

August 15, 2011 – 11:00 A.M. – DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING – Newton Co. Government Center

The Newton County Drainage Board met on August 15, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. in the Newton County Government Center. Present were Board Members Russell Collins, James Pistello and Tim Drenth; County Engineer Larry Holderly; Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney; LeAnn Sale; Surveyor Chris Knochel; Secretary Debra Honn. The meeting was opened by Russ.

Minutes –July 18, 2011 – Signed

Minutes –August 1, 2011 – Chris asked that the wording be changed in the motion on Oakwood Acres. Tim made a motion to accept the August 1, 2011 minutes after the revision has been made. Jim made a second motion. Motion carried.

Monjon Tile Reroute Bid – Two bids were received for this job and they are as follows: DeYoung Drainage & Excavating \$12, 364.10; Dwenger Excavating \$20, 328.84. Chris' estimate was for \$18,507.50. Jim made the motion to reward the job to DeYoung Drainage & Excavating as long as the specs are met. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Denham Subdivision Lateral III Seeding Bid – The only bid received was from Kent Ames in the amount of \$2800.00 for Route B only. Chris' estimate was in the amount of \$3275. Jim made a motion to accept the Kent Ames bid with a second from Tim. Motion carried.

Oakwood Acres Lateral Repair – Chris mentioned that he will be requesting bids from contractors on the Oakwood Acres Lateral Repair which will be very similar to the Denham Subdivision. He will request bids be returned by the Sept 6th drainage board meeting.

Hibler Extension - There is an area along SR 10 that is currently a private ditch which Chris would like to see regulated. This is scheduled for landowner review on Sept. 6th at the next drainage meeting. If no complaints, the drainage board can make the decision to either regulate or not after which we would advertise the hearing. If in fact the decision is made to regulate this ditch, it could be regulated in October. When asked if there is any other part of the Hibler that is not regulated, Chris responded no. Once the watersheds are determined and the scope of work completed we can proceed with the regulation and assessment processes.

Denham Subdivision – There was much discussion about roadside culverts and their condition. It was decided that the area needed checked and necessary work verified so that the county can do the necessary work in the roadside ditches.

Petitions – Chris reported that there are currently 5 petitions out with landowners and this is the most to ever be ongoing at once.

Common Wage Construction Hearing – Chris reported that the Common Wage Construction Hearing is scheduled for September 6, 2011.

Denham Subdivision Lateral III – Chris informed the board that Ronnie Madison had completed the work on Denham Subdivision Lateral III.

Frank Johnson Tile – It was reported by Russ and Chris that a bill had been received from Dale Wiseman for the work he had done on the Frank Johnson Tile. The bill has been submitted to the auditor for payment. The only work remaining is some leveling which will be completed after the crops are out of the field.

Other – Septic at Lake Village Plaza – There was discussion about the septic near the Lake Village Plaza and the possibility of boring under Old 41 along the ditch. Butch Cain, Mike Parrish and Jill Johnson were present to initiate the discussion. Whereas the roadside ditch will be presented at the commissioners meeting there was no need for a vote at this time.

Iroquois River Grant – Dan Blaney reported there was a need for 15 more signatures on the attempted Iroquois River Grant. He also reported on an article printed in the Lafayette Journal & Courier. The **Tippecanoe County Drainage Board** had recently approved repairs on a 450 acre watershed with a landowner assessment rate of \$26/acre for five years followed by \$12/acre assessment for drainage maintenance.

There being no other business Jim made a motion to adjourn with a second from Tim. Motion carried.