

**July 18, 2011 – 11:00 A.M. – DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING – Newton Co Government Center**

The Newton County Drainage Board met on July 18, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. in the Newton County Government Center. Present were Board Members Chr. Russell Collins, James Pistello and Tim Drenth; County Engineer Larry Holderly; County Attorney Pat Ryan; Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney; LeAnn Sale; Secretary Debra Honn. The meeting was opened by Russ.

**Minutes – June 20, 2011** – Signed

**Minutes – July 5, 2011** – Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5th meeting with a second from Tim. Motion carried.

**Denham Subdivision Lateral III** – The estimate was opened for the remaining portion of the Denham Subdivision Lateral III given by Ronnie Madison. Jim made a motion to have Ronnie Madison Excavation continue with the remaining portion of the Denham Subdivision Lateral III at a rate of \$9,320.00 and to add an addendum to the original contract. Tim made the second motion. Motion carried.

**Iroquois River Conservancy** – Dan Blaney reported that Jasper County is receiving a grant in the amount of \$189,000 for the Iroquois River Conservancy to help clean the river and remove log jams. Newton County has applied for the same grant and hopes to receive a like amount.

**Triplett Tile** – Larry Holderly mentioned that there are some drainage problems on the Triplett Tile at 600 S & 500 W going southwest from Morrie Wiseman's pond. It was stated that quite some time ago the property owners filed suit and won when Judge Lamb ruled that the property owners did not have to pay the balance owed on the ditch at that time. Deb reported that the balance owed to GDIF at this time is \$5,717.50. Whereas the ditch needs work again and the balance is still showing owed to GDIF, Larry asked if the balance would be wiped out and the new project started from scratch with a clean slate. The board responded that if the Judge ordered it be forgiven, then we need to forgive it and wipe out the balance per court order.

**Contracts Signed** – The contracts were signed for the following: **Hibler System Drainage Survey** by **Heyde Engineering Consultants** in the amount of \$25,763.00; **Goodland Lateral Extension II** by **Tony Garriott** in the amount of \$9,465.00.

**Oakwood Acres Lateral** – Deb handed out the diagram & estimate from FFC Fencing Co. for the removal & installation of fencing at 11300 N 568 E, DeMotte, IN in Oakwood Acres Subdivision. The total cost for removal and new installation was \$1550. Deb relayed that Chris had stated there is work that also needs done in Oakwood Acres for which his estimate totaled \$36,300. Whereas the board had questions concerning both the fence project and the repairs, Jim made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting with a second from Tim. Motion carried.

**Other Matters** – Deb told the board that she wanted to stand corrected on the amount of money spent on the **Hibler System**. Part of the money that had been paid to **Heyde Engineering** had been for other projects in the northern part of the county. The amount of claims created to date for the **Hibler System total \$86,601**; the remainder on the **current Heyde Contract is \$4580**; **new Heyde Hibler Survey Contract is \$25,763**. Therefore the proposed balance due GDIF for the Hibler System is expected to be approximately **\$116,944.00**. As of now there are no assessments being made. Jim stated that the money that was given for HEC was a gift and will not be charged against the landowners. The expense to the landowners will begin to accrue once the actual work begins. There being no other business Jim made a motion to adjourn with a second from Tim.