

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**March 14, 2022**

The Rush County Drainage Board met Monday March 14, 2022 at 10:18a.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, Leigh Morning, Attorney.

The minutes for the meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved and signed on motion by Jarman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilkinson. Motion carried.

**COUNTY FARM DRAIN**

Niedenthal told the Surveyor that he wanted a new tile in by spring. And he contacted his attorney. Surveyor stated Gettingers Excavating will be out there this week. Wilkinson requested after it has been reviewed to have it put in writing.

**CARR/STANLEY HEARING @ 10:30A.M.**

Mark Bacon opened the hearing. A list of those that attended the hearing can be found in the file. Surveyor gave his report which can also be found in the file.

Scott Pruitt questioned where the open drain began and asked if it will be all the way back to Beaver Creek. Surveyor stated it started at Beaver Creek and ends at the outlet of the tiles. Scott questioned Rip Rap, Surveyor stated Rip Rap would be installed as needed.

Bill Braman- Representing Veatch Estates stated the Surveyor did not give him a copy of the estimate cost of the project. He also stated if there was any way of looking elsewhere instead of just the acreage. He asked the Board to look at Indiana Code 36-9-27-112.

Shawn Orme questioned why the process was taking so long. And also question why the price went up so drastically. Surveyor explain the project went from partial reconstruction to a full reconstruction.

Charlie Smith complained about the project taking too long. The longer we wait more expensive it would be.

Hannah Davis questioned where the outlet was. Surveyor explained it to her and also showed her a map. She presented pictures that she said shows erosion to the cemetery. Surveyor explained Rip Rap will be installed full length of the cemetery. Hannah stated that a tile running parallel to the open drain was a county drain. Surveyor stated that is not a county tile never has been. Hannah disagrees with the Surveyor. Scott Pruitt than stated that they have done maintenance on the tile and he can show invoices. Scott also stated that he would not be surprised that the county didn’t have no record of the tile.

Charlie Smith wanted to know the life expectancy of the tile. Surveyor stated the tile companies say 100 years.

Bacon stated that he agreed it needed to be done.

Jarman also stated he agreed it needed to be done.

Attorney Leigh Morning explained the county was almost at its debt limit and bonds would probably not be available for this project. Jarman stated he would check into DOT funds.

Hannah Davis asked about the estimates to run the tile past the cemetery. Surveyor stated he did not have those figures at this time. He would have those figures at the next meeting.

Motion was made to proceed with project by Jarman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Motion to close the hearing by Wilkinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jarman. Motion carried.

The Surveyor reminded the Board that the Alexander Quotes would be in out next meeting on March 28, 2022.

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

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Mark Bacon

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Paul Wilkinson

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Ron Jarman