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The redundant criticisms of the TID by its opponents--often featured in Letters to the Editor--are troubling. And we are past due in correcting numerous misleading claims that have been asserted by a small group who continue to threaten the construction of road improvements that the vast majority of Butler County endorses.

The headline above a May 20 Letter to the Editor from Debbie Hardix stated that the "TID should have to play by the rules." The TID does play by the rules. Ms. Hardix has visited the TID office on numerous occasions and has made over 65 requests for public records. Despite the fact that Ms. Hardix has seen our bidding files, she continues to make allegations that are not true. She has viewed our invitations for competitive bids, but contends that the TID does not employ competitive bidding.

The TID has awarded eight contracts to date. Adhering to the standards of competitive bidding, bids were invited for each of these eight contracts and the contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder in all cases. Furthermore, all of the contractors for TID projects are bonded, and all of the TID's project contractors have employed prevailing wages.

The facts speak for themselves. The TID not only meets the laws applicable to TIDs, but to all ODOT and FHWA projects. All legal responsibilities are met while the TID fulfills a unique local responsibility.

To imply that there is no oversight is incorrect. The TID is controlled by its member governments who serve the citizens of Butler County. Few agencies-if any-provide the local perspective for road improvements that is offered by the TID.

The TID's projects will be constructed legally, better, faster, cheaper, and in the local interest.

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