

The Samuel Cohee Drain Drainage Board met at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the Rush County Surveyor with the following present: Mark Bacon, President; Tom Ripberger, member; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Leigh Morning, Board Attorney; Shelle Hendrix, secretary. Robert Jackman was absent. Also present were Ken Masters, Adam Schwering, and Steve Schwering.

The minutes from the January 11, 2018 were read and approved on motion of Bacon with a 2nd by Ripberger. Motion carried and the minutes were approved and signed.

The Surveyor reported the Railroad says they don't own the land which was assessed. Leigh Morning stated nobody pays property taxes on it and there is no legal description. Ripberger made a motion to suspend the \$30 assessment with a 2nd by Bacon. Motion carried.

The Surveyor discussed ash trees along the waterway which need to be cleaned out and asked if landowners should be notified via mail or put a notice in the newspaper and online. Ken Masters stated he had called a forester 5 years ago and was advised at that time the trees would be dead in 5 years and possible start falling over. After some discussion, Ripberger made a motion to table the discussion until the next Drainage Board meeting, with a 2nd from Bacon. Motion carried.

Steve and Adam Schwering and reported about issues with CPR Waterway being washed out about 60-70 feet up the waterway. Rees stated there are ponds washed out north of 900N. Schwering stated that the waterway needs to be dug out and re-shaped. Ripberger suggested making a longer rock shoot. Bacon suggested Schwering should get an estimate on repairs.

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

Mark Bacon

Tom Ripberger