MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
AUGUST 19, 2024
9:50 A.M.

The following Fountain County Drainage Board members were present at the meeting: Aaron Fruits and Tim Shumaker. Brenda Hardy was absent.

Also in attendance: Kent Minnette, Roger Azar, Jeff Fishero, Colleen Chambers and Kim Johnson.

McDonald Drain
Roger has been contacted by Alan McDonald. There are some potholes on the drain. Roger would like to do a site visit and work on fixing the problem(s), when the crop is out. The board was agreeable to this.

Tuggle – Drain next to property
He has reported some potholes on this drain also. It is located NW of the proposed Tuggle Drain. He would like to also do a site visit as it may need more work. It was also agreeable with the Board.

New Drainage Board
After some discussion, it was decided to start with the new Drainage Board after the first of the year. They will need to classify and prioritize each drain. Kent stated that this will give the board time to learn and get the necessary training.

Kingman Drain
Jeff Fishero confirmed that the Town of Kingman does want to reactivate the drain. It is backing up in town and is causing some flooding. Roger says the tile needs inspected and the leach portion is in good condition. He said the ditch is in great shape. The farmers have kept it clean. He stated that we cannot exclude people that is in the watershed area. As per Jeff Fishero, they may not like the taxes but the town council is ok with it.
A pond was built to resolve some of the issues but it was not done correctly. Roger suggests that we remove the pond from the legal drain.
It was decided to wait on the new drainage board to take action. Roger Azar said they could hold a town hall meeting to collect signatures; petition for reconstruction of the legal drain; re-establish the start of the drain; update the parcels that are affected by the drain. Colleen will update the parcels, if Roger requests it. Roger will send the report to Jeff Fishero to pass along to the Town of Kingman.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to close the meeting. Vote: 2-0

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST