

Sept. 19, 2011 – 11:00 A.M. – DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING – Newton Co. Govt. Center

The Newton County Drainage Board met on September 19, 2011 at 11:00 A.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 Honn. The meeting was opened by Russ.

Minutes –August 15, 2011 – Signed

Minutes – September 6, 2011 – Jim made a motion to approve the minutes with a second motion from Tim. Motion carried.

Bids – Montgomery-Kindig Repair - Ronnie Madison Excavation presented the only bid on this job; however there appeared to be two different proposals for it with two different amounts. The first proposal was in the amount of \$96,600.00 for the repair as reviewed and presented to the contractor by Chris. The second proposal was in the amount of \$32,200.00 for something totally different. Whereas the correct proposal by far exceeded Chris' estimate of \$34,685.00 Jim made a motion to reject the bid and take the proposals under advisement with Chris checking further on them. The project would then be presented again at the next meeting. Tim made a second motion. Motion carried.

Contracts – The contracts were signed for the Oakwood Acres Lateral & Denham Subdivision Lateral III-B Seeding. The Site Specific Emergency Unit Price-Hourly Rate spreadsheet was shared with the board showing the proposed rates as presented by Tony Garriott, JD Excavating and Ronnie Madison Excavating. Chris is to review and create a contract with specifics to bring before the board.

Birchtree Estates Obstruction – Dan Blaney stated that he had sent an offertory letter to Joe Morrison on 9/13 and had not yet received a response.

TNC Wetlands Moratorium – An agreement was sent to TNC however Dan has not heard back yet.

Legal Fees Drain Assignments – There was some discussion about expensing the Legal Fees to the individual drains rather than to Legal Fees Expense account. This would greatly increase the number of claims - rather than a single claim as is done now, each drain would be a separate claim. It was decided to review this again in the future after giving it some thought. Tim suggested that Dan prepare a breakdown indicating the amount of time and expense given to each drain. While Dan's bill has always been separated by ditch it has not been expensed that way in the surveyor's or auditor's office.

Letters to Landowners – Tim stated that he disagreed with letters going to landowners suggesting that if they had any questions they were to contact the contractor rather than the county or surveyor. He thinks calls should be taken by the county not the contractor. Chris assured everyone that the letters also state that if they have any questions they can reach him at the number indicated in the letterhead.

Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Trembczynski – There was some discussion about the correspondence received from landowners in Oakwood Acres Lateral watershed who had paid to have trees removed from the easement and were asking for reimbursement for the expense. Dan Blaney will send a letter to them thanking them for doing what is right according to the law.

Ditches to be Assessed – Deb presented the board with a list of ditches to be scheduled for assessment hearings. In order to begin collection of funds for work already completed it is necessary to set assessment rates and conduct hearings. It was decided to begin with the Narrows Ditch and Beaver Creek Ditch as they both are in need of an increased assessment rate.

Sumava Resorts – Jim reminded Dan to schedule a meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers, KRBC, the Drainage Board and Ronnie Madison to review Sumava Resorts.

Iroquois River Grant – Russ mentioned that we are still working on the Iroquois River Grant.

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