

SAMUEL COHEE DRAINAGE BOARD HEARING

September 12, 2022

The Samuel Cohee Drainage Board met at 1:00 p.m. September 12, 2022 with the following present; Mark Bacon, Tom Ripberger, Marvin L Rees, Surveyor, Ashley Perkins, Secretary, Leigh Morning, Attorney and Julie Newhouse. Bob Jackman was absent. A list of those in attendances can be found in file.

The minutes that was held on July 27th, 2022 were signed and approved by Ripberger, 2nd by Bacon. Motion carried.

Bacon then opened the hearing.

Surveyor presented affidavits to the Board for mailing and public notice as required by the statute.

Julie Newhouse took the floor with wanting to move forward on the petition for 300 N to Henry County Line. Julie then asked James Stewart III to testify, James then stated the river is backing up and having troubles with planting wants to clear out the river. Ripberger then asked if the flooding got worse after work was done on the Cohee Drain, James stated yes. Randy Dierkman then took the floor letting the Board know that the flooding gets dangerous causing cars to be washed off the road. Michael Messer took the floor asking how this will affect his property. Surveyor stated your property drains into the river. Messer then asked will we be assessed, Surveyor then stated eventually yes. George Pomilia asked where the drain would be since Little Blue River went everywhere. Surveyor then stated that Little Blue River is the drain. Blake Mahan took the floor telling the Board he thinks they are starting on the wrong end and needs to go further and stopping isn't going to fix it. Bacon then stated to continue onto Shelby County Line there would need to be a second petition. Bacon then stated also you have to go thru a lot more steps to get to that. George Pomilia then asked for a map and the Surveyor presented a preliminary map. Rick Newhouse then took the floor stating his property is close to Henry County Line and is wanting to know is there going to be contouring work done. Surveyor then stated no contouring work at all. Patrick Bruce then took the floor asking if they plan to remove the old railroad bank, Surveyor stated no plans at this time. Bacon stated that is something that can be looked at.

With nothing else that came before the Board. Tom Ripberger made motion to forward the petition to the Surveyor for file report, 2nd by Bacon. Motion carried.

Ripberger made motion to close the hearing, 2nd by Bacon. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon

Tom Ripberger