**LaGrange County Drainage Board Minutes**

 **Commissioner’s Room – 1st Floor County Office Building**

A Public Hearing continuation of the LaGrange County Drainage Board was called to order by Ben Taylor at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025.

**Those Present Were:**

Ben Taylor, Chair; Todd Perkins, Vice Chair; Kevin Myers, Member; Eric Knepp, Member; Zach Young, Member; Zach Holsinger, County Surveyor; Samantha Emrick, Board Secretary; Cory Stewart, Deputy Surveyor; Kurt Bachman, Attorney; Tharon Morgan, County Engineer; Robbie Miller, Planning/Zoning Administrator; Matt Meersman, St. Joe River City Basin

**#1 Page Ditch – Maintenance**

**LAND OWNERS PRESENT**: Troy Sutton, Alex Schmidt, Lyle Wingard, Kristen Klink (representative for M. Ernsberger)

Ben Taylor continued the public hearing at 8:30 A.M. by verifying those landowners in attendance had signed in.

**DISCUSSION:** Taylor acknowledged that public comment had been closed at the previous hearing. Taylor asked Holsinger if he was able to get some more information for the Board and to share his findings. Holsinger stated that he was able to walk a lot more of the ditch and confirmed that it does need to be maintained. Holsinger also stated that he spoke with a contractor about the work and was told it would cost $6 per foot to clean, and we have 18,000 feet to clean bringing us to a total of $108,000.00 plus $6-800.00 per pipe replacement. The Board discussed and took some questions from the audience.

Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the assessment as presented. Zach Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Benjamin Taylor, Chair

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Todd Perkins, Vice Chair

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