

**Drainage Board Meeting
January 3, 2017**

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

The reorganizational meeting of the Drainage Board was called to order by Auditor Winkler at 10:22 A.M.

President

First order of business was nominations for President for 2017. Seiler made a motion to nominate Logsdon for President. Brown seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. The meeting was turned over to President Logsdon.

Vice President

Logsdon asked for nominations for Vice-President. Brown made a motion to nominate Seiler for Vice President. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.


Logsdon explained that we have been using Kelly Ward as our attorney on an as needed basis. She did not submit a letter requesting appointment to the position. Logsdon asked Auditor Winkler to please ask Kelly Ward to submit a letter by our next meeting if she is interested in this position.

Logsdon wished to welcome our new surveyor David Faulkenberg.

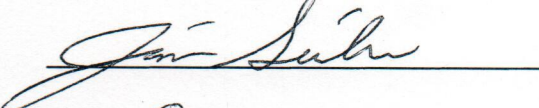
Report of 2016 Projects

Logsdon presented the 2016 project report and stated that 8 projects were completed and all ditches that had been cleaned or brush cut over the past year were sprayed with chemical to retard growth. The total cost for work completed in 2016 was \$45,355.71 with donations on Thomas Strassell ditch in the amount of \$7,100.00. The total county cost for 2016 projects is \$38,255.71. Logsdon also presented a list of county dollars invested in drainage projects since 2008 totaling \$342,397.17. Logsdon stated that the Drainage Board, Surveyor, and Advisory Board members will meet in January to discuss what projects to do in 2017. Faulkenberg asked how the Advisory Board is compiled, Logsdon stated it is not elected or appointed just invited individuals. Faulkenberg asked how the board is notified of the meeting and Logsdon stated just by phone calls and word of mouth. Logsdon stated that when the board was first established it was 8 members and they tried to include both political parties, then landowners and tenant farmers that had interest and concerns with drainage were included. The board made a rule that all work done must be done by in county contractors. Logsdon explained the bidding process to Faulkenberg and the pre-bid meeting that the contractor must attend. Faulkenberg asked if it is a set rule that the contractor must be from Spencer County even if a few thousand dollars can be saved by using an out of county contractor, Logsdon stated that question should be asked at the Advisory Board meeting. Brown asked if all commissioners were on the Advisory Board and Logsdon stated that he was invited if he wished to be involved. Seiler stated he thinks we need to put something in place that states after we clean the ditches that the landowner is responsible for keeping them sprayed or it will be added to their tax bill if we have to do it again. Faulkenberg asked if we would provide the herbicide or how that would work and Seiler said we need to discuss that at the upcoming meeting. Faulkenberg asked how we would enforce that and Seiler stated that would be your job. Faulkenberg stated he agrees we need to do something, but we really need to research and cover all our bases before we enforce a program like that.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.



President



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