

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

JUNE 20, 2023

The Rush County Drainage Board met at 10:15a.m. June 20th, 2023 with the following present; Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman, Kenny Aulbach, members, Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor, Leigh Morning, Attorney. Also present was Jerry and Desmond Stevens, and Kevin and Carol Geise and James Ramsey.

GEISE/STEVENS DRAIN

Hearing was opened on the petition to vacate the drain filed by Jerry & Kathy Stevens. The Surveyor read his report which can be found in the file. The floor was then opened for input from the audience. Desmond Stevens stated that the drain meets all the criteria to vacate the drain. Water comes out of the 10” tile and the 6” plastic tiles so they are working. Geise stated that the drains are not working and need to be fixed. Ramsey asked if the tiles followed the natural course. Carol Geise said that the tiles were blocked and not working as they should. Desmond said the cost was not worth the benefit. Motion by Jarman, 2nd by Aulbach to dismiss the petition. Motion carried. Jerry Stevens then stated that there will be a judicial review filed. The hearing was then closed on motion by Jarman, 2nd by Aulbach. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 5th, 2023, meeting were approved and signed on motion by Jarman, 2nd by Aulbach. Motion carried.

CARR/STANLEY RECONSTRUCTION

Contractor Ramsey was present and updated the Board on the project. The 36” casing pipe is installed. This worksite is completed. The second pipe will be bored next Wednesday. Ramsey told that he damaged a landowner’s fence that was not in the project so he repaired it. Now Mr. Wycliff wants his fence repaired. Wycliff was told by the contractor and the Surveyor before the project got on his property that his fence would not be repaired because it was a temporary structure. He also stated that the “water ways” on the Davis property will be replaced to the condition they were in before the project began. Ramsey said the Railroad told him that he is required to install signs on both sides of the track that tells what is under their track.

ABRAM HACKELMAN TILE

The Surveyor said that Mr. Roy Barfield, who owns the property on the south side of the railroad, stopped in and told how a downstream landowner built a pond and piled the dirt along the railroad and diverted the water from going across his property. The water now ponds on his, Mr. Barfield’s, property.

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

Mark Bacon

Ron Jarman

Kenny Aulbach