

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

August 2, 2021 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on August 2, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Tim Drenth and Butch Cain; Surveyor – Beau Watkins; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Christopher B Burke Engineering – Jason Durr; Indiana DNR – Mike Schoof.**

Meeting was opened by Tim Drenth.

Minutes – July 6, 2021 – Cain made a motion to approve minutes with a second from Drenth. Motion carried 2-0. Minutes were signed for July 6th along with previously approved minutes for June 7, 2021.

Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Hibler/Hidden Pines – ETR permits submitted. Two (2) species need additional review before proceeding with regular permits. Discussion. Valley Forge – Permits have been received. Surveyor’s office is to contact landowners regarding temporary easements where necessary. Discussion.

Lawler – There will be three (3) phases to this project with 3 private culverts and 3 county road culverts. Discussion. As previously noted by board, county highway will secure and install culverts on county roads and contractor will be responsible for bidding, securing and installing private culverts. Project is ready to bid.

Willow Slough Updates – Mike Schoof, IN DNR – Mike gave a review of the project at Willow Slough stating that contact has been made with both Army Corp of Engineers and IDEM and there are no foreseen issues. Discussion.

Other Matters – Deer Ridge Subdivision – Butch made a motion to approve the Deer Ridge Subdivision drainage plans as submitted to Tech Committee and Plan Commission. Tim seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0.

Broken Private Tile - Discussion regarding Norm & Jeff Light report of private tile broken when cable was installed. Drainage Board has no legal authority in this matter. Knight-Moffitt-Stover RFQ – Discussion regarding process. Fair Oaks Farms Engineers – Discussion regarding engineers for expansion project appearing before Joint Jasper-Newton Drainage Board in September for approval on revised plans.

Butch motioned to adjourn with second from Tim. Adjourned.

Scott Carlson, Chrm.

Tim Drenth

Butch Cain