

**Drainage Board Meeting
March 7, 2022 – 12:00pm
Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN**

The Newton County Drainage Board met on March 7, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members –Scott Carlson & Tim Drenth; Surveyor – Beau Watkins; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe; CBBE – Jason Durr; VS Engineering – Randy Strasser; Dirt Diggers Excavating – Brent Skrzekut; Deb Chapman.**

Scott Carlson called the meeting to order.

Minutes – February 7, 2022 – Tim Drenth made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 2-0.

Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Best-Davis Watts

Barton Ditch Obstruction – Surveyor Watkins reported that this project was not viewed, as scheduled, on March 1st, due to flooding.

Joe Flagg Open (Thompson Lateral) – Fund report was given by Drainage Board Secretary. The Board opened bids – one bid was received and was from Dirt Diggers Excavating.

Tim Drenth made a motion to accept the bid, pending the Surveyor reviewing his estimate, and if the Surveyor's revised estimate is in line - the work may begin. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 2-0.

Knight-Moffitt Crossing – Tim Drenth made a motion to amend the motion made on 2/7/22. This amendment would change the origination of the funds from General Drain Improvement Fund to Contractual Services. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 2-0.

For reference: Original motion as stated on 2/7/22, "Tim Drenth made a motion to fund project for crossing on Evelyn Wietbrock's property up to \$20,000.00, from General Drain Improvement Fund - provided it's up to the Surveyor's specifications and upon signed letter of request from land owner. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 3-0."

The Board & the Surveyor agreed that the Surveyor will follow up with landowner regarding permits for this project.

Certified Drains – Tim Drenth made a motion to certify drains as presented. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 2-0.

Project Updates – Randy Strasser, VS Engineering – Dawson Bridge, Lake Village Storm Water Drainage

Dawson Bridge – Discussion held regarding Scope of Services Agreement.

Tim Drenth made a motion to approve VS Engineering's Scope of Services. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 2-0.

Lake Village Storm Water Drainage – Discussion regarding funding, materials and cost.

Agreement made to hold a meeting March 18, 2022 @ Morocco Government Center at 11:00am, regarding the above stated topics of Lake Village Storm Water Drainage.

Best-Davis-Watts – Surveyor Watkins presented an estimate from Dirt Diggers Excavating for continued work needing completed.

Tim Drenth made a motion to approve an additional \$4,000.00 for Best Davis Watts. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 2-0.

Petitions – West Shue Open Extension to Shue Open; Frank Johnson Open

Tim Drenth made a motion to schedule a hearing for the Frank Johnson Open. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 2-0.

The Board requested that Surveyor Watkins present a Surveyor's Report on the Shue Open at the March 18, 2022 meeting.

Adjournment – Tim Drenth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Scott Carlson, motion carried 3-0.

Absent

Glen (Butch) Cain
President

Scott Carlson

Tim Drenth