

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the courthouse on January 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.

GARDNER/ALEXANDER TILE – HEARING

There were no interested landowners present. A motion was made by Levi, with a 2nd by Wilkinson, to approve the proposed maintenance assessments. Motion carried and the Final Order was signed.

WM WINSHIP TILE – HEARING

There were no interested landowners present. A motion was made by Wilkinson, with a 2nd by Levi, to approve the proposed maintenance assessments. Motion carried and the Final Order was signed.

WAITS/WRIGHT TILE – HEARING

There were no interested landowners present. A motion was made by Levi, with a 2nd by Wilkinson, to approve the proposed maintenance assessments. Motion carried and the Final Order was signed.

A motion was made by Levi, with a 2nd by Wilkinson, to close the hearings. Motion carried.

SAMUEL COHEE OPEN

Mrs. Landham was present to complain about the rising water in Little Blue River. She was informed the portion of the river on her property is not a county regulated drain. DNR would need to be contacted for help with her issue. The Surveyor believes beavers are building dams and causing the water to not flow. He took her name and number and told her he would try to contact DNR on her behalf to see if they would be willing to help.

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

REORGANIZATION

A motion was made by Levi, with a 2nd by Wilkinson, to retain Mark Bacon as chairman and Paul Wilkinson as vice-chairman of the Drainage Board. Motion carried.

ELI MURRAY OPEN

R L Coon Excavating is approximately half finished with the maintenance project on this drain.

ALBERT DWIGGINS TILE

Chris Nicholson is requesting to add on to his barn which currently sits within the right-of-way of this tile. The Surveyor stated this addition would not hinder access to the drain. A motion was made by Wilkinson, with a 2nd by Levi, to allow the encroachment on the right-of-way. Motion carried and the encroachment form was signed by the Board. This form will also need to be signed by Nicholson.

JAMES ALEXANDER TILE

Bonnie Linville is refusing to work with the NRCS office concerning the erosion control structure which is a part of the approved reconstruction project on this tile. The Surveyor will contact Mr. Schultz to see if he would be willing to sign up with the NRCS office and have the structure on his property. The program with the NRCS office allows cost sharing on the erosion control structure which would lower the cost of the project. The original estimate for this project included the cost of the erosion control structure so a new hearing is not required.

IRA BROOKBANK TILE

Plans were approved at the hearing held on July 25, 2016 to move the outlet of this tile and raise the maintenance assessments to cover the cost of the project. The Surveyor is going to contact Kenny Miller Excavating to work on this project.

ANNUAL REPORT

A motion was made by Levi, with a 2nd by Wilkinson, to approve and sign the Annual Drain Report. Motion carried and the report was signed.

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