

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2026

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Courthouse Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Those present: Members Mike McClure, Jennifer Knebel, Don Street, Surveyor Jenny Keller, Board Secretary Lynn Wilder, Board Attorney Tim Murray, County Attorney Jacob Ahler, Darrel Gudeman, Nathan Origer, Connie Ehrlich, Sherry Fagner, Don Clouser, Pam Dennis, Dennis Bope, Scott Fritz & Brandi Larkin.

DAREL GUDEMAN-ZONING ORDINANCE-SOLAR/PRIVATE DITCHES

Mr. Gudeman requested a written statement from the board stating that any solar developers would have to abide by a 75-foot setback on private ditches. It was explained that the Drainage Board has no statutory authority over private ditches, but that the County's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) states that solar development must adhere to a 75-foot setback on all "internal" ditches within the designated solar area. Additionally, Chris Shelman, Mammoth Solar Attorney, had stated at the June Drainage Board meeting that Mammoth's projects are designed for all ditches 75-ft right-of-way and that the zoning ordinance requires 75-ft setback on ditches irrespective of public or private. Should there be an issue of non-compliance with the setbacks, the landowner would contact the County Building Inspector, and if need be, the County Commissioners would be the governing authority for the enforcement of the UDO.

DITCH SPRAYING UPDATE

Approximate one half of the ditches designated for spray by Prairie Marsh, Inc. have been sprayed, invoiced, inspected, and paid. There were a couple small issues that were quickly resolved and overall, everything is looking good at this point. All spraying should be completed soon.

FALL 2026-SPRING 2027 PROJECTS

The Surveyor reported that eleven (11) projects have been scheduled. The bid packets have been mailed to the contractors with a bid submission deadline of October 16th with bid opening at the Board meeting on October 19th.

CLAIMS

Prairie Marsh, Inc.	\$16,740.00	Ditch Spraying	2700.50100.000.000	GDM
Prairie Marsh, Inc.	\$25,218.00	Ditch Spraying	2700.50100.000.000	GDM
Prairie Marsh, Inc.	\$12,036.40	Ditch Spraying	2700.50100.000.000	GDM
Butler, Fairman & Seufert	\$ 3,100.00	Ed Frain Tile	2700.50100.000.000	GDM
Howard's Marathon	\$ 142.45	Gas, Oil, etc.	1000.22100.000.006	Co. Gen.
USPS	\$ 421.12	Postage Stamps	1000.32100.000.006	Co. Gen.

Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried to approve the claims as presented.

MINUTES

Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried to approve the minutes from June 15, 2026, as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lange Ditch Br.#1/Schmicker - Todd & Michelle Schmicker have leased the field in question to Mammoth Solar. The surveyor received an email from Michelle Schmicker on July 17th referencing a letter the Surveyor had sent to VS Engineering in which the Surveyor made a *recommendation* for Mammoth Solar, prior to construction, to install an additional tile (Mammoth's expense) to run parallel to the newly installed 12" tile (at Schmicker's expense). This is to ensure that continued sufficient drainage going forward should one of the two tiles fail, thus protecting the landowners across the county road to the east as this is a mutual drain. Michelle was requesting clarification on the record that an additional tile *is not required*. The Surveyor re-iterated it was only a *recommendation* for Mammoth, not a requirement as her letter had stated.

Stone Dilts Ditch/Buck Felix - The maintained portion of the Stone Dilts ditch stops at County Road 50N, however, the ditch continues south through a road culvert and snakes through the Felix property to the river. Mr. Felix has reported that the maintained ditch portion has caused some erosion on his property, and the recent cleaning of the ditch has exacerbated the erosion. Additionally, the new funeral home, the bank and several other businesses cause a significant amount of surface run-off to enter the ditch just before it reaches the Felix property. The Board was in agreement that the maintained ditch is responsible for the majority of the erosion. The Board would like Mr. Felix to get a quote for a contractor to fix the issue. Additionally, the Surveyor will speak with the County Highway Superintendent to see if they would be able to address the issue. A decision on how to proceed will be determined at a future meeting once the information has been gathered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer motioned, Don seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:45am

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD


MICHAEL MCCLURE-CHAIRMAN


JENNIFER KNEBEL- VICE CHAIRMAN


DONALD STREET - MEMBER

ATTEST:
LYNETTE WILDER
DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY