

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the White County Drainage Board held a meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021. The meeting was held at the White County Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Commissioners' conference room beginning at 10:30 a.m. Drainage Board members present were: President Steve Burton, Vice President David Diener and Board Member Jim Davis. Also, present were Surveyor Bradley Ward, Attorney George Loy and Board Secretary Jennifer Hill.

**President Steve Burton called the meeting to order.**

### **MINUTES**

- Vice President David Diener made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the meeting held on August 2, 2021, seconded by Board Member Jim Davis.

**Vote: Unanimous (3 – For, 0- Against)**

### **LANDOWNERS MEETING**

*C.C. Spencer #585*

Hugh Pence is who carried the Petition for Reconstruction. There are approximately 360 acres in the watershed give or take. At the outlet on 400 it's an 18" tile, transition to a 12" tile going north up to Luse Road and then a 15" going west and then down to a 12". With the grade that was available he would propose a 12" dual wall from county road 400 S, to the half mile line from the property line we would then take a 15" into the low spot up to Luse Rd connecting to the tile that goes up Luse Rd, so basically staying with the same sizes except for some portions because there seems to be enough fall through there. For that first mile there is about 4/10's of a grade, so the water does get away. Surveyor Ward explained that over the years there have not been a lot of reports of tile break downs on the tile. Since 2000 we've done four or five repairs in this watershed and that includes the open drain south of 400. The reason for the landowner meeting is to get input from the landowners just to see if we're on track for what needs to be done and where we need to go from here. There is 360 acres in the watershed, it's approximately \$175,000- \$200,000 job. It'd be \$500 to \$550 an acre. This amount is running in line with other tile projects that have been done recently. The meeting was opened up so the landowners could voice their opinions or ideas. Surveyor Ward started with a letter from Ron Kerber giving Bill Schroeder permission to speak on his behalf.

Bill Schroeder (on behalf of Ron Kerber) questioned whether or not the old tile would be removed or destroyed. Surveyor Ward explained that typically but it would be destroyed but since there haven't been any issues with this tile it would be left. Mr. Schroeder then explained that on their property they've not had any break downs or problems except in 2019 when they had torn something up, he fixed it himself and in 2018 they connected into the tile and it looked perfect then.

Vice President Diener inquired as to whom carried the petition and what amount of the watershed had signed the petition. Surveyor Ward explained that Hugh Pence had carried the petition and that it was only Mr. Pence who has signed the petition, he has approximately one-third of the watershed.

Brent O'Farrell (on behalf of Hugh Pence) explained that on the North end the fall isn't there and there is terrible drainage. Brent explained that Meents has since tiled his farm and all that water is trying to come through, there is quicksand at the north end fence. Pence's have fixed that tile several times and just never complained or turned it in. Mr. O'Farrell did explain that Mr. Pence would be willing to pay more on maybe 10 acres if that would help offset costs.

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**PRESENT: ALL**

Greg Meents spoke advising that he had just put another main in and connected in to the tile that is being petitioned and was worried about what damage might occur by not getting laterals all connected back in.

Mr. Schroeder also inquired as to what would be gained if we're putting in the same size of tile that is already there. Surveyor Ward explained that once crops come off, he would like to get in there and see what kind of fall there is because he isn't sure and that maybe the reconstruction could start at the north property line and do smaller sections if everything doesn't have to be replaced down to 400 S, that may be an option if depth allows it.

President Burton mentioned that he hasn't heard anything about blowouts, repairs and or tiles being half full of silt. Mr. Schroeder explained that the tile had no dirt in it when it was worked on in January of 2019 and when tile was installed by Johns Brothers in Fall of 2018 there was no dirt in it. Mr. Schroeder said "the tile had no dirt in it in January 2019 and in 2018 when Johns Brothers installed tile, there was no dirt in it. The tile is as close to perfect as you can get for a tile of its age." Mr. Schroeder further stated that "he's seen before when the county tile was undersized and the landowners have asked to come thru them running beside the other tile and up to their problem area, but not a reconstruction of the same size, tearing out a good clay tile to go to the same size."

Brent O'Farrell again proposed that maybe it start at the Kerber's North property line and then down thru the rest as a reconstruction, and reiterated that there are definitely issues. Mr. Meents has also pattern tiled his and there will be a lot of water coming down that, in time the tile will be breaking down. Mr. O'Farrell also stated that once you cross the property line on the North on Kerber where Mr. Meents hooks in, that's a problem and there are a couple sink holes there now.

Surveyor Ward suggested that maybe a little more investigation be done when the crops come off and have a contractor pot hole it in a couple of places and check the condition on the north end a little bit better and the depth.

There being no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Steve Burton, President

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David Diener, Vice President

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Jim Davis, Member