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Officials approve drainage districts

by Jebb Johnston (The Daily Corinthian on line)

The Alcorn County Board of Supervisors on Friday approved the reactivation of old drainage districts and appointed three commissioners.

The action came even though uncertainties remain, including whether those districts were dissolved at some time in the past and how the commissioners will fund things such as the hiring of an attorney.

The move revives the Bridge Creek, Elam Creek and Phillips Creek drainage districts which were created in the early 1900s to alleviate swamp-like conditions, Milton Sandy Jr. told the board in a presentation on Monday, when he suggested the board reactivate the drainage districts.

Through the years, the man-made waterways became neglected, resulting in the increasing instances of major flooding in Corinth, he said. A number of other drainage canals were created throughout the county through funding generated by the issuance of bonds. A tax levy also supported the districts.

The newly appointed commissioners are Sandy, representing Elam Creek; John Warren Henson, representing Bridge Creek; and Hull Davis Sr., representing Phillips Creek. The terms are for six years, although Henson's initial appointment is for two years and Davis' is for four years so that appointments will be staggered every two years.

"I think we're ready and willing to go to work on it right away," said Sandy.

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