

**FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING  
FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

The Fulton County Drainage Board met on Monday, November 14, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Fulton County Office Building at 9:00 A.M. The following people were in attendance: Chairman Roger Rose, Vice-Chairman Bryan Lewis, Commissioner Sherry Fulton, Surveyor Don Towne, and Secretary Kasey Hensley and Attorney Greg Heller.

**RE: #577 JOSEPH LEASURE TILE/BRUCE BEEHLER**

Landowner Bruce Beehler addressed the Board in regards to the Arm on his property for the Joe Leasure Tile. He presented the Board with a twelve page packet and a two page "Narrative of the Records". The Board and Bruce discussed the issue of the Arm being private or belonging to Fulton County. The Board agreed under the guidance of Attorney Greg Heller to declare the Arm a private tile.

Chairman Roger Rose entertained a motion to declare the Arm a private tile; the county will maintain no jurisdiction over said Arm. The motion was made, seconded and passed 3-0.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING- #825 SS COLLINS OPEN BR#3 to BR#2 to ARM #4, CAUSE #6-2016**

Chairman Roger Rose called to order the Public Hearing of the #825 SS Collins Open BR#3 to BR#2 to Arm #4, Cause #6-2016. The watershed contains 295.85 benefitted acres with a total of sixteen parcels. The purpose of this public hearing is to Establish Maintenance at a rate of \$5.00/Benefitted Acre with a \$10.00 minimum; Partial Reconstruction at \$360.00/Benefitted Acre with a \$360.00 minimum. At this time there is one written object. The following landowners were present for the hearing: Susan Stewart; Thomas Overmyer; Russell Koebcke; Brian Evers; and Walt Koebcke.

A brief discussion was held between the landowners and the Board. Chairman Rose entertained the motion to establish the #825 SS Collins Open BR#3 to BR#2 to Arm #4, Cause #6-2016 on Maintenance at a rate of \$5.00/Benefitted Acre with a \$10.00 minimum; Partial Reconstruction at a rate of \$360.00/Benefitted Acre with a \$360.00 minimum; based on the benefits outweighing the cost. The motion was made, seconded and passed 3-0.

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING- #821 GEORGE WILSON OPEN, CAUSE #2-2016**

Chairman Roger Rose called to order the Public Hearing of the #821 George Wilson Open, Cause #2-2016. The watershed contains 1,740.15 benefitted acres with a total of 113 parcels. The purpose of this public hearing is to determine the landowner's interest in Establishing Maintenance on the Open. If interest is shown, the Surveyor's Office will acquire a delineation as required by the Army Corps of Engineers. At this time there is one written objection. The following landowners were present for the hearing: David Edmonds; Roxanne Patterson; Gary Patterson; Dale Young; and Walt Koebcke.

Surveyor Don Towne addressed the need for brushing and cleaning of the Open. The Army Corps of Engineers has required a delineation to determine the wetland areas, which would determine the means of cleaning the Open. The delineation will cost \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 of General Drainage Fund money. The results of the delineation will help to determine the cost per benefitted acre. With no specifications from the delineation, the rough estimation with no extra steps required is

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\$16.00/Benefitted Acre. With specifications from the delineation, the cost could be three to four times higher.

The landowners and the Board discussed the delineation. Landowner Dale Young stated the last time the Open was dipped was in the 1960's by his grandfather. There was agreement in the need for good drainage as well as a desire for a more accurate landowner cost.

Chairman Rose entertained the motion to move forward and acquire the delineation with funding to come from the GDI; with future Maintenance repaying the cost to the GDI. The motion was made, seconded and passed 3-0.

**RE: #502 BABCOCK OVERMYER TILE/CAUSE #3-1970**

Surveyor Don Towne requested a public hearing for Partial Reconstruction on the #502 Babcock Overmyer Tile, Cause #3-1970. The estimated watershed is 180 benefitted acres. The proposed Partial Reconstruction rate is \$146.00/Benefitted Acre with a \$146.00 minimum.

Chairman Roger Rose entertained a motion to set a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. for Partial Reconstruction on the #502 Babcock Overmyer Tile at a proposed rate of \$146.00/Benefitted Acre with a \$146.00 minimum. The motion was made, seconded and passed 3-0.

**RE: FLETCHER'S LAKE- BEAVER**

During the October meeting the Board recommended a certified trapper be contacted to assess the situation at the Fletcher's Lake dam. The Board was presented with a letter from a certified trapper stating there was no current beaver activity at the dam site. A copy of the letter was forwarded to Steve St. Clair.

**RE: NEW SURVEYOR VEHICLE**

Surveyor Don Towne presented the Board with three quotes for a 2017 4x4 truck. Mike Anderson, Shepherd's Chevrolet and Rochester Ford all submitted bids. The low bidder was Ford for \$28,870.00. The Board will take the bids to the Commissioner's meeting.

**RE: INDIAN CREEK**

Chairman Roger Rose informed the Board the public hearing for Indian Creek will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2016 in Logansport at 7:30p.m.

**RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board was presented with minutes from the September 12, & October 10, 2016 Drainage Board meeting. The motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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Surveyor

ATTEST: Kasey Hensley, Drainage Board Secretary

(A CD of the meeting is available in the Surveyor's Office)