

August 7, 2023

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the *Jury Room of the Newton County Superior Court at 1 p.m. CDT, on August 7th, 2023.

Members present were Glen ‘Butch’ Cain, and Abbey Rossiter. Also present were Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe and Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong. VS Engineering – Randy Strasser and Amy Moore and KIRPC – Shawn Cain.

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

July 3, 2023

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.

Best Davis-Watts Ditch (717)

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain stated that he and Scott Pelath have made multiple attempts to contact each other, but have both missed the calls - regarding work to be done on Best Ditch. Surveyor Watkins let the Board know that Jason Durr, of CBBE is going to meet with him next week to provide an update.

Illingworth Extension to the O’Brien

Surveyor Watkins stated that Beacon (GIS) shows this extension to the O’Brien to be wetlands. He would like to contact an engineer to determine what kind of permitting may be needed to move forward with the petition process. Attorney Armstrong asked that Surveyor Watkins determine the amount of ditch miles and land would be in Benton County and Newton County, and provide this information at the September Drainage Board Meeting.

Lake Village Drainage Project

Randy Strasser and Amy Moore of V.S. Engineering and Shawn Cain of KIRPC were present to discuss the timeline for this project.

Amy Moore summarized the updated timeline and offered details regarding what areas are wetlands and what areas will need further permitting. Attorney Armstrong requested that any legal documents be sent to herself and Pat Ryan, the counsel of the Newton County Commissioners.

Other Matters

June Settlement – Secretary Jamie Rowe informed the Board that the Auditor’s Office has completed this process and that payment to Benton County has been sent, and payment to Jasper County will be sent this week.

Active Project Report – Secretary Jamie Rowe presented the Board with an updated active project report, showing that Chemical Maintenance has been completed. Discussion held regarding past due projects on the Hibler Main Phase 1 & 2 (716), Beaver Creek Ditch Crossing (571) and the Rebecca Spitler Open (714). The Board directed Surveyor Watkins to follow-up with contractors for each project and report back at the September Drainage Board Meeting.

Hoover-Simons Tile (565) – Surveyor Watkins informed that board that he was contacted by landowner Mark Simons, who would like to put in drainage tile on his property. Mr. Simons is not requesting the Board put in

the tile, however there is a portion of the 1999 reroute that is not properly draining. Surveyor Watkins said he is going to contact Rensselaer Septic to have it jetted, to determine if that may be the issue.

Adjournment

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to adjourn. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.

*Unexpected change of meeting location was due to flooding in the Commissioner’s Room, and per the direction of the Newton County Maintenance Department. Change of location was posted on the public entrance to the Courthouse.

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Glen ‘Butch’ Cain President	Scott Carlson	Abbey Rossiter