

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
APRIL 11, 2022 AT 10:30AM**

The following Fountain County Drainage Board Members were present at the meeting: Brenda Hardy, Andrew Hall and Tim Shumaker.

Also present: Colleen Chambers, Kent Minnette, Roger Azar and Bonnie Nix

Affected Residents Present: Robert Harrison, Mark Little, Judith Leaf, Brad Freeman, Troy Tuggle, Kyle Knosp, Kelly Carlson and Larry Smith

The purpose of this meeting was to hold a Public Hearing for potentially making the Tuggle Drain legal. The affected landowners had the opportunity to speak for or against the plan of making Tuggle Drain Legal. A proposed plan of \$1.2 million dollars to do a total reconstruction of the drain has been presented and sent out to the affected landowners within the watershed. The \$1.2 million would be divided between the landowners and paid within 5 years.

Kent Minnette opened the Public Hearing at 10:34 a.m. and it was properly noticed in the Fountain County Neighbor.

Robert Harrison, CFO of Harrison Steel Castings, proceeded to give a statement from the company saying that they would not have any benefit to being a part of this project and that they have not been given any paperwork stating otherwise. They have 54 acres and would like to be excluded from the project.

Mark Little also objected to the plan of reconstruction. He also stated that he does not see the benefit to his land if this project is done. His land is not affected at this time and would like not to be included in the watershed.

Judith Leaf also objected to the legalization of the Tuggle Drain and the reconstruction plan. She did not see the benefits to her land.

Mr. Tuggle has the majority of the problems on his land. There are crater size holes on his land. At least 1500 feet in one area and 4800 feet in another area are completely nonfunctional.

Since there was no one is agreement on which way to proceed. The board has voted to send out the amended rates per acre to the affected land owners and not vote on whether or not to make Tuggle Drain a legal Drain until the next meeting on May 31st, 2022 at 10am.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to continue the public hearing to further discuss the Tuggle Drain on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Roger Azar did point out that this is not something that landowners can choose whether or not they are in the watershed. It is science that figures out who is within the watershed. He also said that if the landowners have no intentions of changing their minds regardless of the dollar amount on the project, please say so, so that the County doesn't spend any more money on this proposed project.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to close the meeting.

Vote: 3-0

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Andrew Hall
Tim Shumaker