

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 29, 2018**

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner’s Room of the Courthouse on May 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with the following present: Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Bruce W. Levi, members; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Shelle Hendrix, secretary. Warren Norris, Council member and Jerry Stevens and Desmond Stevens, landowners were also present. Leigh Morning, Board Attorney was unavailable for this meeting.

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

**CITY FLOODING**

The Surveyor reported that Gary Cameron, City Council member, had emailed links to possible grants. Wilkinson read an email about grants and loans available. The Surveyor asked if a motion was needed in order to apply for a grant to which Levi stated the need to research the terms for the grants. A discussion ensued concerning the assessing of city landowners and those who would benefit from the proposed drain. There was also discussion about possible easement leases. Warren Norris asked if the City owns the land in the area of the Cherry St. extension. Auditor Jodi Harr stated the City has filed papers for eminent domain for which there will be a hearing in June 2018. Levi asked if the Surveyor had looked at the area on 11<sup>th</sup> St. near Wilson Estates. Rees answered yes and verified the roots had been cleaned out of the tile at that location. The Surveyor reminded the Board of the meeting to be held on Monday June 4, 2018 at 6 p.m.

**GEISE MUTUAL DRAIN**

The Board members reviewed the written Findings concerning the Mutual Drain. Levi asked to have Terri Nigh, Environmentalist Specialist, join the meeting to answer questions about the water sample testing. Nigh informed the Board the sample was taken on the Stevens property across from Kevin Geise property at the culvert. This was surface water from the drain pipe at the culvert and tested positive for E. coli, however the test was inconclusive and the investigation is ongoing. Levi made a motion to postpone signing the Mutual Drain order until further response from the attorneys can be obtained, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilkinson. Motion carried and the matter was postponed until the June 11, 2018 meeting at 10 a.m.

**JOHN LAWLESS TILE**

The Surveyor reported on the inspection of the defective tile on the Jerry and Kathy Foreman property. A representative from the tile company was present but did not stay for the entire inspection. A portion of the tile was removed for closer observation. The Surveyor was told to call the company in a week for a final determination.

The Surveyor reminded the Board that bids will be opened at a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. in the Surveyor’s office, June 11, 2018.

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

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Mark Bacon

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Paul Wilkinson

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Bruce W. Levi