

NEWTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
NEWTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – MOROCCO, IN
July 16, 2012 11:00 A.M.

The Newton County Drainage Board met on July 16, 2012 at 11:00 AM with the following persons present: Board Members – Chairman Russ Collins, Jim Pistello, Tim Drenth; County Engineer Larry Holderly; County Surveyor Chris Knochel; Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney; Secretary Debra Chapman Risley; Attorney Pat Ryan; Auditor Sharon Dewing; LeAnn Sale. Russ called the meeting to order.

Minutes – Jim made a motion to approve the July 2, 2012 minutes with a second from Tim. Motion carried and minutes were signed.

Bids – **George Ade Open M-53** – Deb reported the drain has a positive fund balance of \$2064, is currently being assessed \$1.00/ac. on 588 ac. and brings in \$588/yr. Two bids were received on this project and they are as follows: JD Excavating \$8,500; Ronnie Madison \$4,894. Chris' estimate was \$8,621.25. Jim made a motion to accept Ronnie's bid as long as it meets Chris' specs with a second from Tim. Motion carried. **William Whaley Surface Reconstruction M-709** – Deb reported that this ditch owes the GDIF \$2632, has 761 ac. in the watershed and is scheduled for an assessment hearing on 9/17/12 per previous board decision. Two bids were received on this project: Ronnie Madison \$29,624.00; JD Excavating \$12,500. Chris estimate was \$5,697.50. Jim made a motion to deny both bids since they were not within the parameters of Chris' estimate. Tim seconded the motion and motion carried. **Thompson Surface Appurtenances Repair M-612** – It was reported by Deb that the Thompson owes GDIF \$13,403, is assessed \$2.50/ac. on 16,891 acres and brings in \$42,227/yr. One bid was received for this project and it was from JD Excavating in the amount of \$18,915.00. Chris estimate was \$17,187.50. Jim made a motion to accept the bid of JD Excavating as long as it meets Chris' specs. Tim seconded the motion and motion carried.

Mary Spitler Tile Reconstruction M-15 – Chris mentioned that according to his report an 8 yr. assessment in the amount of \$12/ac. was suggested. Since this is a reconstruction it can be extended over a period of 8 years. A hearing will be scheduled for September 17, 2012. Deb reported that they are currently paying \$1.00/ac. on 464 acres. This project will include the ditch and 1,555' of 18" tile installed with nothing behind Chad's house. The open ditch will not be in the ROW however there will be a shared road & drainage easement and a culvert installed at Chad's driveway. Chris said there might be landowners added as we might have to go downstream in order to have sufficient grade. The one additional landowner would be notified of the hearing. Deb asked for verification of tile size. Larry said it had originally been set for a 12" tile across King Clarks if we went north. Now we are not going north so now it has to be an 18" tile all the way across King from the property line down to the corner. The estimate reflects an 18" tile all the way to the open ditch.

Beaver Lake, Mudd Lake & Gregory Lateral (Lawler) M-613 – Deb explained that at the 7/2/12 meeting the board asked that Mudd Lake Lateral be discussed at the 9/17/12 hearings. However Beaver Lake, Mudd Lake & Gregory Lateral have all been combined from the beginning -

expenses and incoming money. Mudd Lake is upland from Beaver Lake explained Chris. The landowners that were present at the last meeting were concerned with the upland area that outlets into Beaver Lake. Jim asked if the Lawler was the one that had the tank car to which Chris confirmed that yes and it had been handled. Dan asked if they didn't all drain into Beaver Lake – yes. He thought they had been separated in the beginning. Even though they had been identified individually they were all lumped together for expense purposes. The hearing will cover ALL of the drains. Chris is positive that they are all regulated drains and he has narratives on all of them but he has been unable to find the engineering information. Then he can combine this work with the engineering so that the assessment can be set in a couple weeks. Going forward this will be referred to as Beaver Lake, not Lawler. The assessment hearing will include all three entities as one – Beaver Lake.

Long Range Plan – Deb mentioned that on March 19, 2012 she had presented the board with a list of unassessed ditches. Based upon that information, they had stated they wanted Knight-Moffitt (M-581) as the #1 priority for assessment and Beaver Lake (M-613) as #2 assessment priority. Whereas this was decided prior to June 1st, the Long Range Plan will need to reflect this modification. Beaver Lake has been moved from #3 to #2 and Hibler/Otis Boyle has been moved from #2 to #3 on the Long Range Plan. The Drainage Board Minutes and Long Range Plan now indicate the same information.

Other Matters – **Denham Subdivision/Gary Coleman** – Dan reported that he thinks we are done with the Gary Coleman issues. For \$20,000 we now own that and give the landowner exemption for the garage. Larry asked if the county owns the 90" strip who is going to maintain it and keep the grass mowed. Chris stated the 75' easement would be maintained as a regulated drain. Jim suggested we keep the easement and in the future disperse the remainder to the landowners and they can maintain it – they just can't build on it. **Sumava** – Chris stated he had been out to check on the 3 point drain in Sumava. The culvert to the east at the entrance to the bayou has shifted and there is water flowing under the culvert. Chris is suggesting that we replace the deteriorated multi piece culvert with a one piece heavy-duty culvert with a gate on the end. It will be lowered a bit and bedded with some gravel to prevent any seepage. Depending on the cost to add the regulated gate, Chris has roughly \$5,000 estimated for the project. We will be making it wider so that at any point in the future big heavy equipment can work on it. Jim said he thought it was originally done in 1997 – 1998 but now water runs right underneath it. It needs done by the end of August before the water comes back up. Chris has declared it an emergency for that reason. There are trees to be eliminated also. Chris confirmed that the culvert (heavy 12 gauge, corrugated metal pipe) was already ordered from Debco and that it should arrive this week. Debco has Ronnie Madison's phone number so that they can contact him directly to arrange delivery. Driving back there with Ronnie, Chris noticed that the brush has grown in and Ronnie will be unable to get his big equipment in there. He therefore wondered if there was some way to get that mowed down. Jim suggested that he have Pete Pajoric mow it and that the funds to pay him be included in the project. **Hambridge Ditch/Etta Whaley** – Chris reported that the other 12" tile was found too late – the project had already gone to bid letting and the specs had been released so we can't change the original design. Therefore what we will

do is place another drop structure at the bottom of the drain next to the INDOT man hole on the north side of the road. We will put an 18" tile in between the two structures and bring the 12" tile in from the west. Russ mentioned that Wayne Sell had tiled that farm and asked Chris if he knows where the outlets are to which Chris answered affirmatively. He knows where the outlets are in this section and he is only concerned with the tile coming from the west. **Reminder Correction** – **Benton-Newton Bi-County Drainage Board** will meet on July 31, 2012 @ 9:00 AM CST in Newton Co. Surveyor's Office. Tim said he would be unable to attend this meeting so Russ asked Jim if he could fill in. This meeting pertains to the **Bowton-Bonham Combination**. Chris mentioned it already has \$20,000 against it and that half of the watershed is in Benton Co. Jim asked who the lead surveyor is to which Chris responded that he has been in the past. Back in the 70's, Chris said, this was brought up and Benton Co thought they had no obligation since all of the regulated drain is in Newton Co but half of the watershed is in Benton County. Therefore we may face the same situation – they may press it to the point that we just not do any work. Deb mentioned that we also need to make Benton County aware of the Simons situation on the **Morrison-Talley** since this is also a Bi-County ditch. Dan had stated we need to inform them of the upcoming hearing. Russ asked Chris if we are working with **KRBC** to get some money to which Chris replied that an **appropriation request** is in and will be submitted with the other counties. Jim was present for the meeting. We got challenged by the chairman of the appropriation committee, reported Chris, who stated that we need to find a way to fund some of these things ourselves. Chris mentioned that we have been proactive in that we had a soil scientist come in and he is introducing a collaborative effort to start work on this which will involve Illinois at some point in the future. With joint effort it will enable us access to funds that involve IDEM, DNR & Division of Water.

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