

The Rush County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner’s room of the Courthouse on November 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. with the following present; Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Bruce W. Levi. Members; Marvin Rees, Surveyor, Ashley Perkins, Secretary, Leigh Morning, Attorney. Ron Jarman, Commissioner’s Elect. Kevin Geise, Carol Geise, Ruth Geise, Desmond Stevens, Jerry Stevens was also present.

GEISE/STEVENS

Surveyor presented his report, which can be found in the file. Leigh Morning presented the statue of the qualifications to vacate a drain. And she stated there is a pending civil litigation between the two parties. Kevin Geise asked Jerry Stevens if he had a drain running through Geise property and Desmond said that this had nothing to do with this hearing. Carol Geise believes that Stevens planted the trees to intentional block the tile. Ruth Geise stated that her son and Jerry Stevens work together to install the tile and she believes they can come to an agreement to repair the tile. Levi asked Morning if this could come back on the board and Morning stated yes because the board is already involved. Wilkinson asked if the tiles in question were mutual drains. Morning stated that yes they were mutual drains but now are county drains. Surveyor than stated he has explored all possibilities and there is no other way to drain Geise’s property. Mark Bacon asked Stevens if the roles were reversed wouldn’t they ask for the drainage also? And Desmond answered that’s not how they operate. After much deliberation and discussion Wilkinson made a motion to proceed with the reconstruction project, after more deliberation Levi 2nd to motion. Motion carried. Hearing was closed on motion by Wilkinson 2nd by Levi. Motion carried.

Levi made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Wilkinson 2nd the motion, motion was carried and they were signed.

ALBERT DWIGGINS TILE

Surveyor stated that approx. 75 feet of 15 inch tile was installed on Mable Bolin’s property to replace the original tile that was blocked by roots he believes this will solve the problem of the tile not working properly.

Surveyor reminded the Board of the next meeting on December 7th, 2020 at 10:30a.m. And the Abram Hackelman hearing and the Wm. Waits hearing.

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

Mark Bacon	Paul Wilkinson	Bruce W. Levi
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