

MINUTES OF THE
STORM WATER APPEALS BOARD (SWAB)
MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2021

1. **OPENING** – The Williamson County Storm Water Appeals Board met for a regular meeting on March 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via GoToMeeting, online video conferencing.

Chairman Reese called the meeting to order and asked Floyd Heflin to call the roll. Mr. Heflin noted that a quorum was present.

A motion to conduct the Storm Water Appeals Board meeting electronically due to the necessity caused by the COVID-19 crisis was made by Brad Hoot. The motion was seconded by John Kinnie, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 Board Members

Andy Reese, Engineering Representative, Chairman
Brad Hoot, Homeowner Representative, Secretary
Betsy Hester, County Commission Representative
Rob Adams, Jr., Building Representative
Liz McLaurin, Environmental Representative
John Kinnie, Agricultural Representative, Vice Chairman

1.2 Staff

Michael Scott, Storm Water Quality Coordinator
Floyd Heflin, County Engineer
Kristi Ransom, County Attorney
Debbie Smith, Administrative Office Manager

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Chairman Andy Reese opened the floor for comments on the February 24, 2021 minutes. Brad Hoot noted that on Item 5, it should be noted that he recused himself from that item. John Kinnie moved to approve as noted, seconded by Brad Hoot. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

3. **03-24-21-02 – T-Square Engineering for Mark McCommon for property on Carters Creek Pike.**

3.1 Introduction by Staff - Mr. Scott reviewed the report for the record.

3.2 Public Hearing – No Public Comments

3.3 Applicant – Kelsey Henderson and Tim Turner from T-Square Engineering. Kelsey Henderson stated there is an existing driveway and bridge that serviced the property and the owners wish to keep that in place in order to minimize the impact. The application is for the extension along the WNA to allow access to the building area for the house. She advised that the slope of approximately 35%, the location of the septic areas and required setbacks will not allow the location to be moved further away from the WNA.

3.4 Board Discussion – Brad Hoot asked if the driveway would be paved. Kelsey Henderson indicated it was the owner's preference to have it paved. Brad Hoot asked if any ditch work would be done around the drive. Kelsey stated because of the area being so flat there is no proposed ditch work.

John Kinnie stated there is currently washing occurring and what did they proposed to prevent that.

Andy Reese asked how the water would sheet flow across the driveway, since the driveway will be 2-3" higher. Kelsey Henderson indicated the current plan is to keep the driveway flush with the area.

John Kinnie indicated that to do that it would require disturbance in the WNA. Kelsey Henderson stated they would be happy to install a ditch. Andy Reese asked Staff if a point discharge is allowed within the WNA. Michael Scott stated the regulations provide that treated water can be discharged into the WNA and didn't know if this would be treated water, but could review that under this appeal. Floyd Heflin indicated that there is an existing curtain drain required around the septic area and asked if they could connect the ditch to that for discharge into the WNA. Kelsey Henderson added that the curtain drain will catch any water sheet flowing across the septic fields, therefore the area from the curtain drain to the WNA is a minimal area.

Brad Hoot asked about the timeframe of the project, what time of the year will it be done and if this were flush and paved, wouldn't it be an improvement to sheet flow. Kelsey Henderson stated that pavement would improve sheet flow and as far as timeframe and when it would be done, the contractor was not present to answer those questions, but they would be present to ensure it was done properly.

Floyd Heflin asked the Board if they were ok with having turf grass all the way to the top of the bank and would it be mowed or would they prefer the section between the creek and drive to be landscaped and maintained. John Kinnie and Liz McLaurin stated they would prefer to see it landscaped with materials that discourage mowing.

Floyd Heflin stated there had been previous conservation with T-Square Engineering about doing some enhancement along the bank and wanted to know if they had gotten any further with a plan. Tim Turner stated that the owner wanted to do something further North on the driveway where there is currently erosion happening but not along this section.

Brad Hoot stated he wasn't sure where this landscaping issue landed. Floyd Heflin indicated it would be difficult to restrict the homeowner from getting in that area, but if the Board requested they landscape the area, then it would be reasonable to ask for a landscape architect to draw up a plan.

John Kinnie stated landscaping would be an acceptable use, but didn't want to see mulching done that would wash into the stream. He added he'd rather see grasses planted to the stream bank.

3.5 Board Action – Brad Hoot moved to approve as submitted, seconded by Rob Adams. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Davis Lamb moved for adjournment.



Chairman

Date 4/29/2021