

Drainage Board Meeting - Newton Co. Courthouse – May 7, 2012

The Newton County Drainage Board met on May 7, 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, Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney and LeAnn Sale. Also present were Joe Morrison, King Clark, Gwen Rutledge and Rich Rutledge.

MINUTES - Jim made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 2, 2012 meeting with a second from Tim. **Motion carried.**

COLEMAN EASEMENT – Joe Morrison came forward to discuss the Gary Coleman situation. He stated he had met with Gary on April 12th and they wanted to verify which ground is being taken. It was verified that the land in question is **30' each side of the ditch running north** (revised by L Holderly). Joe stated his client would like \$13,000 plus attorney fees if the land is buildable or \$20,000 plus attorney fees (which is approximately \$2,200 at the present time) if the land is not buildable. Mr. Coleman is planning to move the trailer and has spoken to his neighbors about selling the portion of land where the garage stands. Jim said if Mr. Coleman is planning to move the trailer then we could go from the center of the ditch and run straight through from the drain to the **north** (revised by L Holderly) rather than going around the long way. The board will discuss this issue and get with Dan Blaney, Drainage Board Attorney, on their decision.

MARY SPITLER M-15 – Larry gave a report stating there are 380 acres included in this watershed and in order to handle all the water a waterway would have to be 138 feet wide. He had also looked at other options such as re-routing the ditch north through the Vacendak property. Larry had wanted to go check this out last week to see if it would work but was told by Chris that we needed a petition first. Digging a retention pond 1-2' deep on the southwest corner of the woods on the DeYoung property was another possible option mentioned by Larry. This would not hold all the water but would delay the flow. Whichever way we went we would be digging a lot of storage to be used only when we get a big rain. What size storm are you willing to live with? Jim asked why a decision that had been made by the board at the last meeting had been cancelled by Chris. King Clark thought everything had been resolved by the board at that time only to find out that the contractor had been pulled off the project. King also mentioned there had been a culvert installed which he thought had been placed so that Ronnie could get his equipment onto the property. King neither uses the culvert nor does he need it so the board said it was to be removed when Ronnie is done.

Jim asked Deb what the minutes reflected and she responded with the approved minutes. Chris said he would get Ronnie back out there to complete the project as originally planned per the decision of the board at the April 2, 2012 meeting.

SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE ORDINANCE #10-20-08-A – Dan Blaney briefly discussed the plans for the drainage ordinance that he and Chris have been developing. He suggested an assessment of \$25.00 per lot for a period of four years however no decisions were made at this time. Dan will continue to formulate a plan.

GIS – Chris brought the board up to date on the work Danielle Sands has been doing on the GIS website. He mentioned that all watersheds are now online, named and in 3 layers. If it is a private ditch or waterway it will not be labeled on the website.

REPORTS FOR ASSESSMENTS – Chris mentioned that the **Strole Ditch Extension Proposal** will need to be included when scheduling drains for a hearing. A surveyors report will be forthcoming once a preliminary assessment roll has been created that includes landowners, parcels and acres. The **McCray-Ade Open M-4 and Barton Ditch M-707** need to be scheduled for assessment hearings. It was decided to hold the three hearings at **1:30 P.M. on June 18, 2012 at the Government Center.**

SR 10 & County Line Drain – Chris informed the board that he thought the area could be drained if a pond was dug in order to hold the water. Further review is needed.

Contract Extensions – Chris notified the board that the following contracts need extended: **Battleday Lateral #2 (May 1); Etta Whaley Surface (May 1); Kindig-Montgomery Bench Repair (April 15).** Jim made a motion to extend each of the contracts by 60 days with a second by Tim. **Motion carried.**

DeHaan Encroachment – The question was asked as to who is going to handle the expenses associated with moving the private ditches that are encroaching on the DeHaan. There are 6-8 landowners involved located on both sides of the waterway. Topic is to continue at next meeting.

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