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OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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E. R. GRAHAM, manager of the plantation of the Pennsylvania Sugar company, J. E. Lummus, president of the Southern Bank & Trust company, and A. E. Sargent, engineer, have been elected as supervisors of the recently created Dade drainage district.

Mr. Graham has been named as president of the board of supervisors, A. H. Bayston, secretary, and J. E. Lummus, treasurer. W. I. Evans of the law firm of Evans & Mershon is attorney for the board.

Under the act passed at the last session of the state legislature, under which the drainage board was formed, the terms of the board will last for two years. They are elected by the landowners of the district, each acre of land entitling the owner to one vote in the selection of the supervisors.

Members of the board said yesterday that a chief engineer for the district would be chosen in a short time and that a preliminary survey would be made as early as possible.

The drainage district extends from the southern end of Broward county on the north to the Tamiami trail on the south, then several miles, including all of the territory of the Pennsylvania Sugar company and the Curtiss-Bright Ranch company, in addition to many smaller holdings. The district includes approximately 292,000 acres.

Although the supervisors have not yet formed any definite plans for the drainage work, it is said that in the neighborhood of \$2,500,000 will be spent in draining the territory. The unofficial plans call for several miles of main canals with a larger mileage of laterals.

"It is the plan of the board," Attorney Evans said, "to drain the land so thoroughly that there will be no danger of the area becoming flooded. A preliminary survey of the district will have to be made before definite plans can be worked out. The board will engage an engineer for the work and after studying the survey will decide upon the amount of bonds to be issued. All of this will be done as quickly as preliminary arrangements can be made."

Landowners interested in the district say that a main drainage canal will be dredged to an outlet, probably near Arch Creek, or somewhere in the vicinity. It is said that the perfection of the system will probably extend through several years, including the dredging of the laterals, although the main lines are expected to be completed long before this time.

James H. Bright of the Curtiss-Bright Ranch company yesterday declared that the formation of the district and the perfection of the drainage system would mean one of the most important steps toward the continued development of the lands in this county. "A drainage system, as being considered, will insure all of this territory from being flooded and will develop thousands of acres for cultivation," Mr. Bright continued. "These drainage operations, in a few years, will result in hundreds of growers to locate and cultivate land in this vicinity."

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