

Drainage Board Meeting - Newton Co. Govt. Ctr – March 19, 2012

The Newton County Drainage Board met on March 19, 2012 with the following persons present: Board Members – Russell Collins, Jim Pistello and Tim Drenth; County Engineer Larry Holderly, Surveyor Chris Knochel, Secretary Debra Chapman Risley and LeAnn Sale.

Minutes – Jim made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 5, 2012 meeting with a second from Tim. **Motion carried and minutes were signed.**

Quotes for Crossovers – McCray-Ade Open M-4 – Two bids were received and they are as follows: Tony Garriott \$13,125.00; JD Excavating \$5,100.00. **Jim made a motion to accept the bid from JD Excavating as long as it meets Chris' estimate of \$5,787.68 and his specifications. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Strole Ditch M-604 – Only one bid was received and it was from Tony Garriott in the amount of \$17,560. Whereas it was not within 10% of the surveyor estimate a motion was made by Jim to deny the bid with a second from Tim. Motion carried. *****NOTE – A bid from JD Excavating in the amount of \$4,650.00 was overlooked when bids were opened during the meeting. The board was contacted via phone and the bid from JD Excavating was accepted for \$4,650.00 as long as it meets Chris' estimate of \$8,187.89 and his specifications. The landowner and contractor were also advised of this updated information.***

Contract – Battleday Lateral #2 Surface Repair M-724 – The contract was signed for this project to be performed by King Bulldozing & Excavating, Inc.

Drain Values – Chris presented the board with the breakdown of drain expenses from 2011. He explained that if we were to purchase GPS Unit –Model GRS1, some of the work that has previously been done by outside help could be done in-house instead. Chris stated that this new piece of equipment would enable his office to do horizontal elevations as well as vertical. While it is a one-man piece of equipment big projects will require additional help in the field so Chris will be requesting part-time help in the 2013 budget. Chris advised of the purchase of the equipment from the Landfill-Surveyor Fund since the money is there to cover it. Jim told Chris that the 2013 budgets are still two months out.

Beam, Longest & Neff – Chris explained the information contained in the handout to the board. Beam, Longest & Neff would be responsible for recording the drains at the cost per drain indicated.

Unassessed Ditches – A list of unassessed ditches had been included in the board paperwork packets for their review. It was stated that #1 on the assessment list is the Knight-Moffitt-Stover followed by Beaver Lake Ditch at #2.

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