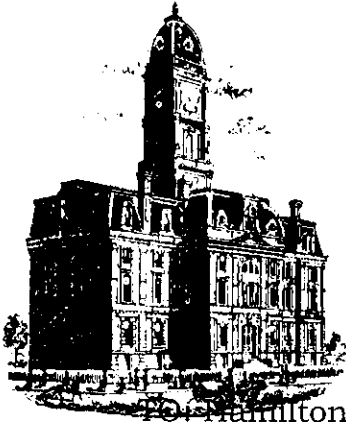


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RE: Hunter-Snowberger Drain

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Attached is a drain map, drainage shed map and schedule of assessments for the Hunter-Snowberger Drain. This drain shall consist of the John Snowberger Drain and the Franklin Hunter Drain.

At this time the John Snowberger Drain is on a maintenance assessment, which was established in November 1977. The current assessment is \$1.50 per acre, with a \$5.00 minimum. The annual assessment for the fund is \$311.06 and the current balance is \$2,440.36.

The Hamilton County Commissioners constructed the Franklin Hunter Drain in 1898. The drain was cleaned out by allotment in 1901, 1904, 1924 and 1935. The drain was petitioned for clean out in 1952 through the Tipton County Circuit Court. On November 1977 and June 1978 GRACE E. COLE requested the drain for classification. At this time the Hunter Drain is number twelve (#12) on the classification list for maintenance.

At this time I recommend the combining of these two drains as one drainage system, under Section 41 of the Drainage Code. The Tipton County Drainage Board does not wish to participate in a joint board for the Hunter Drain. (See letter dated 3/27/98) However, the Tipton County Drainage Board did waive their rights to a joint board when the John Snowberger drain was placed on maintenance in 1977. Therefore, the acreage in Tipton County now assessed to the John Snowberger Drain will be included in the assessment for the combined drain. The Hamilton County landowners will be the only landowners assessed for the Franklin Hunter portion of the combined drain.

The portion of the Hunter Drain which will be maintained is that portion of the open ditch from the South side of 296th Street, approximately STA 57+00 of the 1898 description, to its intersection with Little Cicero Creek, STA 105+26 of the 1898 description. This consists of approximately 4,826 feet of open drain.

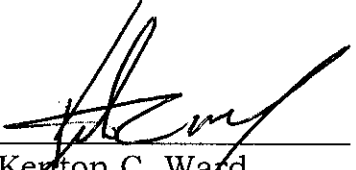
Maintenance of the combined drain shall include the following:

1. Repair of tile
2. Repair of breathers
3. Removal of obstructions and debris from both tile and open drain
4. Clearing brush and maintaining clear banks on open ditch
5. Repairing erosion on ditch banks
6. Other work as needed

The maintenance shall be done on an as needed basis.

I have reviewed the drainage shed and believe the drain will benefit each tract equally. Therefore, I recommend each tract be assessed equally, I recommend a maintenance assessment be set at \$2.00 per acre with a \$10.00 minimum. With this assessments the total annual assessment will be \$ 900 .58. The balance in the current John Snowberger Drain fund shall be transferred to The fund to be established under this proposal.

I recommend the Board set a hearing for this proposal for June 1998. <sup>29</sup>

  
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