

December 03, 2024

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 10:16 a.m. CT on December 3rd, 2024, following the closure of the Newton County Board of Commissioner's Meeting.

Members present were Glen 'Butch' Cain, Scott Carlson and Abbey Rossiter. Also present were Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe, Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong, Newton County Auditor – Tamra James

Glen 'Butch' Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

November 19, 2024

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

Best Davis Watts (717)

Christopher B. Burke Engineering was on the agenda to discuss next steps, however had to cancel the afternoon prior.

Charles Triplett Tile (584)

Auditor Tamra James was present to discuss accounting in the General Drain Improvement Fund. Discussion was held regarding a 2017 grant passed by the Newton County Counsel from Landfill to GDIF.

Auditor James and Secretary Jamie Rowe will connect at a later time to work out the funding question.

Discussion was held with the Board and Attorney Armstrong regarding assessments and the process to change the rates.

Other Matters

VC Borklund (508) – Discussion was held regarding an email sent by Bri Styck, Director of Newton County Soil & Water Conservation, on behalf of a landowner to the Commissioners and Surveyor.

The email is regarding a drainage problem near the Landfill. Surveyor Watkins has spoken to the land manager and the farmer. Surveyor Watkins believes the grass waterway is too high and discussed that the tile may be blocked to the north.

Considering this is impacted by the Landfill, discussion was held regarding what funds may be available. There should be a Landfill Drainage fund for such issues. Surveyor Watkins will follow-up with Auditor James for fund information.

Winter Projects – Surveyor Watkins advised the Board there are several winter projects he intends to work on, however all owe something to General Drain Improvement Fund.

The main concern is Denham Subdivision, as discussed at November's meeting. Surveyor Watkins would like to hire Christopher B. Burke Engineering to design a pipe placement for the ½ mile stretch where the bank is inadequately supported, similar to what is engineered for Autumn Oaks.

Other drains of concern are the James Whaley which needs bank repair, the Oscar Holley near Northstar Rd and the Kent Ditch near the old motel and Highway 41.

Lake Village Drainage Project – Discussion was held regarding petitioning this to be a regulated drain, specifically the pipe on 300 and the ditch on the west side.

Adjournment

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

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Glen ‘Butch’ Cain President	Scott Carlson	Abbey Rossiter