
2. Blaney Walton Retainer 2,000.00
3. Knight Hoppe Kurnik & Knight (Serrano's) 2,616.00
4. Godlove Enterprises 560.00

Claims:

1. Knight Hoppe Kurnik & Knight (Serrano's) 577.70
2. Yoder Drainage (Council of Aging Community Service Building) 34,241.85

Jason motioned to pay claims Bill seconded Motion passes 3-0.

Old Business:

Kessler Family Farm	Drainage tile located and opened on East side of RR spur.	Bob made motion to start where we ended, go North along the West side of 275. Clean or replace tile until clear tile is reached. Jason seconded. Tiles have been marked with red flags. Tiles may have been crushed by Dollar Store we will dig up tile and run underneath.
Lareau House 402 S. Lincoln	We have amended the project. See new business.	
Update from Dan regarding Serrano 606 S. Polk	Held an executive session before the regular meeting. Bill will contact Joe Smith with our thoughts.	Running total as of September 2023 is $25885.70
School East Easement	Check catch basin in elementary school alley. – King talked to Casey Ehlinger. The board discussed that the alley is a town easement. The town will fix the hole and gravel it. If the school wants it paved that will need to be done at their own expense.	We will tear down the black top and put gravel down. King will get ahold of Steve to see if he still owns his backhoe to use. Steve said gravel or concrete will still crack. King said a funnel may need to be put in place. Casey taking information to superintendent. King said may need to re-route buses unless we wait until June. We are still waiting to get ahold of Superintendent. King said this will be taken care of this summer.

Mark Dekoker 408 N. Lincoln	water on both sides of roads. Kent Sisson fixed old water main 5" to 6" tile next to it could be clogged. We will have to dig up the street East of A Frame to Uptains house. Bob said to start at blow out, cut road if need be. Alley & Main Street look bad. Bob wants Conservancy to pay for paving along with possible grants Nikki is working on. Bob said the town would be responsible for any patches needed in the future. King wants to put 2 inlets in alley 4" – 6" tile by shed. Also wants to run camera from McCanns tile outlets on North side of Washington St – cut once on Washington to find good tile, dig West side of Lincoln. Bob getting quote for paving the alley, and State Street to Washington Street and Clay Street to Main Street.	In progress on getting this rectified. Digging along the street to find tile. Brian has sewer maps. Tile runs on Grove West of Main and crosses Grove. Tile opened by RR; water is no longer being pumped out of house. Suggestions made to dig going North to corner, clean out and go West.
Nick McCann 813 N. Polk	Inquired on drain for his property.	Attorney Dan Blaney said it is landowners' responsibility to run tile from house through property to meet and connect to tile we would need to put in on Polk Street. Several different options were also discussed to help with drainage including cleaning out or moving ditches, which County and State will need to be contacted beforehand. King spoke to representatives from state highways and state engineers. However, due to elevation from water level, they normally do not get involved unless water is on road. They requested 30 days to investigate it. State associate from Laporte will be digging ditch line along 41 looking to put a swell in. State will be contacting King.
Council of Aging Community Service Building 102 E. State	Creating proper drainage	New tile laid into the catch basin. Tile extended from main catch basin going South to where the Southwest parking lot catch bason will be. This will be completed before black topping.
Patterson Tile Project 413 S. Clay	Install a good tile on Indiana St. to correct the drainage issues with the houses on Clay St. This tile would run north and south. We would also put in a catch basin on Wabash Ave. We will have Josh Yoder do the work. The town will pay for the project and the individual homeowners will pay the town for hooking into the tile.	New tile laid; property owners need to decide if they want to pay the expense to attach to our tile.
Firehouse Community Center Tile 409 S. Polk	Generators sinking, manhole caving in	Ziese construction is installing catch basin in the parking lot.

Southlake County Machine Corp. 112 N. Polk	Tile and Sinkhole	Sucked out gravel from tile. Manhole on Washington has sinkhole. Filled with gravel from State to Washington.

New Business:

1. The Conservancy Board directed Sherri Rainford to open 35,000 line of credit at Demotte State Bank. Bill made motion Nikki Seconded. To cover claims Sherri is asking to take out 15,000.00. Jason made motion to approve Nikki seconded.

The next meeting will be on November 7, 2023.

King Clark, President

Robert Gonczy, Secretary