

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 30, 2018

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner’s Room of the Courthouse on April 30, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. with the following present: Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Bruce W. Levi, members; Leigh Morning, Board Attorney; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Shelle Hendrix, secretary.

A motion was made by Levi to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting with a 2nd by Wilkinson. The minutes were approved and signed.

THOMAS GRAY TILE

The Surveyor showed a map and stated the tile has holes and said approximately 1,000’ of tile needs to be replaced. He further stated the 12” tile is too small and needs to be at least 15” and that the work would all be in Rush County. A hearing would need to be held.

WYCOFF/GLIDDEN/GOLDMAN OPEN

The Surveyor reported there are several places north of County Road 900 that have washed into the field. He showed photos near the Plum Creek area.

RUSHVILLE CITY FLOODING

A few Rushville city residents were in attendance concerning the recent flooding within the city limits. Roy Gene Mohr and Larry Copley voiced their concerns. The discussion was stopped in order to hold the Geise hearing at 10:30 a.m. After the hearing, the discussion was resumed, the Surveyor read a letter from property owner Becky Stone and Virgil Platt spoke about his grandson’s flooding issues. It was decided to hold a Workshop on May 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to seek resolution to this problem. No Rushville City officials were present for this Drainage Board meeting.

GEISE HEARING

Attorney for Jerry Stevens, Russell Jones, waived their request for a continuance and stated they were willing to proceed with the hearing. The Surveyor read his report in regard to the mutual drain of landowners Kevin and Carol Geise and Jerry and Kathy Stevens. George Lohmeier, Attorney for Kevin Geise spoke about the tiles not draining properly and needs to become a regulated drain in order to be fixed so that Mr. Geise’s property can be drained. He presented photos showing flooding on Mr. Geise’s property. Russell Jones, Mr. Stevens’s attorney, stated the property has now become part of a Conservation Reserve to grow trees and doesn’t want any reconstruction done that would possibly damage the trees. He presented a copy of the Conservation Reserve Program Contract, and an engineering letter report from Jud Scott, consulting Arborist. He then introduced and presented credentials for Adam DeHart, Drainage Engineer, who stated he had walked the property and gave his opinions on the situation. He presented an aerial photo of the area, a proposed watershed of the area, and an Engineering Letter Report. After much discussion the hearing was recessed to a later date at which time both attorneys will present findings of fact. The hearing will continue on May 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Mark Bacon

Paul Wilkinson

Bruce W. Levi