

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner’s Room of the Courthouse November 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. with the following present: Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Bruce W. Levi, members; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Leigh Morning, Board Attorney; Shelle Hendrix, Secretary. Chuck Kemker and Warren Norris were also present.

GEISE/STEVENS

The Surveyor reported to the Board he had met with a licensed forester who looked at the trees on the Stevens property. It was hoped that the forester could tell us the value of the trees so we could lay the tile as to not bother the most expensive trees. The forester wants us to layout the 30’ right-of-way, then he will tell us the value of the trees that will be disturbed.

JAMES SE HILLIGOSS TILE / TINSLEY/MEAL OPEN

The Surveyor stated the pre-bid conference will be held November 13, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the County Council meeting. Open bids will take place November 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. during a special Drainage Board meeting.

Bacon told the Board about a phone call from Mike Dora, who has information about USDA loans for reconstruction. Bacon will ask Dora to attend the next Drainage Board meeting.

RUSHVILLE FLOODING

At 10:30 a.m. bids were opened. The first bid opened was from DLZ for \$44,320.00. The 2nd bid was from Butler Fairman & Seufert for \$168,400.00. The 3rd bid was from Wessler Engineering for \$89,407.48. All 3 bids included a Certificate of Insurance. After careful review, Chuck Kemker noted the bid from DLZ was not responsive to the requested budget narrative and did not meet the State’s request for a breakdown of budget. The bids from Butler Fairman & Seufert and Wessler Engineering did meet the scope of breakdown for the project, with Wesslers having the lower bid. Wilkinson made a motion to contract with Wesslers, with a 2nd by Levi. Motion carried. Kemker explained the timeline for the project, stating the earliest the project would begin would be Aug/Sept of 2020 with a maximum of 36 months to complete the project. He will need a signed letter from the County committing to a payment of 25% of the total cost of the project, of which Rushville City will pay half.

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

Mark Bacon

Paul Wilkinson

Bruce W. Levi