

**Drainage Board Meeting
March 5, 2019**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Brown at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from February 4th as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

Faulkenberg reported that we have 4 projects on hold due to high water:

- Huffman Phase 1
- Huffman Phase 2
- Caney Creek
- Little Pigeon

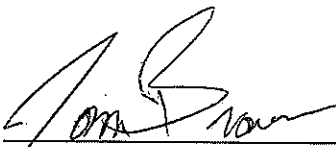
Faulkenberg met with Don Schroeder regarding the ditch out by AEP and Schroeder agreed that there is an elevation issue and no real fix. Schroeder requested that we write a letter asking permission to dig a ditch into the sand pit to prevent water from pooling in the ditch as it does now. Faulkenberg informed Schroeder that he has already called the landowners requesting permission and they said no. Possibly a letter from the county attorney would have more impact.

All letters have been sent on the 3 assessed watersheds, which totaled 2,133 letters mailed. A question and answer session is scheduled for March 18th at 1:00 P.M. at the Spencer Co Youth and Community Center and a public hearing is scheduled for March 28th at 6:00 P.M. Faulkenberg stated that they are receiving many calls regarding the letters, but after explaining the situation most people are very understanding. Attorney Lindsey presented a press release that explains the letters and again provides the dates and times of the upcoming meetings.

President Brown informed the board that he had been in conversation with SBOA regarding the debt owed on Baker Creek and the process of repaying that debt. Lori Rogers with SBOA told Brown that the way we've been paying the debt is not correct and if we continue to do it that way they would have a finding. Rogers informed him that the board can ask the council to forgive the debt, which would allow us to build up money for maintenance on Baker Creek. Maintenance has not been completed for years, because the funding has been used to pay the debt to county general. The issue was identified in a 1999 audit and at that time the county was instructed to repay \$15,000.00 per year back to county general. Those payments are being made, but out of the Baker Creek assessments, which SBOA says is not correct. There has never been a finding on this issue, but we have now been made aware that it is incorrect and Lindsey stated it will probably be flagged if we continue to do it. Seiler made a motion to ask the council to forgive the debt. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to release the press release concerning the assessments. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.



President

Attest:



