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TO: Hamilton County Drainage Board

RE: Mud Creek / Sand Creek Drainage Area, George Burk #46 Drain Arm

Upon Review of the drainage sheds I believe that the George Burk Drain should be made an arm to the Mud Creek / Sand Creek Drainage Area. I recommend this action as the George Burk Drain is a tributary to the Mud Creek / Sand Creek Drainage Area. This would also avoid a double assessment on the tracts currently assessed for the George Burk Drain when the remainder of the Mud Creek / Sand Creek Drainage Area is assessed for maintenance.

On June 7, 1971 the Board held a hearing to establish the Drain maintenance assessment for the George Burk Drain. (Drainage Board Minutes Book 1, Page 70). At present the George Burk Drain maintenance assessment affects 528.09 acres and 90 lots. The rate of assessment for the drain was set at \$1.00 per acre with a \$5.00 minimum. This rate collects \$1,062.14 annually and the balance within the fund is \$2,895.82.

The current maintenance assessment would increase as per the rates set for the Mud Creek / Sand Creek Drainage Area which are as follows:

1. Maintenance assessment for roads and streets be set at \$10.00 per acre.
2. Maintenance assessment for agricultural tracts be set at \$3.00 per acre and \$15.00 minimum.
3. Maintenance assessment for non-platted residential tracts be set at \$3.00 per acre and \$15.00 minimum.

4. Maintenance assessment for commercial, institutional and multi-family residential tracts be set at \$10.00 per acre with a \$75.00 minimum.
5. Maintenance assessment for platted lots in subdivisions whose drainage systems will not be part of the regulated drain shall be set at \$35.00 per lot/minimum. Common areas within non-regulated drain subdivisions shall be assessed at \$5.00 per acre with a \$35.00 minimum.
6. Maintenance assessment for platted lots within subdivisions whose drainage system will be part of the regulated drain shall be set at \$65.00 per lot/minimum. Common areas within the regulated drain subdivisions shall be set at \$10.00 per acre with a \$65.00 minimum.

The Board has two choices as to how the current balance for the Burk Drain is handled.

- A. Combining the current balances by:
 1. Transferring the balance of the Burk Drain fund into the Mud Creek / Sand Creek fund.
 2. All future maintenance work on the Burk Drain should be paid from the Mud Creek / Sand Creek fund.
- B. Keep the fund separate by:
 1. Keep funds separate and expend funds needed for maintenance in the length of Mud Creek covered by the current Burk Drain.
 2. Future assessments for the drainage area of the Burk drain be made into the Mud Creek/ Sand Creek fund. No further collections for the Burk fund.

I recommend that the Board set a hearing for this consolidation for August 28, 2006.

Sincerely,



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