

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner’s Room of the courthouse on February 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with the following present: Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Bruce W. Levi, members; Leigh Morning, Board attorney; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Michele Gordon, secretary. Warren Norris, county councilman, was also present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by motion of Wilkinson, with a 2nd by Levi.

JAMES ALEXANDER TILE

A motion was made by Wilkinson, with a 2nd by Levi, to sign resolution 2017-1 for the purpose of securing a loan, if need be, for the reconstruction of this tile. Motion carried. The Surveyor will also present the resolution to the County Council for their approval.

The reconstruction of this tile will include constructing a structure and a waterway which may result in some of the contractors submitting bids to request that portions of the project be sublet. This is allowable but the Surveyor will recommend if a contractor is planning on subletting any portion of this project that his intentions be stated in his bid.

PIKE MUTUAL DRAIN

The Surveyor presented a copy of a letter that was sent to Mrs. Shelton from attorney Grant Reeves on behalf of the Pikes saying that she is responsible for keeping the roots out of the tile in the future.

MUTUAL DRAINS

Paul Wilkinson suggested the Board consider not getting involved in any future mutual drain projects. If landowners come to the Surveyor with a drainage concern and wish for the Drainage Board to get involved, the Surveyor should suggest they petition to have their private tile converted to a county regulated drain. He then made a motion stating the Board policy will be to not get involved in a mutual drain. The Surveyor is to recommend to the landowners they petition for the drain to become a county regulated drain. Levi seconded the motion and the motion carried.

LLOYD MCGINNIS OPEN

Maintenance work is being performed on this drain and there is money in the account to cover the cost.

REMINDER – Bids will be opened in the Surveyor’s office for the reconstruction of the James Alexander Tile on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Wilkinson, with a 2nd by Levi. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon

Paul Wilkinson

Bruce W. Levi