

MAY 2, 2022

The Newton County Drainage Board met at 12 p.m. CST, on May 2, 2022, at the Newton County Courthouse, in the Commissioners Room.

Members present were Glen ‘Butch’ Cain, Scott Carlson and Tim Drenth. Also present were Drainage Board Attorney - Candace Armstrong, Secretary - Jamie Rowe, Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Jason Durr of CBBE, Randy Strasser of VS Engineering, Bri Styck, Shelby Keys and Auditor Tamra James.

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes – April 4, 2022

Tim Drenth made a motion to approve, second by Scott Carlson. Motion was passed 3-0.

CBBE

On Call Services Contract

Tim Drenth made a motion to approve the CBBE On-Call service agreement, second by Scott Carlson. Motion was passed 3-0

Best Davis Watts – Jason Durr provided the board with photos of the area. Discussion held regarding technical aspects of drain and possible solutions. Board is putting project on hold and allowing time for Surveyor Watkins to further review.

Knight Moffitt – Discussion held regarding status of project. Next steps will be cross sections and completing the survey.

VS Engineering

Lake Village Storm Water Drainage Project – Randy Strasser of VS Engineering was present to answer any questions the board may have had on the change of the scope of the project.

Newton County Soil Water Conservation

Bri Styck and Shelby Keys (Jasper Co. Soil Water Conservation) were present to update the board on the Lower Kankakee Watershed Management Plan.

2022 Chemical Maintenance Contract

The Board signed the previously accepted Chemical Maintenance contract with JB Brush Control.

Lake Village Storm Water Drainage Project

Secretary Jamie Rowe advised the board that KIRPC will need to know how the county will be paying for the fund match if the OCRA grant were received.

Scott Carlson motioned to ask the Newton County Commissioners about the match of up to \$400,000.00 at the Commissioner’s meeting today, second by Tim Drenth. Motion was passed 3-0.

Surveyor – KB & E Project Updates

Surveyor Watkins reported that he met contractor Bill King and presented updates on the following drains: *Hunter, Beaver Lake, Rebecca Spitler & Valley Forge.*

Tim Drenth made a motion to remove Beaver Lake and Valley Forge from KB & E, second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

Scott Carlson made a motion to request Surveyor Watkins contact 2nd bidder to work on Valley Forge, upon approval of attorney's review of the second bid. Second by Tim Drenth. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion continued between Drainage Board and Drainage Board Attorney, Candace Armstrong, in regards to the next steps required.

Colfax Township

Auditor Tamra James was present to discuss with the board penalties on drain assessments for a property owned by Colfax Township that is used by Newton County Highway Department.

Drainage Board suggested that this be discussed at the Newton County Commissioner's Meeting held today under 'Other Matters'.

Culverts Along US Highway 24

Discussion was held regarding the condition of these culverts and the drainage along US Highway 24.

Other Matters

Solar Panels - Surveyor Watkins & Glen 'Butch' Cain gave the board a summary of the meeting held with Next Era, regarding a potential solar panel project in the southern end of the county.

Census Bureau – Surveyor Watkins advised the board that he received a call from the US Census Bureau to verify if there were any changes to the county boundaries.

FEMA – Darroch (715) – Secretary Jamie Rowe advised the board that she, along with the Surveyor, has been working with FEMA regarding the closure of this project and an extension of the deadline. Discussion held.

Joel Bower

Scott Carlson - *as a land owner* - followed up on his request at the April 4th Drainage Board Meeting, requesting that this drainage issue be corrected. Discussion held regarding the damage to this tile.

Due to the cause of the damage, this request will be brought before the Newton County Commissioners at the meeting held later in the day.

Adjournment

Tim Drenth made a motion to adjourn, second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

X

Glen "Butch" Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Tim Drenth