

## **DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**DECEMBER 10, 2018**

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse on December 10th 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; and Jonna McIntire-Johnson, Secretary. Warren Norris and Chuck Kemker were also present.

### **TINSLEY/MEAL OPEN DRAIN HEARING**

The Surveyor read the maintenance hearing report concerning the repairs that need to be made. The Surveyor stated the Tinsley Drain is virtually free of trees and large brush but is in need of having silt removed. The Meal Drain is tree lined but mostly in need of having blockages removed. The Surveyor recommended combining these two drains and creating a new drain to be known as the Tinsley Meal Open Drain. A map was displayed to several landowners present showing the specifics of needed maintenance. A motion was made by Wilkinson to proceed with the schedule of assessments and maintenance to combine both said drains with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Levi. Motion carried. Interested landowners present were Warren Engel, Steven Marsden, and Michael McDaniel.

### **JAMES S.E. HILLIGOSS TILE HEARING**

The Surveyor read the reconstruction hearing report concerning the written request that was received to reconstruct the drain. The Surveyor advised the tile is undersized and places have collapsed causing large holes to form. The Surveyor recommended replacing the tile with smooth wall perforated tile. The two arms should be included in the reconstruction while the current outlet to be left as is and the new tile can outlet north of the structure.

An objection was received by Charlotte Gordon with concerns of cost, interest rate of deferred payments, timing, loss of crops and runoff. The Surveyor answered her questions. Ronald Abrams, Landowner, requested his acreage to be reduced by 25 acres; however, no map was provided. No action was taken on this request. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that the reconstruction is necessary to prevent additional damage.

A motion was made by Wilkinson to accept the reconstruction proposal and schedule of assessments with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Levi. Motion carried. Interested landowners present were Charlotte Gordon, Howard Lower and Michael McDaniel.

A motion to close the hearings was made by Levi with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilkinson. Motion carried.

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

### **JOHN LAWLESS TILE**

The Surveyor provided a map in regards to the John Lawless Tile that is causing large holes that need to be repaired. Gerald Foreman, Landowner, was present stating that more holes are forming in his barnyard. The Surveyor suggested wrapping the tile to prevent additional damage. Mr. Foreman also questioned who would be responsible for the loss of his steer in which Morning advised that the County would not be responsible. The Surveyor will work with Gerald Foreman to obtain more information about the legality and cost to move the waterway. A motion was made by Wilkinson to wrap the tile to remedy the blowhole situation with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Levi. Motion carried

### **CITY FLOODING**

Chuck Kemker came before the board to discuss the city flooding after speaking with the Surveyor and Gary Cameron. There are 2 grants the County could apply for known as a Flood Mitigation Grant or a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. The board was provided information about both grants and it was suggested that the Pre-Disaster Grant may be the better one to apply for. The grant will require a letter of intent that needs to be provided to the State of Indiana by Spring 2019. The Surveyor, Kemker, and Cameron will reconvene after the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2019 to have additional discussions on how to proceed.

**ASH TREES**

The ash trees along the waterways need to be cleaned out. Suggestions were provided on how to communicate the issue to the affected landowners. The intent is to have the landowners assist with the removal of the trees. The Surveyor will work with Frank Denzler to publish a newspaper article that will then link to social media informing landowners of the issue.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Levi with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bacon. 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