

## **NEWTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

NEWTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE – KENTLAND, IN

**March 4, 2013 10:30 A.M.**

The Newton County Drainage Board met on **March 4, 2013** with the following persons present: Board Members – Kyle Conrad, Tim Drenth & Mickey Read, Surveyor Chris Knochel, County Engineer Larry Holderly, Secretary Debra Chapman Risley, Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney and LeAnn Sale.

**Minutes – February 4, 2013 and February 19, 2013** - Tim made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Mickey. **Motion carried.**

**Hearings – McGraw Tile M-45– Assessment Increase** – Chris reviewed the Surveyor's Report for the McGraw Tile. This drain is currently being assessed \$1.50/ac. Based upon the surveyor's report the recommendation is an assessment rate of \$10.28/ac. Deb reported there is currently just under \$7,000.00 in the fund. Bob McKee thanked Chris for his hard work. **Buster Garing suggested they reshape the waterway and leave the tile where it is and move the waterway.** **Tim made a motion to assess the McGraw Tile M-45 at a rate of \$10.28/ac for four years with a second from Mickey. Motion carried.** **David Deardurff M-732** – This drain is not currently assessed. Deb reported there were two landowners, Albert Sutherlin & Cherrie McMahon, who had stated they were against assessment on the David Deardurff. Chris gave the Surveyors Report and stated the current watershed affects 22 parcels for a total of 603.223 benefitted acres. Given the scope of work necessary an assessment rate of \$12.82 per acre for four years was suggested. **Tim made a motion to assess the David Deardurff M-732 at a rate of \$12.82/acre for four years with a second from Mickey. Motion carried.**

**Spray Proposals** – There were four proposals received for spraying and they are as follows: *Anderson Tree \$33,468.00; Dalton's \$36,774.00; DBI Services \$49,943.01; Shidler \$30,733.75.* **Tim made a motion to accept the Shidler proposal for \$30,733.75 as long as it meets Chris' specifications. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**Seeding Proposals** – Four proposals were received for Seeding Projects and they are: *L Maggio \$1200/ac. plus \$.40/sq ft. for erosion mat; Geri & Steves Carpentry \$13,900.00; Tony Garriott \$14,996.37; KDA Services \$17,700.00.* All bids were taken under advisement.

**Lake Village Report** – Larry Holderly discussed the various options for drainage at the SE corner of old US 41 and State Road 10. He said we could possibly install a pond at the same time as the fire station project however upon speaking with Nikki Hanger they are not that far along with the plans. Steve Snell and Larry had gotten elevations although the numbers proved to be inconsistent. No determinations were made at this time.

**Goodland Culvert** – Chris reported that Jim Butler said the Town of Goodland could pay for the culvert extension if NCHD would install it and repave the street. Kyle responded that we are prepared to continue with the original agreement of the Town of Goodland paying for the 20' 4 x 6 elliptical steel culvert and the installation being done by the NCHD. **Tim made a motion for the NCHD to install the culvert on the south side of Goodland with the understanding that Goodland**

would provide the culvert and payment for said culvert. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Watershed Changes – John R. Camblin Tile** – Chris mentioned there was tile placed that now changes the John R Camblin Tile to include the Wiseman Lateral. A downstream landowner has shown initiative to begin maintenance on this tile. Chris' recommendation is for the presentation of a surveyors report and definition of the watershed. **Tim made a motion for the John R. Camblin/Wiseman watershed to be defined with a second from Mickey. Motion carried.**

**Pendergrass** - Chris reported there has been a change in this watershed due to landowner initiative. Vic A. Padgett installed tile that outlets into the Pendergrass. The landowner had been sent a letter however no response has been received. **Tim made a motion to add parcel 56-13-21-400-007.000-015 with 60.06 ac. (landowners Vic A. & Lois W. Padgett) to the Pendergrass watershed. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried.** **Elijah-Smalley Open** – Chris stated there had been a beaver dam in a culvert on the Elijah-Smalley which has since been removed. While there has been minimal work done on this drain the last work was primarily done in 1930. There has not been a surveyors report completed yet although that is Chris' recommendation in order to determine the scope of work needed. Chris will attempt the project as maintenance however from what he has seen so far he feels it is close to requiring reconstruction. If the project proves to be big then it will be necessary to contact IDEM. **Kyle made a motion to proceed with the surveyors report and recommendation for the Elijah-Smalley Open with a second from Tim. Motion carried.**

**Kankakee River Basin** – Chris said that by redefining the Elijah-Smalley we will also be redefining the Kankakee River Basin. Tim had previously asked if we can establish the watershed for the whole northern area. All we have right now is the historical watershed. Chris explained that he is asking for an additional of \$30,000.00 to cover the cost of defining the Kankakee River Basin however he did not expect that the whole amount will be needed. He also mentioned that he is starting to train Steve (Snell) on how to precisely define watersheds. Chris said that the computer program is accurate but not precise. Kyle and Tim both said Chris should begin on the watershed boundary study.

**Gary Coleman Report** – Dan Blaney stated this issue has been resolved except for the additional charge of \$126.00. Kyle replied that the commissioners had voted earlier this morning to pay the \$126 so the situation is handled.

**Seeding Proposal** – Mickey asked what we are doing on the seeding proposals. **She (Mickey) made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$13,900.00 from Geri & Steves Carpentry as long as it meets Chris' specifications. Tim seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Whereas there were no other matters to be discussed the meeting was adjourned.