

Randolph County Drainage Board

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Present:

Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman
Gary L. Girton, Member
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney
Christina Marshall, Drainage Board Secretary
Rex Clements, Landowner
Mike Haffner, Hwy Super Attendant

Minutes From February 1st 2021

Thomas E. Chalfant calls the Randolph County Drainage Board meeting to order. Thomas E. Chalfant asks the Drainage Board if there are any additions, corrections, or deletions to be made to the January 4th, 2021 minutes. He will accept a motion to approve the minutes, Gary Girton made a motion to approve the minutes, Thomas E Chalfant seconded the motion, motion carried.

Rex Clements/ William Shockney - Rex Clements passed out documentation describing fall elevations along with details of current tile and culvert pipe established currently 8'X150' and 8'X80' . Rex Clements stated he is representing four parties: Son-in-law, Dale Moore, Tom Delk and Ron Culy. Ed and Rex had conversation about having Mike Haffner dip out Rip Rap at mouth of 500S culvert this summer, nothing ever came of this as a solution for Rex Clements outlets being under water.

The issue: the new culverts are set too high, the new culverts are twice as big as the old culverts. When these new culverts were placed, Ed Thornburg was never contacted to consult on the new installation. There was instruction from Mike Haffner to dig down 6 to 8" deeper when placing the new culvert. Rex Clements proposed solution: Go down stream 500 feet and dredge then take out old pipe and replace or reuse and reuse stone. The cost would be in extra gravel, new cap and if there is new pipe to be purchased.

the estimated cost verbally from Tom Delk \$10,000. Additional stone and cap would be county responsibility.

Gary Girton proposed that when we have an issue with a ditch we need to try as much as possible to resolve the problem. If pipe needs to be replaced it could be smaller in diameter and shorter to save cost.

Tom Chalfant stated can allow a budget but if it were to go over then would Rex and other parties be able to supplement the overage on the project. Mike Haffner asked where will the project begin. Ed stated that start with the pipe on 500E, set it and move to the pipe on 500S. Mike Haffner stated the one on 500E cannot be saved it surpassed its age limit. There are no records of age on the culverts. Tom Chalfant asked what is legally stated, Meeks said that if it is not written down after ten years it is what it is. Tom Chalfant requested price quotes on pipe or possible concrete box. Mike Haffner could not throw out an estimate due to the fluctuating cost. Tom Chalfant stated that we can cover the Rip rap and cap, but other than that unsure if there is more assistance that can be offered. Gary Girton requested pricing for pipe. Tom Chalfant requested Rex to go to land owners to see what they can contribute to the project. Return next month with more statistics on cost of project.

Right away encroachment approvals: First encroachment approval on Jim Keener on Sugarcreek. Windbreak on the west side of the bank. When the trees are grown they will be 30ft from the bank. The windbreak is over 200 ft away. Tom Chalfant asked Ed's opinion. Ed stated that he is all for it. In the agreement it is stated not liable for damage of trees. Tom Chalfant motions to entertain of approval of right away encroachment, Gary Girton agrees. Tom Chalfant seconds the motion, motion carried. The second encroachment is Randolph Central. Proposed new solar farm the fencing will be within 20ft of the ditch. (Kemm-Perry tile). Ed Thornburg made a motion to pass and Gary Girton seconded the motion, motion carried.

New Drainage board Secretary approval: Tom Chalfant motions to entertain approval of the new drainage board secretary Christina Marshall. Gary Girton moves the motion and Tom Chalfant seconds the motion, motion carried.

Thomas Chalfant says if there are no further questions or comments, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary Girton seconded the motion, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed this first day of March, 2021.

Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman

Gary L. Girton, Vice Chairman

Michael D. Wickersham, Member

Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor