

**Drainage Board Meeting
December 1, 2020**

Present: Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Surveyor David Faulkenberg, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner

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

Minutes

Logsdon made a motion to approve minutes for November 4, 2020. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Surveyors Report

Faulkenberg reports the Lake Drain Watershed public hearing is scheduled for December 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Room. This meeting coupled with a public hearing that is required to notify parcel owners of the minimum assessment change from \$5.00 for five (5) acres or less to \$2.00 for two (2) acres or less. This hearing applies to only watersheds with an assessment of \$2.00 or more. This change will only apply to parcel owners who own two (2) to five (5) acres which represents a small number of property owners.

The JB Chrisney Watershed notifications have been completed and are ready to mail to all parcel owners in this new watershed. These notifications will be sent upon approval of the Lake Drain Watershed. A tentative public hearing date will be in the month of January 2021.

No information on the Caney Creek Watershed study has been received from Midwestern Engineers. All information pertaining to this watershed has been delivered to Midwestern Engineers.


Herron Excavating is approximately 30% complete on the Robert Hatfield regulated drain project NE at Hatfield.

An additional 2.5 miles of ditch has been cleaned at the Hackelman Caney Creek project which was financed by the Drainage Board and completed by Herron Excavating in August. This is an "in kind" donation by a group of farmers in the area that agreed on cleaning this portion of the ditch when the Drainage Board awarded the contract. The contract included cleaning and clearing approximately 3000 feet of ditch starting at State Road 161 advancing NE and the farmer's portion has extended 2.5 miles NE of where the County project ended.

IC 36-9-27-33 (a) The County Surveyor, the Board or an authorized representative of the Surveyor has the right of entry over and upon land lying within 75 feet of any regulated drain. The 75 feet limit is measured at right angles to: (a) The center of any tiled drain. (b) The top edge of each open bank of an open drain as determined by the Surveyor. (c) Temporary structures may be placed upon or over the right of way without written consent of the Board but shall be removed immediately by the owner when so ordered by the Board of the Surveyor.

IC 36-9-27-17 Whenever: (a) An owner wants to construct or extend a private drain and the outlet of that drain goes into a regulated drain. (b) The owner shall file with the request the plans and specifications of the private drain. (c) If the County Surveyor determines that the regulated drain will handle the additional flow, the request shall be granted. (d) If the County Surveyor determines that the regulated drain is not adequate to handle the additional flow of water resulting from the connection, the request shall be denied.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion. Motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 P.M.

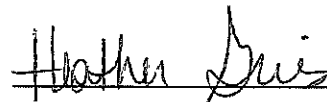


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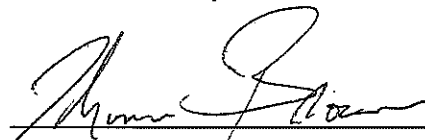
Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Surveyor



Member