

## **DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Rush County Drainage Board met at 9:31 a.m. June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with the following present; Ron Jarman, Kenny Aulbach, Jeff Wilson, Doug Hall, Tom Mahan, Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor, Jeremy Wood, Apprentice Surveyor, Ashley Perkins, Secretary, and Grant Reeves, Attorney.

The minutes of the meeting that was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were approved and signed by Jarman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson. Motion carried.

### **COUNTY FARM DRAIN**

Surveyor stated to the Board he recommend not assessing everyone in the watershed that the area effected is one landowner. Board asked when project can start Surveyor stated on the money situation and to speak with Tammy on doing in next years budget. Surveyor stated he would find out and let them know in the next meeting.

Surveyor stated that we are taking bids of the Sam Trabue Tile at our next meeting.

Doug asked about the ground penetrating radar surveyor stated the report he got was the amount being spent on one was not guaranteed to do what they wanted. Jarman spoke about a tracer wire and what it may cost to have them put in when work is done. Board agreed with one but need to find out what it would cost. Jarman reported it is a 14 gage wire. Surveyor stated he will notify bidders to include 14 gage tracer wire.

Surveyor stated that he sent GIS about the watershed and haven't heard anything yet.

Jarman asked about Tom and Doug's pay, Ashley stated she spoke with Heather and they're going to do their payroll once a month. Doug and Tom both stated that was okay.

Board made motion to recess by Jarman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson. Motion carried.

### **HEARING FOR ARBUCKLE/DEARINGER AT 10:00A.M.**

Board open the hearing. With the following present: Marvin Veatch, Kristian Rowling, Darwin Brewer, Julie Newhouse, Attorney, William Selm, Charles Fogg, Steve Wagner. John Kaiser, Fred Selm, Joan Berterman, Randy Dierckman and Doug Miller.

Surveyor read his report. Jerney Wood read the objections by Darwin Brewer, Marvin Veatch and Selm Farms. Surveyor responded to their objections all which can be find in the folder. Kenny opened up to the public.

Darwin Brewer spoke in regards to his letter. He suggested to wait a year and give it time to work. Marvin Veatch than stated he agreed with what Darwin stated. Veatch asked if there was enough money in the account, Surveyor stated no there wasn't and that we needed a loan for the project. Veatch asked why we stop collecting assessments on the drain surveyor stated by law we can only do four times the annual estimated of the cost on the drain. Veatch stated this will be two drains in one year to be paid on. Julie Newhouse than spoke on Selm Farms and how they agree with Brewer and Veatch on waiting a year. Charles Fogg than spoke he is for the project and on waiting a year but something needs to be done.

Board than moved to close public hearing by Jarman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson. Motion carried. Wilson than asked Charles Fogg if he has saw any difference or is it the same. Fogg stated he didn't see much of a difference. Tom Mahan than made a motion to give it a year and see what happens. But it's going to need fixed. Hall seconded the motion. Board made motion by Jarman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson. Motion carried.

Randy Dierckman than spoke to the public on how much more it will cost on this project if they wait a year and doing stages. Highly advise to pay at once. Jarman than stated that if it takes years the cost will continue to rise and he doesn't want that to happen, Veatch understood. Tom Mahan stated to keep the lower end cleaned out. Surveyor stated the outlets are above water. Board stated that we need to look into going from four to eight years of the annual estimate and the drain needs to be revisited on the on going maintenance.

With nothing else to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Jarman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson. Motion carried.

Kenny Aulbach

Ron Jarman

Jeff Wilson

Doug Hall

Tom Mahan