

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**July, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Rush County Drainage Board met at 9:44 a.m. July 15, 2024, with the following present; Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman, Kenny Aulbach, Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor, Ashley Perkins, Secretary, Leigh Morning, Attorney. Also present Chuck Kemker, Doug Hall, Jeff Wilson and Melissa Meltzer.

The minutes of the meeting that was held on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 were approved and signed by Jarman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aulbach. Motion carried.

**LONG RANGE PLAN**

Surveyor gave the Board his proposed Long Range Plan. This is a list of drains that need to be reconstructed and maintained. Motion to approve and signed by Jarman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aulbach. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON DAVIS PROJECT**

Surveyor stated the project is taking place but all the rain its been making it hard to work. Also the landowner tilled the ground, making it that much harder to do the needed work.

**POINT SYSTEM**

Surveyor stated we need to figure out how we want it. Jarman recommend we get contractors, farmers, landowners together and bring it to a committee. Leigh stated we have to first figure out who we would want. Aulbach stated we get three contractors, three farmers and one landowner together and he would work on this and he would report back in four weeks.

**RUSHVILLE FLOODING**

Chuck Kemker stated that he spoke with Aaron Crow about the current Stormwater project being done by RQAW for the FEMA Mitigation Grant.

They are bringing their sister company AGT into the project, at no extra cost to the county, because they have extensive experience with FEMA grants, and they think they would be a great addition to the team.

We had a Teams call to discuss the parameters of the project. The members of AGT are going to put together the information on the expense cost figured out for the duration of the grant period.

During the conversation it was mentioned that the application process to FEMA would be for \$10 Million with the City and County picking up the remainder of the total cost of the project with the estimated total cost being \$15.3 million. Chuck Kemker advised Aaron that the intent was to apply for the entire project cost on the FEMA Grant. The difference would bet the local match being \$7.8 million as opposed to submitting for the entire project at \$3.75 million.

The next step would be to determine if we move forward with the project for the FEMA Grant and what study recommendations we go with. Do we use the Wessler study or the RQAW study.

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

Mark Bacon	Ron Jarman	Kenny Aulbach