

**Drainage Board Meeting
October 6, 2020
Auxiliary Courtroom**

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

Seiler made a motion to approve minutes for September 1, 2020 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Surveyors Report

Faulkenberg reports Lake Drain hearing date has been set for December 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Courthouse. Letters will be sent to all parcel owners, no less than 30 days nor more than 40 days prior to the hearing. Letters will inform owners off assessment, parcel number and parcel size.

JB Chrisney study is complete with all information in the Surveyor's office. JB Chrisney is 1404 parcels, 24.13 square miles, and 15,440 acres.

Caney Creek Watershed study information has been submitted to Midwestern Engineers to be completed within one (1) month.

REO Lateral project has been completed by Herron Excavating.

Hackelman Caney Creek project has been completed by Herron Excavating. It was discovered during the work on this project that there was 304 feet of ditch from where they were working to the corner completely full of mud. There is a 36" pipe under the highway almost completely closed. While the equipment was there and they were on site, they cleaned it out. Requesting a \$1,260.00 change order added to the \$8,076.00 bid on Hackelman Caney Creek project due to unforeseen circumstances. Seiler motioned to accept, and Logsdon seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The following is the list of accounts that Mr. Logsdon requested showing which accounts are considered out of code and not recognized by the State Board of Accounts (SBOA). There are currently 12 listed but only 11 are out of compliance. There is one less account due to the creation of the Muddy Creek Watershed. The SBOA does not recognize construction accounts. They are as follows:

Hackleman – Kramer 1	Converted Money
Henry Kramer – 2	JB Pierson
JB Chrisney	Huffman (REO Lateral)
Davis Enlow	JC Haines / Hoopole
Little Pigeon	JB Chrisney
Thomas Strassel	Daniel Kopp

The SBOA only recognizes two (2) accounts: General Drain Improvement Fund and General Drain Maintenance Fund. There are four (4) subledgers under them which are the regulated ditches. As Faulkenberg produces these watersheds they will engulf these ditches. For example, JB Chrisney is done and that debt has been moved to that watershed. The Council has told him they would give him \$50,000.00 startup cost per watershed that he makes.

In order to work on a regulated ditch, there has to be money showing in the book. If there is not, then he can borrow money from the improvement fund. He cannot even talk to a landowner or a construction company unless there are funds available.

In the matter of changing the minimum assessment from \$5.00 for 5 acres or less to \$5.00 for 2 acres or less. This will affect only a small amount of parcel owners. Only parcel owners who own between 4 and 5 acres. For example, Lake Drain has 10 out of 1404 parcels that fall within this range. These landowners would need to be notified and the increase is only \$1.00. This does not affect many people.

IC-36-9-27-42 states "The Board may increase or decrease the amount annually assessed for periodic maintenance of a regulated drain if the Board find that the County Surveyor's estimate of the cost of maintaining the drain was insufficient or excessive. The Board may increase once without notice to the owners affected if the increase does not exceed 25% of the amount initially established. If the Board finds that the percentage of benefits assigned to any particular tract or tracts of land should be increased the board shall mail a notice to the owner or owners of the land."

Example:

New 2 acre minimum	
2 acres -	\$5.00
3 acres -	\$6.00
4 acres -	\$8.00
5 acres -	\$10.00
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Previous 5 acre minimum	
2 acres -	\$5.00
3 acres -	\$5.00
4 acres -	\$5.00
5 acres -	\$5.00
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	\$20.00

Logsdon made a motion to accept. Seiler seconded. Motion approved.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:28 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner




