

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 AT 9:30 a.m.**

The following Fountain County Drainage Board members were present at the meeting:

Craig Stalter, Don Hesler, Tim Shumaker

Others in attendance: Kent Minnette, County Attorney; Roger Azar, PE Deckard Engineering/Surveying, PC; Brenda Hardy, Auditor and Bonnie Nix, Deputy Auditor

Roger Azar from Deckard Engineering presented at the meeting the updates and recommendations of some of the active drains that they have been working on.

Mud Run: Recommendation is to reconstruct it to have the correct size of pipe. It is about half the size that it needs to be. He emphasized that it is a solid drain and has historical profiles of the drain. He estimates that it will cost around \$600,000 to reconstruct the drain.

Edward B Hughes/Tuggle: Historically the Edward B Hughes legal drain outlet was identified at the edge of an agricultural field to the east of the existing outlet. The Edward B Hughes legal drain currently discharges in to the creek bed in Troy Tuggle’s cattle field. Recommendation is to re-map the Edward Hughes legal drain outlet to the creek and make a part of the legal drain. The Edward B Hughes legal drain is in working order but, it has potholes and sink holes that need to be fixed. The existing tile sizes on the Edward B Hughes drain are undersized and will require reconstruction. The engineer will wait until the crops are harvested to return to the site and complete and assessment of existing conditions. The county does not have any historical information on this drain. This makes it harder to determine exactly what was there originally.

The Tuggle drain is not a legal drain, however, the commissioners will entertain a petition from the local land owners to consider making the Tuggle a legal drain. The Tuggle drain also outlets at the edge of Mr. Tuggle’s cattle field. The tile for the Tuggle drain is in need of extensive repair, due to very large potholes along the line.

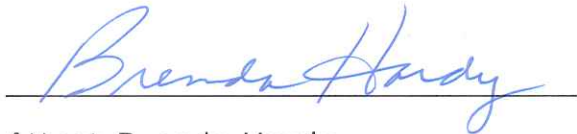
Elmer Coats: Roger and Kent asked for permission to proceed with figuring out who the Elmer Coats drain affect and damages of the drain. Everyone that is affected will be notified.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve Kent Minnette and Roger Azar to proceed with the Public Hearing procedure.

Vote: 3-0

It was decided to have a Public Hearing date of October 21, 2019 in order to allow time to advertise and send notices to land owners.

Ordinance regarding permits: There needs to be a process in place for people to acquire permits to tap into drains or add to a drain, so that there is record of them and be held accountable for where they are adding the drains. Kent Minnette will have an ordinance ready for the September 16, 2019 meeting.



Attest-Brenda Hardy



Craig Stalter



Don Hesler



Tim Shumaker