

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

July 28th, 2025

The Rush County Drainage Board met at 9:32a.m. July 28th, 2025, with the following present; Ron Jarman, Kenny Aulbach, Doug Hall, Tom Mahan, Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor, Jeremy Wood, Apprentice Surveyor, and Grant Reeves, Attorney. Also present Kevin Peggs, Mr. Schwering and Randy Dierckman.

The minutes of the meeting that was held on July 14th, 2025, were approved and signed by Jarman, 2nd by Aulbach. Motion carried.

Sam Trabue

The surveyor presented the point system stating we need a motion to approve the bid for D-Bros Ag according to the highest points accumulated using the scoring system.

Doug hall asked if the tracer wire was necessary that was recommended by Ron Jarman, Tom Mahan also asked if the tracer wire was needed and worth the cost to the watershed. Randy Dierkman stated he didn’t think the tracer wire was needed and thought updates to the GIS mapping would be a better solution. Grant Reeves stated that if the contractor put info in the system for mapping this would fix the issue. Ron Jarman also stated to make sure its formatted for ease of use to all. The surveyor stated that we would need entry points.

The surveyor stated we need a motion on the bid. Schwering asked for specific changes to the bid. The surveyor stated 1240 feet at 15” of smooth wall perforated plastic pipe.

Grant asked Peggs if he was aware of the point system. Peggs stated yes but not fully aware of how they awarded projects in the past compared to this project. Kenny asked the surveyor about when the change in the point system started. The Surveyor stated he would look it up and the equipment used is the only difference in points accumulated. Doug Hall asked about having depths for the machine, Schwering stated he wants depth up front to standardize. Schwering also stated about moving the tiles path, the surveyor stated that he has the authority to move the direction of the Tile as deemed needed. The surveyor stated that we did not discuss the plow but that Peggs and Dierkman are both qualified and do good work. Kenny asked the surveyor for a recommendation. The surveyor suggested getting rid of the point system. Ron stated he doesn’t like the changes as it could be possible that the price could increase. Kenny asked about the point system. Randy Dierkman asked for a way to go forward without the gray area of the point system. Ron asked if the surveyor had a pre bid meeting the surveyor stated yes, he did. Tom discusses rebidding because Peggs wasn’t fully understanding of the way points were determined. The surveyor stated according to the statute the surveyor can add, delete, or change from the project without the board if the cost is under 20% of project which the changes discussed are. Grant stated to accept as is and make modification.

Kevin asked if the 3 bidders could just rebid. Ron makes a motion to cancel all the bids Tom seconded. Motion carried. Kenny stated to take it back to committee and redo the scoring system. Doug Hall motioned to refer this back to committee, Ron seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8-6-2025, in the evening at 6:00 PM for committee.

Ron motioned to schedule a special meeting for the drainage board on 8-7-2025 at 9:00 AM. Doug Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Fraley/ Wilker Drain

Surveyor presented pictures of how we got to this place and told the Board what Aaron Coon recommended. The surveyor has instructed Coon to proceed with the project. The surveyor expressed concern with possible future flooding issues downstream, and recommended the county vacate the drain.

Watersheds

The surveyor talked with Garrett Byrd of SCHNE GIS Specialist, and he will set up a video call on August 4th at 10:00 AM in the surveyor’s office and has asked for one or two board members to attend. Becky Garner has stated she plans to attend.

With nothing else to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m. by Jarman. 2nd by Aulbach. Motion carried.

Kenny Aulbach

Ron Jarman

Jeff Wilson

Doug Hall

Tom Mahan