

**Drainage Board Meeting  
September 1, 2020**

**Present:** Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Surveyor David Faulkenberg, Elaine Jones,  
Auditor Heidi Greene

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Brown at 1:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Al Logsdon made a motion to approve minutes for July 7, 2020 and August 3, 2020 as presented.  
Jim Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Surveyors Report**

Faulkenberg reports Herron Excavating was awarded two bid contracts at the August 18, 2020 Commissioners meeting. These contracts were awarded on an earlier date than the regular Drainage Board Meeting at the request of contractors due to weather conditions and to aide contractor scheduling.

**Muddy Creek Watershed:**

Herron Excavating	\$66,356.50
Laswell Construction	\$94,480.00
Leibering	\$101,500.00
Gruber	\$109,822.00

**Baker Creek Watershed:**

Herron Excavating	\$37,140.21
Laswell Construction	\$49,181.00
Leibering	\$56,530.00
Gruber	\$76,310.50

Herron Excavating completed approximately 1000 feet of Tower Drain on County Road 800 North at the cost of \$2,300.00. This portion of the ditch was not completed at the time of clearing of this drain some years ago. Work on the south side of the ditch included the removal of all trees and clearing the flow line of the ditch. County Road 800 has a history of flooding, north of this ditch.

Preparation work for Lake Drain Watershed is complete, including letters prepared to send to all landowners. An assessment is necessary to be set, in order to schedule public hearings and to notify all parcel owners. Recap: Lake Drain Watershed is 13.25 square miles, 8301 acres, 16.5 miles of regulated drain and 445 parcel owners. Recommendation of \$2 per acre with a minimum of \$5 for two (2) acres or less. Example: two (2) acres equals \$5 and three (3) acres equals \$6. Currently: five (5) acres equals \$5 and six (6) acres equals \$12.

At this rate, assessments would be approximately \$15,000/year. This is an average of \$33.71/parcel owner which falls in the range of all existing watersheds. When assessment is approved, letters will be mailed out to all parcel owners with all pertinent information. The hearing date will be scheduled no less than thirty (30) days upon receipt of letter and no more than forty (40) days upon receipt of letter.

Jim Seiler made a motion to accept \$2 / acre contingent on language and to check with legal.  
Al Logsdon seconded.

The Drainage Department now has two (2) accounts, #2016 and #2017 with subledgers.

2017 is currently balanced after attending the August 18 Council meeting and gaining approval from the Council to transfer excess funds of \$54,779.09 from account #2017 to account #2016.

#2016 – General Drain Improvement Fund

#2017 – Drainage Maintenance Fund (assessed)

Account #2016 will be balanced as we continue to create watersheds and incorporate these accounts in the proper watershed.

There are currently 12 accounts in the ledger that are not recognized by the State of Board of Accounts.

Jon Ketchum continues to have issues. Reference 8/14/2020. 3.5" of rain in the Rockport area. Garage is in the flood zone. 1/2 of property in flood zone. Surveyor does not think anything can be resolved on this issue.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 1:24 P.M.

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President

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