

## **March 18, 2022**

The Newton County Drainage Board met at 11 a.m. CST, on March 18, 2022, at the Newton County Government Center. Members present were Glen ‘Butch’ Cain, Scott Carlson and Tim Drenth. Also present were Drainage Board Attorney - Candace Armstrong, Secretary - Jamie Rowe, Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Tenant farmer – Rob Churchill, Land Owner representative – Jeff Blanchard, VS Engineering – Randy Strasser, KIRPC – Emily Albaugh and Debra Chapman.

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.

### **Minutes – March 7, 2022**

***Tim Drenth made a motion, second by Scott Carlson, to approve minutes for March 7, 2022. Motion was passed 3-0.***

### **Knight-Moffitt Crossing**

Land owner representative, Jeff Blanchard, and tenant farmer, Rob Churchill, were present regarding a crossing for Knight-Moffitt. Discussion was held regarding permit for said crossing.

### **Lake Village Storm Water Drainage**

Randy Strasser of VS Engineering and Emily Albaugh of KIRPC were present to discuss funding options for this project.

Discussion held.

Randy Strasser presented the Board with an updated estimation of costs.

***Scott Carlson made a motion, second by Tim Drenth, to move forward with the Lake Village Storm Water Drainage project and to proceed with OCRA funding. Motion was passed 3-0.***

Discussion continued regarding specifics of deadlines and requirements for funding.

### **Surveyor Report – Shue Open**

Surveyor Watkins presented a report for the Shue Open (drain #559), which included a suggested increase in assessment.

Scott Carlson abstained from voting, due to a conflict with this watershed.

***Tim Drenth made a motion, second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain, to accept the report presented by Surveyor Watkins. Motion was passed 2-0***

*The Board requested the appointment of Russell Collins for matters regarding the Shue Open and Frank Johnson Combination. Attorney Armstrong will proceed with the appropriate paperwork required.*

*A hearing date was set for the Shue Open.*

**Other Matters**

Glen 'Butch' Cain, along with the Board, wanted to thank, former Secretary, Debra Chapman for her hard work and her assistance with training the current Secretary, Jamie Rowe.

**Surveyor – Field Technician**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that, at today's meeting, the County Council approved a change to the starting wage for the Field Technician position.

The new starting wage will be \$16.127 per hour - the County's current rate for a second deputy position. Discussion held that once the employee is established, and upon the discretion of Surveyor Watkins, the pay rate for this position may be requested of the County Council to be increased to the first deputy wage.

**Adjournment**

*Tim Drenth made a motion to adjourn, second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

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Glen "Butch" Cain  
President

X

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Scott Carlson

X

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Tim Drenth