

## **DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

**November 1, 2021 – 12:00 P.M.**

**Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN**

The Newton County Drainage Board met on November 1, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Scott Carlson & Butch Cain; Surveyor – Beau Watkins; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; CBBE – Jason Durr; DNR – Zack DeYoung & Mike Schoof; Secretary - Jamie Rowe; Deb Chapman.**

Scott opened the meeting and introduced Jamie Rowe as the new drainage board secretary who will be starting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes – October 4, 2021** – Butch motioned to accept minutes, Scott second, motion carried 2-0 and minutes were signed.

**Minutes – October 21, 2021 Special Meeting** – Butch motioned to accept minutes, Scott second, motion carried 2-0 and minutes were signed.

**Contract for Independent Contractor** – Butch motioned to accept the contract as presented and to hire Deb Chapman as independent contractor for the drainage board. Scott seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0. Contract was signed by both parties.

**Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Hibler Ph 2 & Hidden Pines North** – General permit has been received. **Best Davis-Watts** – DVG will be handling the survey portion of this project.

**Best Davis-Watts – Zack DeYoung, LaSalle Fish & Game** – Discussion regarding new route for Davis-Watts which would feed directly into Best Ditch. **Blackberry Martin Project** – Discussion and request to replace 24” culvert at Shelby on the south side of the river. River Commission gave their blessing and the permit process has been started. **Butch motioned to approve the Blackberry Martin Project and the replacement of the 24” culvert as presented. Scott seconded the motion and the motion carried 2-0.**

**Willow Slough Update – Mike Schoof, IN DNR – Discussion.** Butch motioned to pull culvert across 300 N, fill spoils and remove carp barrier as requested by Mike Schoof. Scott seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0. Mike asked for permission to place 2 more structures in the Houseworth-Rhiner. **Butch motioned to approve the two (2) new structures with a second from Scott. Carried 2-0.**

**Sign Contracts** – Contracts were signed for Valley Forge Lateral and Rebecca Spitler Open Phase 3 & 4 projects. Butch Cain motioned to have Jamie Rowe as secretary to drainage board sign the contracts per statutory codes. Scott seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0.

**Other Matters – Joint Meeting -** Butch motioned to have Jim Pistello serve as drainage board member for Newton-Jasper joint meeting on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Scott seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0. **Knight-Moffitt Crossing** – Scott mentioned he had been contacted by a farmer regarding a crossover and land locked property along regulated drain. Discussion. Topic needs addressed with bi-county board as it is a bi-county drain.

**Fleckenstein Tile –** Beau mentioned that there was an issue on the Fleckenstein where water is standing in the field due to a hump instead of going into the drop structure. The attorney recommended contacting Heartland who had initially done the project last year regarding leveling the land prior to the drop chute. Beau is to contact the contractor and have the surveyor’s field technician shoot the grade. **Claim Question –** Scott asked Deb to contact the auditor to answer the questions Tami James had regarding the Watkins claim.

**Butch motioned to adjourn with a second from Scott. Meeting adjourned.**

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Scott Carlson, Chrm.	<u><b>Not in attendance</b></u> Tim Drenth	Butch Cain