

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Rush County courthouse on September 6, 2016 at 10:20 A.M. with the following present: Mark Beacon, Bruce W. Levi, Paul Wilkinson members; Leigh Morning, Board Attorney; Marvin L Rees, Surveyor; Linda Ashwill, Secretary. Warren Norris, County Councilman, was also present.

Minutes of the previous meeting, August 8, were approved and signed by motion by Levi, with a 2nd by Wilkinson.

SMITH MUTUAL DRAIN

Mrs. Loggan came into surveyors today and requested map of approximate location of the drainage tile. Stated she would take care of the problem as soon as possible. Alton Smith stated this has been going on over a year and there might be a mold issue now and maybe more problems since this had been going so long.

PIKE MUTUAL DRAIN

Marvin stated three locations having blockages of roots in tile. Shelton gave approval to remove trees next to the tile, but this would be too expensive. All three locations the old tile and roots were removed and 12" smooth wall non-perforated plastic pipe was installed. Cost for project was \$2,484.24. Motion was made by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi for a hearing on October 3, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. for this project.

WM.S. HALL OPEN DRAIN

It has been two years since we looked at the 3:1 slope area. Marvin is to set date with landowner to inspect the area.

STUTZMAN MUTUAL DRAIN HEARING 10:30 A.M.

Marvin stated this mutual drain was installed in 1967 by NRCS. Mr. Stutzman wants this tile converted to a regulated county drain. His property adjoins SMS Meer Farms, Robert A. Meer, owner and Rosemary Reiner's property. Mr. Meer owns 69% of the watershed. Presently this is a 14 inch tile going into open ditch and then drains into 12 inch tile. Mr. Stutzman has open ditch originally 150 feet in drain. Mr. Meer stated that ditch needed cleaned out on Mr. Stutzman's property and he didn't think the structured tile needed to be replaced. Stating it should last several years. Mr. Meer was willing to work with Mr. Stutzman in getting Stutzman's portion cleaned out. Leigh Morning stated legally this couldn't be accepted as a regulated drain, since Mr. Meer owned over 50% and didn't approve of it. Mr. Meer & Stutzman were both wondering about the legal complications of residents downstream of this drain. Discussion was that they should contact Justin Schneider, Farm Bureau Attorney, for the legal ramifications. Levi stated if they could work this out between themselves would be the way to go. Both parties agreed. Mr. Meer is to contact the Farm Bureau Attorney. Motion made by Wilkinson, 2nd by Levi to not accept this as a county drain. Motion carried.

JAMES ALEXANDER TILE

R. A. Shultz Farms Inc. tiled their ground out of this watershed. They request to be removed from the watershed. 1.2 acres of this farm drained into this watershed. Motion was made by Levi and seconded by Wilkinson to remove R. A. Shultz Farms from the watershed. Motion carried. Bonnie Linville was present, property owner in this watershed to see the proposed repairs. Marvin stated NRCS designed the structure. The new tile would consist of 24 inch smooth wall plastic perforated pipe going 18 inch, 15 inch down to 12 inch with 5 breathers installed. Total acreage approximately 509.276 acres. Estimated cost bedding the tile with stone is \$429.23 per acre and \$355.87 per acre without the stone bedding. Hearing date was set for October 31, 2016 10:30 A.M. Motion was made by Wilkinson and seconded by Levi for this hearing date. Motion carried.

GEORGE GODDARD OPEN

Marvin stated maintenance was needed. This drain was reconstructed in 1989. Is five and half miles long and covers 3,700 acres of watershed. Motion was made by Wilkinson and Seconded by Levi to have open bids for this project on October 31, 2016. Motion carried. Marvin stated the DANIEL BROWN TILE that has outlets into GODDARD needs attention also.

OWEN CARR & OMER STANLEY TILE DRAIN

Marvin stated after investigation this tile went under two railroad in two places about half mile apart. He is going to send a letter to the watershed explaining the costs that goes with dealing with the railroad.

RUSH COUNTY STORM DRAINAGE POLICY

Dirk Ricke

Jerry & Tiffany Reighley

Three Fey Family LLC

Jeremy & Emily Ellis

All of the above have been waived from requirements of a drainage plan. Wilkinson moved to grant waivers, 2nd by Levi. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Wilkinson and seconded by Levi.

Mark Bacon

Paul Wilkinson

Bruce W. Levi