

DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

April 14, 2025

**DAVID LAWSON PRESENT
NATHAN RUNNEBOHM PRESENT
JASON ABEL PRESENT
JEFF POWELL PRESENT**

Motion to approve minutes from 3/10/2025 and 3/24/25 made by Jason Abel, 2nd Nathan Runnebohm, approved 3/0.

Timber Brook Estates: Jared Hoop, of 658 E Timber Brook Estates spoke with Jeff Powell, County Surveyor, a few weeks ago regarding concerns of a drainage tile that was placed in a 200 acre field across from him. Mr. Hoop presents some drawings that show the main ditch for Timber Brook Estates. He is concerned with flash flooding and feels flooding Timber Brook has been more significant since the field tile was placed. Mr. Hoop states his property is situated in a bowl and believes half of a ditch could be put in with a large pipe that would feed directly into the existing ditch to help but is just suggesting ideas. He states he currently has he has a 10” culvert on his property and that his and other properties are so low there must be approximately 3’ of water before water reaches the ditch. He is looking for advice on the best way to handle this issue. He has lived here approximately 7 years and had some flooding in the past but not as bad as since the field tile has been put in. Jeff Powell, County Surveyor, does not feel a culvert under the road is not going to get him the depth needed and in order to do anything through the Drainage Board, a regulated drain would need to be established which would have to include all affected property owners. Mr. Powell also points out the Highway Department is limited as they cannot perform work outside of the right-of-way. David Lawson suggests Mr. Powell can meet him out on the site to assess the problem and discuss possible solutions.

Hankins Ditch: Jeff Powell states he has Brandon Everhart set up to do clearing and dredging for a section of this ditch. There is another section that will possibly have the same work done. Most of it is small growth but there are a few big trees. \$13,350 is the estimate and monies are available in the fund.

DeHeur Ditch: Mr. Powell states he has Chris Gentry set up to do clearing of the brush mostly for access purposes for summer spraying. This will cost approximately \$6,000.

Woodyard Open Ditch: Located near 625 E, Jeff Powell states he is going to have some dredging done starting where the culvert was placed by the solar farm placed, upstream and north. He’s awaiting to hear back from Ben Kuhn who has done some work here in the past.

Glessner Drain: Jeff Powell is working with James Ramsey to get an estimate to remove the culvert pipe here as previously discussed.

Quail Creek: Jason Abel contacted Jeff Powell regarding this area. Mr. Powells states there are 2 curb inlets in the cul-de-sac and going west there’s an existing pipe that has not been flowing. A landowner hired Steve Mohr to replace the tile, however the tile was believed to be on the adjacent landowner’s property (the landowner who believes the work was done on their property is who contacted Jason). Mr. Powell provides a map that shows there is a platted street between the 2 properties so he is unsure at this time if the area where the pipe was replaced is possibly in the street right-of-way. Ben Taylor, Assistant Highway Superintendent, went onsite and states on the south side of the cul-de-sac there is curb and gutter and catch basins in the curb which was opened up to replace the tile. There are some discrepancies with the property line at this time. Sweet Creek is located to the west, but it is not a County regulated drain. Jeff Powell plans to go on site today to look at the issue. He also mentions the possibility that the street could have been vacated, but it does not appear to have been at first glance. He will look into this.

Long Acres Legal Tile: Jeff Powell has spoken with David Lawson regarding the area where this drain discharges across Columbus Rd. Ben Taylor looked at it and is going to have the Highway Department dredge out approximately 30-40’ on the west side of Columbus Rd., which would allow it to flow properly. He’s also going to contact James Ramsey about a culvert pipe in the area causing issues.

Miscellaneous: Jeff Powell has been working with Brian Mohr regarding the Zell Patterson Drain and an estimate for the next phase of Clendenning Ditch. David Lawson asks if there’s any update on Country Club Heights. Mr. Powell states James Ramsey is still in the works for something to be done here. James Ramsey, present on Zoom, states Country Club Heights had locating done with a camera, then he was waiting until spring for the work to happen to avoid damage to people’s yards. He plans to commence after the rainy season/ end of May. Mr. Ramsey also has concern for drainage around the solar farm, he states there was water in a lot of places that he doesn’t normally have. Mr. Ramsey thinks it should be looked at in the future and states the solar farm is redirecting surface water, flooding an existing substation. There’s an existing dike that was installed in the mid-80s but now water has even overflowed that and onto his adjoined property He’s not sure if the solar farm is going to attempt to fix this but wanted to give a heads up that he may request some assistance in working with the solar company on this in the future.

400 N Wetlands: Jason Abel states they are still waiting to meet with engineering company who did the project to walk the area and see who is responsible for what and what can be done here.

Adjourn.