

GRUNDY COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2009

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the County Board, Grundy County, Illinois:

Your Committee met on Thursday, October 1, 2009, 8:30 A.M. at the Administration Center to hold a special meeting. Those present were: T. Pfaff, T. Poole, R. Joyce, D. Duffy, F. Halpin, and C. Cassem. Also present were: S. Bates, J. Blessent, D. Blessent, S. Conger, B. Conger, D. Halpin, S. Amann, C. Sarver, and S. Lucas. Those absent were M. Throneburg, R. Severson. Steven Amann of Baxter and Woodman presented the results of their drainage study for the area north of Stonewall Road and west of Lincoln Road. He explained that this area is flat and the natural drainage has been affected by coal mine spoil piles and a road / driveway which runs from Lincoln Road to the spoil pile area. He suggested four alternatives to help alleviate the flooding which occurs in this area.

- Reshape farmland south and east of spoil piles to direct surface water north and west to E. Fork of Mazon River.
- Add a culvert across the old mine access driveway which currently blocks the natural northerly flow of water.
- Improve west Lincoln Road ditch from the two cross-road culverts to Goodfarm Road to allow more water to run north in the ditch.
- Add culverts under Lincoln Road near the two existing culverts.

Mrs. Blessent commented that the NRC watershed boundaries are inaccurate. Benny Conger would like more culverts across Lincoln Road. Dale Halpin proposed regrading area south and west of spoil piles to take surface water northwest to E. Fork of the Mazon River. T. Pfaff said Committee will review the report with C. Cassem. Motion by T. Poole and seconded by R. Joyce to adjourn. Motion carried.