

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner’s room of the Rush County courthouse on September 29, 2016 at 10:45 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.

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

CARR/STANLEY TILE DRAIN

Landowners had been invited to the meeting to discuss the proposed reconstruction of this tile. The Surveyor reported that CSX Railroad requires a preliminary engineering review before any project involving work crossing the railroad right-of-way. Cost of this review and other requirements of the railroad could amount to as much as \$23,000.00 per crossing. Norm Winkler was in favor, saying whatever the cost, we needed to have it done. The other landowners were a little more hesitant. All landowners would like to know an approximate cost of the proposed reconstruction before making any decisions as to whether or not they would approve of spending money toward a railroad review. The Surveyor will have an estimate ready at the next meeting.

MUTUAL DRAIN – BILL PIKE

More drainage problems have been discovered. The Board was reminded of the hearing that is scheduled for their next meeting concerning this mutual drain.

MUTUAL DRAIN – ALTON SMITH

Mr. Smith is tired of waiting for repair work to be completed on this drain. A motion was made by Levi, with a 2nd by Wilkinson, to have the Surveyor contact Mrs. Loggan and inform her that repairs must be completed within the next two weeks. If she does not have the work finished in two weeks, the Surveyor will hire a contractor and charge her with the repairs. Motion carried.

RECONSTRUCTION NOTICES

The Surveyor asked the Board if future notices should have wording stating any private tile hook-ups would be an additional charge to the landowners. The office has received calls from some landowners asking why they are receiving a bill from the contractor in addition to their assessment. Explaining this possible charge in the hearing notices landowners receive may alleviate future confusion, so the Board felt adding wording to the notices would be a good idea.

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