

LaGrange County Drainage Board Minutes
Commissioner's Room – 1st Floor County Office Building

The regular session of the LaGrange County Drainage Board was called to order by Larry Miller at 9:45 AM on May 16, 2016.

Those Present Were:

Larry Miller, President
Terry Martin, Vice President
Kevin Myers, Member
Rex Pranger, Surveyor
Sherri Lewis, Secretary to the Board

Agenda:

Terry Martin moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Terry Martin moved to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Colwell Ditch #12:** Oliver lake Association has a lake dredging project to remove silt from 450 S to the lake. They are requesting funding assistance from the LaGrange County Drainage Board. Rex Pranger said this is not a bad expenditure since the silt is mainly coming from the fields north of the Lake. At this time the Ditch assessment is collecting about \$800.00 per year, so a 25% increase would only bring the assessment to \$1,000.00 per year. The assessments were established in the 1960's, and this is why they are so low.

Rex Pranger recommends the whole assessment be restructured, which will require a public hearing. Bids for the dredging project will be in by end of May so that Rex will have a better idea how much the new assessments need to be increased.

***Turkey Creek #219:** Dan Prough submitted a bid of \$10,500.00 to pull trees out of Turkey Creek from 275 S to Little Turkey Lake. There is money in the maintenance fund. Terry Martin made a motion to approve Prough Unlimited's bid of \$10,500.00. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

***Blackman Lake Tile #240:** Rex has written a Surveyor's Report and June 20th will be the first public hearing to establish this as a County drain. The petition is based on 25% of the assessed value and benefit instead of acreage. The notices of the hearing are being mailed 30 days prior, which is May 19th.

***Poyser Ditch #60:** (450 N @ SR 5) County tile needs to be reconstructed. Property owners are paying to have the work done. Rex worked up a watershed map, will do surveys and will oversee the project.

***Orland Brock Tile #230:** On May 4, 2016, Duane Rheinheimer submitted a petition to reconstruct this County Tile. Rex has developed a list of property owners. He will get surveys and estimates. All property owners are farm ground, so assessments will be based on rate per acre.

***Ramer #126:** (700 S and 200 W) Elmer's Excavating dipped the ditch for \$2,400.00 and work is complete. REMC had a buried electrical cable for a cell tower under the ditch and was dug up by mistake. No permit was acquired from the Surveyor's office for this cable and the cable was only buried 18 inches under the ditch, when it should be 3 feet under the ditch. REMC wants to charge Elmer's \$2,800.00 for repairs. Rex will talk to REMC about this bill.

PROJECT REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

Adjourn:

Terry Martin motioned to close the drainage board meeting for Monday, May 16, 2016. Kevin Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Miller, President

Terry Martin, Vice President

Kevin Myers, Member