

Drainage Board

November 30, 2009 – 11:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Logsdon. Members Logsdon, Rininger, Gogel, Surveyor Herron, and Attorney Robinson were present.

Minutes

11/03/2009 minutes; Rininger made a motion to approve the minutes. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Country Ridge Subdivision – Wymond Myers

Wymond Myers, property owner of 577 N CR 200 W, Rockport, discussed the problems he is still having with the amount of water draining from Country Ridge Subdivision onto his property. He was told that Don Schulte would be looking into the problem but he has not seen anything done. He stated that a one inch rain

translates into 1.5 million gallons of water onto his property. He reported that 15% of the subdivision is now a hard surface and the Property Owners Association wants to concrete more. Myers said that due to the amount of water that continues to run onto his property his utility lines are now exposed.

Myers stated that he is willing to have the drainage pipe on his property replaced but only after the drainage problem within the subdivision is fixed. Myers further reported that original plats of the subdivision show retention ponds on Lot 7 and Lot 38, but both ponds have been filled in. A new home is being built on one of the lots.

Logsdon stated that the board is aware of the problem and asked Highway Superintendent Painter, Engineer Lloyd and Surveyor Herron to work with Myers to come up with a solution.

Garrett Creek

Several landowners and farmers discussed the need for Garrett Creek to be cleared. Acres of farm ground are being destroyed.

Logsdon explained the Drainage Task Force and the process they go through. He further explained that Garrett Creek is on the list of drains to be cleared this year. The weather has prevented any work so far.

Surveyor Herron stated that he has inspected the drain and found several log jams and beaver dams that need to be removed. He also said trees need to be removed from one side of the drain. The first phase of the work will cost approximately \$25,000.

Discussion was had over whether any of the land has been certified as a wetland. All of the landowners present agreed they do not think it is certified a wetland.

Logsdon stated the allotted money will go further if the landowners are willing to help. Landowner Kamuf stated he and others will probably be able to help.

Herron stated he will begin the process of obtaining permits for the area.

Logsdon asked the landowners and farmers if the council provides the funding and the weather stays dry enough to work on the drain, will the landowners help maintain the drain. Kamuf said yes.

Further discussion was had on other area drains, Hurricane Drain and Isaac Wright Drain.

Explosives

Attorney Robinson reported that he researched the use as explosives on beaver dams. He stated there is nothing in the statute that permits or prohibits the use of explosives, but it would require a permit from DNR. He said it is doubtful that DNR will issue the permit.

Bid Opening – Robert Hatfield, Tower Drain, David Walters Tributary

Robinson opened and read the submitted bids for Robert Hatfield, Tower Drain, and David Walters Tributary as follows:

Kirby Youngblood	\$8,800.00
K & K Dirtworks	\$22,153.00

Herron recommended the acceptance of the low bid. Rininger made a motion to accept the bid from Kirby Youngblood. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Contracts for Maintaining Cleared Drains

Robinson reported that the commissioners could pass an ordinance allowing contracts to be signed with landowners to have them maintain a drain after it has been cleared. The contract would obligate the landowner to keep the drain sprayed to prevent future growth of trees. Discussion was had on problems that may arise.

Logsdon asked Robinson to draft a sample ordinance and contract.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Rininger seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Drainage Board,

President

Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor