

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Nov. 21, 2011 – 1:00 P.M.**  
**Newton Co. Government Center**

The Newton County Drainage Board met on November 21, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. in the Newton County Government Center with the following persons present: Board Members Russell Collins, James Pistello and Tim Drenth; County Engineer Larry Holderly; Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney; LeAnn Sale; Surveyor Chris Knochel; Secretary Debra Chapman Risley. The meeting was opened by Russ.

**Minutes –October 17, 2011** – Signing was postponed until next meeting.

**Minutes – November 7, 2011** – Deb reported minutes are not yet completed.

**Hearings – Davis – Watts:** Chris stated that while the drain is classified, it is not included in the long range plan. The recommended assessment was \$2.21/ac. for a four year period. Chris stated that the watershed had not yet been clearly defined or verified. **Jim therefore made a motion to table the hearing until the watershed has been confirmed with a second motion from Tim. Motion carried.** It was suggested by landowners that the assessment hearing letter be tweaked to include documentation that the “assessment will be spread over \_\_\_\_ years for a total of \_\_\_\_/ac. and that the next hearing be scheduled in the evening. **Conklin Ditch** – Whereas this ditch was the same situation as the Davis-Watts in that the watershed had not been verified, **Jim made the motion to table until the permanent watershed was defined with a second from Tim. Motion Carried.** **Beaver Creek** – The information on this ditch was created by Deb based upon Chris’ surveyors report. The total expected expenditure on this ditch is \$145,659.95 which includes the money currently owed to GDIF in the amount of \$62,319.95. The recommendation was made to raise the assessment from \$.25 to \$1.00. **Jim made a motion to raise the assessment rate from \$.25 to \$1.00 with a second from Tim. Motion carried.**

**Beaver Creek Quotes** – The bids received for this project were as follows: Ronnie Madison - \$105,400; JD Excavating - \$132,000; Tony Garriott - \$115,750. Chris’ estimate was for \$66,662.50 plus \$4773.00 for supplies. Whereas the bids were not within 10% of Chris’, he commented that we are only obligated to remove the trees but not to level the spoils. Therefore we are mainly interested in only Item #1 which is to clear the easement and if the money is there, then also #2 for installing the culvert at the railroad. He reported he had asked the contractors to break their bids down accordingly into three separate parts. For Part #1 (clearing easement) the bids were as follows: Ronnie Madison - \$24,200; JD Excavating \$65,000; Tony Garriott - \$48,750. For Part #2 (Installation of culvert @ railroad): Ronnie Madison \$2,220; JD Excavating - \$6,500; Tony Garriott - \$2,400. **Jim made a motion to go with Ronnie Madison for clearing the easement and the installation of culvert (parts 1 & 2) at the combined rate of \$26,420 as long as it meets Chris’ specifications. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Mary Spitler Tile M-15** – An amended proposal was submitted by Ronnie Madison on the M Spitler Tile. The revised proposal was \$1450 less than the original bid of \$16, 880. **Jim made a motion to accept the amended proposal in the amount of \$15, 430 with a second from Tim. Motion carried.**

**East Kent Ditch (Kindig Structure)** – Al Grube arrived to deliver check #213336 in the amount of \$52,217.00 to serve as a performance bond on this project. **Contract was then signed by the board.**

**Mary Spitler M-75** – The board signed the contract for this project to be performed by Ronnie Madison.

**Assessment Hearings to be scheduled** – The list of ditches to be scheduled for assessment hearings was reviewed. Chris confirmed that reports were submitted and all hearings could be held at the same time on **January 17th (correction – Monday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>) @ 1:00 P.M. in the Government Center Conference Room.** The hearings will cover the following ditches: **Mary Spitler Tile M-15; Monjon Tile M-48; Long Ditch M-726; Frank Johnson Combination M-694.**

**North Newton Windmill Project** – Chris reported that there were no issues on this project and that the project managers had spoken with the proper people in the proper departments and there were no problems to report.

**Gary Coleman Easement** – There was much discussion about the easement on the Gary Coleman property. Chris stated that Dan wants to know how wide we want the easement to be. Chris currently has the easement staked at 30’ on each side. There is no way to turn the trailer and still maintain the easement so the only option is for the trailer to be moved off the property. **\*\*Listen to audio tape for more information\*\***

**Kindig Sidebank Repair** – Deb reported that only 516’ of the sidebank can be repaired in order to comply with the permit. Based upon the cash balance in the fund, there is enough money for repairs and to still have money in the fund after the project is completed.

**E Kent Ditch (Kindig Structure)** – Deb reported that the cost of this project, according to the bid accepted from Al Grube is \$16,500. If the landowner pays \$10,000 toward the cost of project as previously agreed with Chris that would leave a balance of \$6500 + \$1100 that is owed to GDIF. With the current assessment rate the debt could be paid within 2 years. **The board decided to pay the project out of the E Kent Ditch fund.**

**GDIF** – Deb reported the balance in the GDIF to be \$345,144.05.

Whereas all business had been handled, Jim made a motion to adjourn with a second from Tim. Motion carried.