

Drainage Board

February 16, 2007 – 10:50 am

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

Minutes

February 5, 2007 minutes. Rininger made the motion to approve. Leiberling seconded. All in favor.

Huffman Drain

Sublett stated he is working on the ditches for the City of Rockport, starting at the fair grounds and ending at the highway. Logsdon asked Robinson if it was legal for the county to work on ditches within the city limits of Rockport. Robinson stated that the Rockport residents are being assessed for the Huffman drain and the county has never relinquished control of the ditch to the city. Sublett stated two bids have been turned in to repair the drain. Robinson opened the bids.

Herron Excavating	\$7,950.00 total
Scott Heichelbech	\$7,500.00 total

Leiberling made a motion to award the bid to Scott Heichelbech. Rininger seconded. All in favor. Sublett said the work will begin as soon as possible. Logsdon asked Sublett about a culvert that may need to be replaced on the Rothrock farm. Sublett said an agreement will need to be made with Rothrock. Will report back at the next meeting. Logsdon requested Sublett and Heichelbech to meet with Rothrock and work with him, and report back in March.

Baker Creek

Sublett thanked Kirby Herron for doing some free excavating work on Baker Creek.

James Epperson asked the board if they have looked at the flooding problem of Baker Creek where it crosses CR 650 into Hatfield. Logsdon stated that no action at this time has been taken. He requested Sublett bring back suggestions to the March meeting. Logsdon stated that he and three of the council members have been meeting with county farmers to try to address drainage issues across the county. They are meeting again March 1st. Logsdon told Epperson that if the board finds that there is no money to spend in that area then that is all the board can do, but the group that is meeting regarding drain issues is looking into other means of getting funds above and beyond the legal drain funds that we currently have. Leiberling expressed concern over the amount of debt repayment the county already has. Robinson has contacted the State Board of Accounts with regard to the debt repayment. The representative he spoke to was not familiar with Spencer County’s specific repayment agreement but he did not think that if additional fees were collected the county would have to increase their payments. The representative is looking into it further and will get back with Robinson. Logsdon asked Councilman Gogel and Robinson what would happen if we could get the SBA to wipe out the debt the county owes. Robinson said he would talk to them about it. Sublett spoke with the Warrick County Surveyor and he said there may be some state grants that would help with the drains. Sublett is looking into them.

Thermwood

Sublett received a letter from a land owner beside Thermwood. Drainage was not addressed with the construction of the new building. The water is now destroying crops. Sublett is looking into widening Pigeon Creek to take care of the problem. Logsdon has also looked at the drains in that area and met with the land owners and stated it is a serious problem.

Rininger made a motion to adjourn. Leiberling seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:26.

Drainage Board,

President
Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor