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To: Hamilton County Drainage Board

Re: Williams Creek Drainage Area, Larkspur #232 Arm

Upon review of the Williams Creek Drainage Area, I believe that the Larkspur Drain #232 should be made an arm to the Williams Creek Drainage Area as the Larkspur Drain discharges to Williams Creek Drain. This would also avoid a double assessment on the tracts currently assessed for the Larkspur Drain as the remainder of the Williams Creek Drain is assessed for maintenance.

The Larkspur Drain was created by the Hamilton County Drainage Board per the Surveyor's report dated February 21, 1989 and approved by the Board on April 24, 1989 (See Drainage Board Minutes Book 2, Page 357). At present the Larkspur Drain maintenance assessment affects 8.74 acres and 18 lots. The rate of assessment for the drain is set at \$5.00 per acre for common areas and parcels, with a \$50.00 minimum, and \$10.00 per acre for roads. This rate collects \$1,025.90 annually and the balance within the fund is \$7,268.06. There is one outstanding work order for this drain at this time.

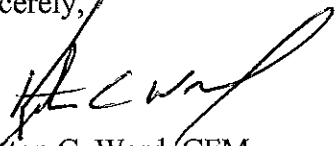
Per my report for the Williams Creek Drainage Area, John Osborn #162 Arm, dated August 26, 2013, the assessment for this subdivision will be under the John Osborn combination report, as a subdivision whose drainage system will be part of the regulated drain, and no assessment will be made under this report to combine the subdivision drain.

The current balance of the Larkspur Drain shall be kept separate and these funds expended for needed maintenance on the Larkspur Drain. This shall be done until the funds are exhausted. At that time funding for repairs shall then be taken from the Williams Creek Drainage Area fund.

Future assessments for the drainage area of the Larkspur Drain will be made into the Williams Creek Drainage Area fund. No further maintenance collections for the Larkspur Drain shall be made after 2013 other than any delinquent assessment penalties and interest which remain unpaid.

I recommend that the Board set a hearing for this consolidation for October 28, 2013.

Sincerely,



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