

**Drainage Board Meeting
August 3, 2021**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Surveyor David Faulkenberg, Susan Harris, Auditor
Melissa L. Burner

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

Meeting was called to order by President Brown at 1:47 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve minutes for July 6, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Surveyors Report

\$50,000 startup funding for JB Chrisney Watershed was appropriated by the County Council at the Council meeting on July 20, 2021.

Caney Creek notice of assessment letters have been sent to each parcel owner within the watershed area. Letters were mailed on July 14, 2021.

4489.4 acres
111 parcels
\$8,823.95 revenue produced


Two (2) phone calls were received in the Surveyor's office pertaining to the information on this watershed which were inquiries not complaints. The scheduled public hearing is set for August 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. CST in the Commissioner's Room here at the Courthouse. This is the third watershed study that has been completed this year. The first two (2) were awarded \$50,000 each for startup funding with \$100,000 appropriated to the Drainage Board this year. The question is, should we go before council for the third watershed funding? The consensus was to wait until next year to ask for the funding for the third watershed.

Big Sandy Watershed information is ready to be delivered to the Surveyor's office by Midwestern Engineers within the next two (2) weeks. The plan is to complete this study and have all the information ready to be delivered after January 1, 2022. This is contingent upon the decision made on Caney Creek. If we do not go for funding of Caney Creek this year, then Big Sandy will be done second in 2022. Approximately March – April, depending on the results of Caney Creek.

Approximately 120,000 feet of ditches have been sprayed in the month of July. This is approximately half of the footage we can spray this year. This was a unique year for spraying. The farmers got crops out so early this year that we were not able to spray the trees without damaging the crops. The trees must be in the growing stage with leaves on them to kill the trees. We have 75 feet of right-of-way on both sides of the regulated ditch that includes crops, but he will not damage farmers' crops to spray. The plan is to complete spraying the remaining available footage in August.

Faulkenburg announced that his last day as Surveyor will be September 1, 2021. He thanked the Commissioner for their cooperation and thanked The Leader for coming to the meetings and reporting the work being done to the public. In return, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Faulkenburg for his service and his leadership.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:59 P.M.




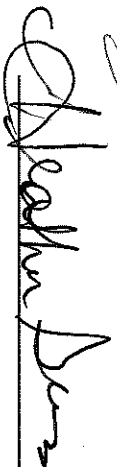
President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Burner





Auditor, Heather Gries