

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

MARCH 4, 2019

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse on March 4, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. with the following present: Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Bruce W. Levi, members; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Shelle Hendrix, Secretary. Council member, Warren Norris and several landowners were also present.

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

THOMAS GRAY HEARING

The Hearing for the Thomas Gray Reconstruction was brought to order by Bacon with landowners Lee O'neal, Melvin Collis, Maggie Collis, and Allen Hurst in attendance. The Surveyor read his report after which the Commissioners asked if there were any questions from the landowners. After answering a few questions from Mr. O'neal and Mr. Collis Wilkinson made a motion to approve the planned reconstruction with a 2nd by Levi. Motion carried and the Thomas Gray reconstruction was approved and signed. Wilkinson made a motion to close the Hearing with a 2nd by Levi. Motion carried and the Hearing was closed.

SPRINGER OPEN DRAIN

Allen Hurst, representing his sister, Sharon Coffey, presented the Board with a letter stating that Mr. Hurst will represent her wished. He had questions about extending the open drain to the county line. The problem area on this stream is not in the Rush County Drainage Board's jurisdiction. The Surveyor gave Mr. Hurst a copy of the statute that explains how to create a new legal drain.

TINSLEY/MEAL OPEN

The Surveyor told the Board the drain needs to be cleaned and wants to charge by the hour on the lower part of the drain since work will be done here and there. He would like to charge by the foot on the upper part of the drain since silt will be removed on the entire length. Rees stated he will talk to Leigh Morning and hope to have a proposal by next meeting.

RUSHVILLE FLOODING

Chuck Kemker spoke to the Board about Grants, stating a letter of intent should be done first, outlining where the actual problem is and exploring options for a remedy to the flooding issue. The Board was in agreement that a study should be done and suggested the cost be split between county and city. The Board questioned if they would be liable if we pay for part of a grant. Levi suggested Rees should consult with Leigh Morning, Board Attorney before a decision is made.

WEBB-WILLIS-MULL TILE & OPEN

The Surveyor showed maps to the Board and stated the structure needs repair.

WYCOFF/GLIDDEN/GOLDMAN OPEN

The Surveyor stated the drain needs to be clean because of beaver dam. R.L. Coon was contacted last April to do the work as has yet to get started on it.

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

Mark Bacon

Paul Wilkinson

Bruce W. Levi