

**Drainage Board Meeting  
February 7, 2017**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 1:30 P.M.

**Minutes**

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6<sup>th</sup>, December 20<sup>th</sup>, and January 3<sup>rd</sup> Drainage Board Meetings as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Surveyors Report**

Faulkenberg stated he had responded to the complaints from the Advisory Board meeting with the first one being a complaint from Michael Cochenour about a problem over by Clay Huff School. Cochenour did not attend the Advisory Board meeting, but had previously contacted Faulkenberg regarding this issue.

Crooked Creek: Faulkenberg explained that there are 3 log jams with one of them being major and has caused the ditch to erode and widen up to 100ft. The 2 smaller log jams are downstream and would need to be cleaned up as well when work is done on the large one. Faulkenberg stated it would require an extended reach backhoe for the major jam and you would have to drive out on it a small ways on the west side to reach the east side and then work your way out of it. Logsdon asked if the west side is as grown up as the east side and Faulkenberg stated it is not. The trees would be drug out on the west side and be burned or buried. Logsdon asked what action Faulkenberg wished to take and Faulkenberg stated we need to get a bid out to get it cleared. Seiler made a motion to bid out the work on Crooked Creek. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved. Weather permitting we will get this done before farmers begin working fields.

Thomas Strassel Drain: Faulkenberg stated that he was contacted by Mike Cochenour and Don Schroeder regarding the ditch not draining properly. We cleaned approximately 2500 ft. of this ditch in 2016. Faulkenberg stated he went to inspect the ditch prior to the meeting while it was raining steadily and found that the ditch is dry downstream from the pipe which means the pipes are too high. The water is running to the pipe and hitting it unable to flow through. Faulkenberg spoke to Richard Cripe one of the property landowners and he stated he is willing to allow us to dig out the pipe to lower it, but does not feel he should pay for it, because when he put the pipe in there were no drainage issues. When we dug out the ditch in 2016 the pipe should have been lowered to the elevation the ditch was dug out to. Seiler stated he thought we should get the highway department to go look at. Kenney and Chapman were in attendance and Chapman stated that they went and looked at it last year when Herron was working on it and they thought the pipes looked high then, but Herron stated he had shot grade and they were not too high. Logsdon stated that he felt Faulkenberg should contact Cochenour because he has his own excavator and see what he would charge to lower the pipes. Logsdon asked the hwy dept. if they knew what the cost would be to replace the pipes if they crumble while trying to lower them and they stated they would have to get prices on it. Logsdon stated that what we had hoped to do initially was to run a culvert from the ditch to the barrel pit, but could never get Gohman Asphalt to agree to meet with us to discuss it. Logsdon suggested that Faulkenberg discuss that option with Cripe to see if he would be in favor. Faulkenberg will contact Cripe and report back at the next meeting.

Anderson River: Faulkenberg found 2 large trees down just upstream from Huffman Mill Bridge that need removed. The soil is eroding around the trees for water to flow. This will probably require a track hoe to remove the trees due to their size. Faulkenberg stated that previously there was discussion about what dollar amount was the limit on contracting work out without having to do the bidding process, but he was never told what the determined amount was. After discussion it was determined that the amount was \$2,500.00 without a bidding process.



Big Sandy: Faulkenberg stated that at the Advisory Board meeting George Lynam expressed a concern with a horseshoe shape jam in Big Sandy that was preventing water from flowing. Faulkenberg walked Big Sandy from 245 to Hwy 70 and did not find anything except 2 small jams that could be cleared out fairly easily. Logsdon stated these could probably be done without a bid process also, due to them being small jams.

Branch Lake Drain: Faulkenberg received a complaint at the Advisory Board meeting from Larry Sigler regarding a branch off lake drain. There is a small beaver dam that can be removed from the bridge on CR 600N, but appeared to be no other obstructions. The problem is that when Lake Drain reaches capacity from a heavy rain it creates a dam and will not allow any other water to enter. This causes all the water to backup and flood several acres. This land is in a flood plain and will always remain wet in instances such as this. We should be able to complete this job also without bidding out.

**Old Business**

Faulkenberg stated he spoke with Ann Richards and her nephew Jeff Beatty regarding the logging that was done on their property and they are willing to settle as long as the property is cleaned up and they receive compensation for the trees. Logsdon stated that he went to their attorney Kevin Patmore's office the previous day and spoke with him regarding this issue and he stated that he would work with Drainage Board Attorney Kelly Ward and get this resolved as soon as possible. Faulkenberg asked what we are doing about the debris cleanup and the trees and Logsdon stated the trees are hers and she will receive no compensation from the county for them. Faulkenberg stated yes they are her trees, but what if she says I didn't cut the trees or ask for them to be cut and wants us to dispose of them. We also need to determine who is going to clean up the debris. Seiler stated that when he spoke with Beatty they were going to haul off the timber themselves, but instructed Faulkenberg to double check on that because Faulkenberg stated he was never told that by Richards or Beatty. Logsdon and Brown instructed Seiler and Faulkenberg to work together with the other parties and do what they can to get it taken care of. Logsdon stated that Patmore said it could be easily resolved if the attorney's and other interested parties could all get together.

**New Business**

Faulkenberg presented the newly revised License to Perform Drainage Work form for board approval. Logsdon suggested that we always ensure this form is completed before any equipment begins work on a property. Faulkenberg stated that has been set as a new protocol in their office. All were in agreement the form was nice.

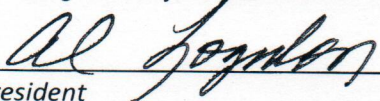
Faulkenberg brought up the discussion about spraying ditches and how that would be handled moving forward. There has been discussion about having property owners do it themselves and we provide chemicals and different options on have to continue this very important task. Faulkenberg has decided that he will spray all the ditches himself and if he finds the job too big, he will report back. Logsdon stated that we needed to discuss this at the March meeting after Faulkenberg has had time to think about it and Faulkenberg stated he has thought about it and he will make sure they get done. If there are any problems he will report back to the board. It will be discussed in March what equipment is needed, how things will be paid for and the procedure for getting chemicals.

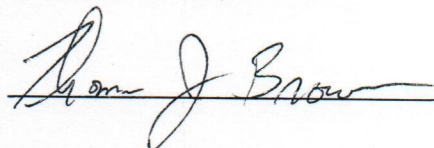
Faulkenberg reported he met with Bill Spaetti and Jimmy Boyd regarding some upcoming maintenance on Caney Creek.

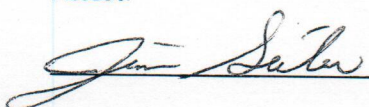
**Appoint Attorney**

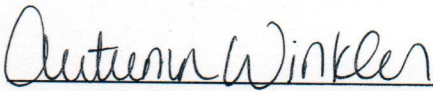
Auditor Winkler presented a request from Kelly Ward to be appointed as the Drainage Board Attorney for 2017. Seiler made a motion to appoint Kelly Ward as the Drainage Board Attorney. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

  
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