MINUTES OF THE MOROCCO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
August 1 2023

Attendance- King Clark, Bill Smart, Bob Gonczy, Nikki Kimbrell, Clerk Treasurer, Sherri Rainford, and town employee Brian Vanderwall. Residents Tracy and Felicia Patterson were also in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes: Bill made a motion to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes and Bob seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report: The balance in the checking account as of 07/31/2023 $76,523.74.

Claims:

1. Anderson Tree Company $5700 (Herbicide Application)
2. Knight Hoppe Kurnik & Knight (Serrano's') $2266.00
3. Circle Supply- $45.58 (Drain Cover)

Bill motioned to pay the claims and Bob seconded. Motion passes 5-0.

Old Business:

Lincoln & Beaver Project 302 E Beaver	Completed	The board asked Brian to do the seeding before the next meeting.
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.
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 July 2023 is $22692.00
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.
Council of Aging Community Service Building 102 E State	Creating proper drainage	Putting in 3 manholes First one corner of alley, second down Washington and Main, third in alley of Washington and Walker. Town will help sidewalks. Drainage brought in quote. Bob made a motion to accept the bid if tile on Washington is inspected first. Nikki seconded motion. Bid will be included with these minutes

Ditch & Culvert on easement of 508 S Polk	Completed and now needs seeded.	
Patterson Tile Project	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 Business:

1. The Patterson's that live at 413 S. Clay St. attended the meeting. They are having water issues in their basement. It is constantly flooding. Bob would like to get 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. We will hold off digging in Lareau's yard until we see if this fixes the problem. This project will be called the Patterson tile project and be added to the drop-down menu. Bob made a motion to amend what we are asking Josh to do currently and start on this project. Nikki seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting will be on September 5, 2023.

King Clark, President

Robert Gonczy, Secretary