

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

December 7, 2020

The Rush County Drainage Board met on December 7, 2020 at 10:33 a.m. in regular session in the Commissioners Room of the Rush County Court House with the following present: Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, and Bruce Levi members; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor, Leigh Morning, Attorney. Ron Jarmon, Commissioner Elect was also present.

ABRAM HACKELMAN OPEN HEARING

The Surveyor explained that the drain was in debt and the hearing was to re-instate the \$1.00 per acre assessment. Lila Meyer told the Board that she thought her property in this watershed drained to the east. Surveyor said that he and former owners Matlock found a tile in a grove of trees running north and crossing under the railroad. After much discussion the Surveyor said that if the landowner could prove there is a tile taking her water to the east he would recommend adjusting the watershed accordingly. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to re-instate the \$1.00 per acre assessment with a 2nd by Bruce Levi. Motion carried the assessments were signed.

WILLIAM WAITS OPEN HEARING

The Surveyor explained that there has never been a maintenance assessment on this drain. He also explained that the drain is in debt with more work needed. No landowners were present to discuss this drain. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to start a \$2.00 per acre assessment with a 2nd by Levi. Motion carried the assessments were signed.

The hearings were closed on motion of Wilkinson, 2nd by Levi. Motion carried.

GEISE/STEVENS DRAIN

The Surveyor got the wetlands information from the Army Corps of Engineers, a copy of which was emailed to the Board members and a copy can be found in the file. He also talked to Jason Randolph of IDEM and explained that we were planning to use 15” non-perforated tile. Randolph said he wanted to see what type of permit the Corp required before he did his permit.

Rees suggested to put a maintenance assessment on the drain to cover current the debt. Attorney Morning stated that the current debt will be added to the cost of the reconstruction.

CARR/STANLEY DRAIN

The Surveyor is in the process of writing up the specs of the reconstruction. He recommends a bid to bore under INDOT right-of-way, a separate bid to bore under the CSX right-of-way, and a bid to install the tile. We may want to send a letter to landowners that the reconstruction may take place late summer or early fall requesting them to plant accordingly. Attorney Morning stated that we are to assume that the railroad will not pay anything on their crossings.

ANTHONY HOOD OPEN

The Surveyor stated that he may send a letter to an out of state landowner to remove his current crossing and install a new crossing that is the proper size for the watershed. He will keep the Board informed on this issue.

The minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 2020 were approve and signed on motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Levi. Motion carried.

With nothing else to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Levi with a 2nd by Wilkinson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Mark Bacon

Paul Wilkinson

Bruce W. Levi