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TO: Hamilton County Drainage Board

RE: Centennial Drain #315 name change to Williams Creek Drainage Area

On November 23, 1998 the Board held a hearing to establish the Centennial Drain maintenance assessment (See Surveyor's Report dated October 16, 1998, Drainage Board Minutes Book 5, Pages 19-21). The rate of assessment for the drain was set at \$5.00 per acre with a \$50.00 minimum. This rate collects \$51,305.22 annually and the balance within the fund is \$212,462.29. Collections for the drain were stopped in 2006.

At present the Centennial Drain maintenance assessment affects 315.86 acres and 916 lots. In order to consolidate this drain with both existing drains and future drains within the Williams Creek drainage shed, and since the Centennial Drain is a sub-shed to the overall Williams Creek drainage area, I recommend to the Board that the name of the drain be changed from Centennial Drain to the Williams Creek Drainage Area.

I further recommend that the Board modify the current maintenance assessment 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 total annual assessment for this drain will be \$78,434.40.

I recommend that the Board set a hearing for this name change and adjustment in assessments for August 28, 2006.

Sincerely.

Kenton C. Ward, CFM Hamilton County Surveyor

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FINDINGS AND ORDER

CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE

Centennial Drain, Name Change to Williams Creek Drainage Area

On this **28th** day of August 2006, the Hamilton County Drainage Board has held a hearing on the Maintenance Report and Schedule of Assessments of the Centennial Drain, Name Change to Williams Creek Drainage Area.

Evidence has been heard. Objections were presented and considered. The Board then adopted the original/amended Schedule of Assessments. The Board now finds that the annual maintenance assessment will be less than the benefits to the landowners and issues this order declaring that this Maintenance Fund be established.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

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