

Drainage Board Meeting - Newton Co. Government Center, Morocco IN
January 17, 2012

The Newton County Drainage Board met on January 17, 2012 with the following persons present: Board Members - Russell Collins, Jim Pistello and Tim Drenth, County Engineer Larry Holderly, Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney, Surveyor Chris Knochel, LeAnn Sale and Secretary Debra Chapman Risley.

MINUTES - Jim made a motion to approve the December 5, 2011 minutes with a second from Tim. **Motion carried.**

HEARINGS – MONJON TILE M-48 – Chris stated that the surface waterway had been in need of reconstruction so the waterway was reshaped and then reconstructed. Since some of the work was previously done by Monjon's & Schuette's, the prior estimate of \$8.77/ac was reduced to \$5.75/ac. Chris' recommendation for assessment was \$5.75/ac for 4 yrs or \$4.60/ ac for 5 yrs. Jim made a motion to assess **\$4.60/ac on 690 acres for a period of 5 yrs** with a second from Tim. **Motion carried.** **MARY E SPITLER TILE M-15** – Chris stated that a private tile could be compromised if we continue with our plan for a diversionary channel. Chris recommended tabling this tile until more information could be secured. Roger DeYoung was present with some questions for Chris. Chris said hopefully he will have more information by the next drainage board meeting on Feb. 6th. **Jim made a motion to table this hearing with a second from Tim. Motion carried.** **LONG DITCH M-726** – Chris explained that there are trees to be removed and ditch repairs to be made on this ditch. The work needs done right away. Chris recommended an assessment of \$4.00/ac for a period of 4 years. Tim made a motion to initiate **an assessment of \$4.00/ac for four years**. Jim seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** **Frank Johnson Tile M-694** – Chris stated there had been a previous hearing on August 1, 2005 at which time an assessment of \$1.25/ac had been recommended. Chris recommends the same assessment amount at this time. Jim made a motion to set the assessment at **\$1.25/ac for a period of 4 years** with a second from Tim. **Motion carried.**

KINDIG BENCH REPAIR – There were no bids received on the Kindig Bench Repair project. Chris' estimate was \$27,925.20. Ronnie Madison was present and he was asked why he didn't bid on this job. He responded that it was too much of a gamble and recommended offering it at "Time & Material" only. The board directed Chris to put bids out for the project again with the "amount not to exceed" Chris' estimate of \$27,925.20 and to send to all of the original 10 contractors.

HUNTER DITCH EXTENSION – The only bid received on the Hunter Ditch Extension was from Ronnie Madison in the amount of \$9,700. Chris' estimate was \$12,792.00. Jim made a motion to accept Ronnie's bid in the amount of \$9,700.00 as long as it meets Chris' specifications. **Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

COLEMAN EASEMENT – Dan Blaney was present to make the recommendation of offering Coleman money to resolve the issues and to then have a deed restriction on the property. Tim suggested keeping the easement where it is and adding another. Chris reminded them that there is no easement showing on the plat now. Jim suggested that we will put an end to this if Mr. Coleman will come to an agreement to give us an easement around the trailer. Dan will approach Mr. Coleman's attorney with this offer.

HIBLER SYSTEM - Chris reported that the technical report had been received from Heyde after the board asked HEC to re-define the bottom of the ditch under the county line. There was much discussion about the water flow and what each county expects and wants and decisions made by the Bi-County Board. It was decided that Chris would have the watershed clearly defined and redrawn and that the topic would again be brought before the board for discussion.

KINDIG SIDEBANK - Deb had the board sign the previously approved Kindig Sidebank Contract.

RICK SCHUETTE – Rick Schuette stated at the first of the year he mentioned that he had a problem with a culvert that drains into the Monjon Tile. Chris thought it had been addressed with the County Highway. It is eroding the edge of the new road. Larry said he knew that one of the workers had been out there to look at it. Larry will speak with the worker to see what he discovered. Rick also stated that the Hunter Ditch has a blockage in the woods behind his house – pile of sticks – we will have the beavers relocated.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.