

Surveyor's Report

SOLOMON SECHRIST

County Regulated Drain

-Hearing to Increase Maintenance Assessment-

Date of Hearing: 8/24/2017

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Current Data:

Total Acreage of Watershed - 2932

Length of Tile- 5.1 miles

Length of Open- 6.2 miles

Annual Collection- \$2114.18 (Kosciusko Co. \$1419.19, Marshall Co. \$694.99)

Debt: \$29,835.82 (as of 7/17/17)

Current Assessment- \$0.63/acre & \$5.00 minimum

Scheduled to Stop Collection When Balance equals or exceeds 4 Year Collection Amount ($\$2114.18 \times 4 = \8456.72). Collection would begin again when balance falls below the 4 Year Collection Amount.

History of Assessment Rates:

6/1967: Hearing to raise assessment rate.

1/1981: Last raised 25%

Proposed Assessment \$5.00/acre, \$25.00 minimum

Proposed Total Annual Assessment- \$15,614

Proposed To Stop Collection When Balance equals or exceeds the 8 Year Collection Amount ($\$15,614 \times 8 = \$124,912$). Collection Would Begin Again When Balance Falls Below 8 Year Collection Amount.

Projected/Estimated average yearly maintenance cost of \$12,000.00.

Typical Regulated Drain Routine Maintenance Activities:

Tile Repair, Tile Replacement, Riser/Catch Basin Installation & Repair, Removal of Sediment From Open Ditch, Brush Clearing, Brush Control, Herbicide Application, Bank Stabilization/Erosion Control, Seeding, DNR/ARMY Corp. Permit Application Fees

History of Maintenance Costs:

Drain has been in debt for the past 17 years (and prior).

Examples of past maintenance costs:

2005 (\$6000), 2007 (\$4000), 2009 (\$5600), 2010 (\$9400), 2013 (\$7000) & 2017 (\$14,000)

Due to the lack of available funds, maintenance work on this drain has been limited to mostly emergency repairs only.

IMPORTANT: Ledger, work orders & receipts are available to the public for viewing in the Kosciusko County Surveyor's Office.

Notices printed on 7/17/2017
Mailed on 7/26/2017

Kosciusko County Drainage Board
Surveyors Office
100 W Center Street, Courthouse
Warsaw, IN 46580

**This is a Joint Board Hearing Notice
for Kosciusko and Marshall
Counties for the Solomon Sechrist
Drain.**

RE: Solomon-Sechrist (604) Drain Public Hearing

The Joint Drainage Board will hold a public hearing to consider increasing the annual maintenance assessments for the Solomon-Sechrist (604) regulated drain. **The hearing will be held in the old courtroom, on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse, at 100 West Center St. Warsaw, Indiana, 46580 on 8/24/2017 at 9:00 A.M.** The Surveyor's report has been attached and schedule of assessments is on file in the Kosciusko County Surveyor's Office and is open for public inspection. The estimated annual cost of periodically maintaining the drain is in the sum of \$12,000.00

**The proposed rate per acre is \$5.00 per acre with a \$25.00 minimum.
The proposed annual collection for ALL LANDOWNERS is \$15,614.15**

The current rate per acre is \$0.63 with a \$5.00 minimum.

The current annual collection for both counties is \$2,141.60 and there is a balance of \$0.00 with a debt of \$30,356.60
Kosciusko's Annual Collection is \$1,427.28 ----- Marshall's Annual Collection is \$714.32

The Joint Board is also considering an 8 year collection (currently a 4 year). For example, if the ditch's balance is over 8 times the annual collection then the collection would stop until the ditch balance falls below 8 times the annual collection amount. If that would take place the collection would begin the following Spring collection.

Your percentage of the proposed annual collection is 2.32%

"Your estimated" proposed assessment is for lands described as follows and in the amount indicated below.**

Parcel Number	Legal Description	Benefit Acres
011-706000-60	011-009-001 Tract in Ne 3-33-4 72.476	72.476

**Your proposed "annual" Assessment (if approved) would be \$362.15

**""THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE, NO PAYMENT IS DUE AT THIS TIME ""
THIS IS A PROPOSED ASSESSMENT PENDING DRAINAGE BOARD APPROVAL.""**

You are not required to attend, however *if you wish to remonstrate, written objections must be filed with the Board not less than 5 days prior to the hearing.* The failure of an owner to file an objection constitutes a waiver of his right to subsequently object to any final action of the board. To remonstrate, send a letter to the address at the top of this page, or e-mail to mkissinger@kcgov.com or **fax to 574-372-2369**. At the hearing the Board shall hear all objections and evidence filed and shall enter an order as justice may require." (IC36-9-27-40).

It is the responsibility of the owner of record to inform his or her contract buyer or lessee of this notice of hearing.

If you have any questions, please call the Kosciusko County Surveyor's Office at **574-372-2366**
For more information go to www.kcgov.com Department - Surveyor - Drainage Board