

The Rush County Drainage Board met on July 6, 2021 at 9:50 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Rush County Courthouse with the following present; Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman members; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor, Ashley Perkins, Secretary and Chuck Kemker.

The minutes for the meeting held on June 21, 2021 were approved and signed on motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Jarman.

RUSHVILLE FLOODING

Chuck Kemker presented to the Board a copy of the report that will be sent to FEMA and stated this will be done every quarter.

COUNTY HOME DRAIN

Mark Bacon stated he met with Niedenthal, Marvin L. Rees and Rusty Gettinger on site and that Rusty will try to find a blockage when condition are appropriate.

The meeting was recessed until 10:30.

CARR/STANLEY HEARING

A list of those in attendance can be found in the file. Mark Bacon open the Hearing at 10:30 a.m. and turning it over to the Surveyor for his report. After the report was giving, Mark Bacon opened the floor for discussion.

Scott Pruitt stated the open drain would not handle the amount of water coming through. He wants the drain to be reconstructed to carry a 5-year storm. He stated there was abandoned tile that the open drain replaced. He stated that every time it rains run off water affects the pioneer cemetery that is on his property near the open drain. He felt this would be a liability to the county. He stated if we could not take care of the open drain, he would seek litigation. He felt the 10% on the loan was excessive. He was told interest rate would be the same as the interest on the loan. He stated he would not mind paying as long as it is done correctly.

Charlie Smith stated we have been working on this for 13 years. He stated the project will benefit everyone in due time. He stated that the project needed to be done or stop assessing everyone.

Bill Braman, Bob Veatch attorney stated that Veatch would not benefit from the drain because he was too far up stream. He stated Veatch did some private tile work in 2015 and no longer has drainage issues. A fair plan is needed. Veatch stated he would like to see the county consider using bonds to fund this project. Charlie Smith speaking as a county councilmen stated the Rush County is very near its bonding limits.

Joyce Morrell spoke on behalf of the Davis's. She wanted to know what the interest rate would be on the loan.

After much discussion, the Board ask the Surveyor to do an estimate to reconstruct the open drain from the outlet of the tile to the open drains junctions with the Conway/Nelson/Plummer Open Drain. Wilkinson made a motion to estimate the reconstruction of the open drain, 2nd by Jarman. Motion carried.

Wilkinson made motion to close the Hearing, 2nd by Jarman. Motion carried.

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

Mark Bacon

Paul Wilkinson

Ron Jarman