

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner’s Room of the Courthouse Sept. 16, 2019 at 10 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. Warren Norris, Councilman; two Town of Glenwood members; and landowners Kevin Geise and Ruth Geise were also present.

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

**TOWN OF GLENWOOD**

The Surveyor reported a petition has been presented to create a new drain. Rees will do a preliminary report before the next Drainage Board meeting. Morning advised a bond will be necessary to cover advertising and postage for notification of landowners in the watershed.

**GEISE/STEVENS DRAIN**

Kevin Geise and Ruth Geise asked the Board to please come to a resolution for the drainage issue for their farm. The Surveyor stated he is attempting to find a forester to analyze the potential monetary loss to the Stevens family resulting from the loss of trees on his property. Levi suggested researching Indiana Hardwood Association for a qualified forester. Rees said he would inform the Board and the Geise family of the date and time when the forester will be doing the inspection. Geise also requested the Board take care of a blockage in another mutual drain to which Leigh Morning advised is not in the Drainage Board’s jurisdiction.

**CARR/STANLEY**

Morning told the Board the Railroad cannot prove ownership and that they only possess right-of-way. Rees discussed the choice of paying the permit fees or moving forward with repairs without paying the fees to which Morning stated would risk a possible lawsuit and/or injunction resulting in even higher costs. Rees suggested notifying the landowners in the watershed to which Levi agreed should be done. Wilkinson made a motion to notify landowners with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Levi. The Railroad permit fees will be discussed at the next meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

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