

April 3, 2023

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 1 p.m. CDT, on April 3rd, 2023.

Members present were Glen ‘Butch’ Cain, Scott Carlson and Abbey Rossiter. Also present were Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe and Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong, Mt. Ayr Town Board – Howard Marshall & Jerry Durlinger, John Anderson, Chris Yana & Ralph Illingworth.

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

February 24, 2023

Scott Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

March 15, 2023

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

Best-Davis Watts (LaSalle)

Jason Durr of CBBE was present to discuss the matter presented by Zack DeYoung of LaSalle Fish & Wildlife at the February meeting – the recurrence of beaver dams and the subsequent problems these dams present. Discussion was held regarding what permits will be needed to allow for a plan that would correct this issue. The next step to be made is for Mr. Durr to contact Mr. DeYoung, and discuss working in partnership to obtain the proper permits.

2023 Chemical Maintenance

John Anderson, of Anderson Tree Co. Inc., was present to discuss expectations for the 2023 North and South Chemical Maintenance projects. Discussion was held and all parties were in agreement. Contracts for both North and South Chemical Maintenance were executed.

Illingworth Extension to the O’Brien

Chris Yana and Ralph Illingworth were present to discuss the status of a petition presented, and accepted, by the Newton County Drainage Board on July 20, 2020. The petition was to regulate the unregulated portion of the O’Brien and provide maintenance for this drain. Mr. Yana discussed with the Board the state of the drain from 1300 South to north of the Iroquois River.

The Drainage Board requested that Surveyor Watkins prepare a report for this drain and confirm the boundaries of the watershed. It was questioned if Benton County would be included in this watershed – this should be answered through Surveyor Watkins’ report and watershed boundary determination. Given the timeframe of the petition, Attorney Armstrong will review said petition. A hearing cannot be set until we have the information from Surveyor Watkins.

Town of Mount Ayr – Stucker Tile

Howard Marshall and Jerry Durflinger were present to follow-up on the discussion regarding the Stucker Tile. Surveyor Watkins discussed the need of shooting elevations across the field that the Town Board is concerned with.

The Town Board informed the Drainage Board that the contractor obtained by the Drainage Board to repair the tile hole at CR300 & SR 55 has not completed the repair. The Board requested that Surveyor Watkins follow-up with the contractor.

Commissioner’s Cain and Rossiter will discuss the problems along the roadside ditch of CR 300 South with Highway Superintendent Sharon Domonkos at the following Commissioner’s Meeting.

Adjournment

Being no other business, *Abbey Rossiter made a motion to adjourn. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

X

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter