

January 18, 2023

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Government Center at 1 p.m. CST, on January 18, 2023.

Members present were Glen ‘Butch’ Cain, Scott Carlson and Abbey Rossiter. Also present were Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe and Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong.

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

January 3, 2023

Abbey Rossitter made a motion to approve minutes. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.

Fund Report & Bid Opening

Beaver Creek Ditch Crossing (571)

Surveyor Watkins provided his estimate to the Board. One bid was received:

- Dirt Diggers Excavating, Inc. for \$118,400.00

The Board discussed the Surveyor’s estimate and bid amount received. After due consideration and discussion by the Board, the Board determined that the bid received does not exceed the benefits assessed against the affected land.

Scott Carlson made a motion to award project to Dirt Diggers Excavating, Inc., as the Board believes the benefit to the land exceed the cost. Second by Abbey Rossitter. Motion passed 3—0

Frank Johnson (694)

Surveyor Watkins provided his estimate to the Board. Three bids were received:

- JD Excavating for \$39,450.00
- Dirt Diggers for \$42,800.00
- DeYoung Dirt Works for \$19,789.00

The Board discussed the Surveyor’s estimate and bid amounts received. After due consideration and discussion by the Board, the Board determined that the lowest bid received does not exceed the benefits assessed against the affected land.

Scott Carlson made a motion to award project to DeYoung Dirt Works, as the Board believes the benefit to the land exceed the cost. Second by Abbey Rossitter. Motion passed 3-0.

Newell Johnson – Part of the Carlson Johnson Group (730)

Surveyor Watkins provided his estimate to the Board. Three bids were received:

- JD Excavating for \$26,950.00
- DeYoung Dirt Works for \$6,545.00
- Dirt Diggers for \$17,250.00

Abbey Rossitter made a motion to accept DeYoung Dirt Works bid for \$6,545.00. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain.

**Scott Carlson abstained from voting due to a conflict.*

Such bid is within 10% of the Surveyor’s estimate.

Maria Hope Tile (513)

One bid was received.

- Yoder Drainage for \$6,800.00

Surveyor Watkins confirmed that the Yoder Drainage bid was within 10% of his estimated cost for the project.

Discussion held regarding scope of work.

Abbey Rossitter made a motion to accept the bid from Yoder Drainage for \$6,800.00. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 3-0.

John Guildenzoph (511) Invoice

The Board was presented with a request to reimburse a landowner for a \$439.14 invoice for Geri and Steve’s Carpentry. Work to this drain was initiated, and paid for, by the landowner.

Surveyor Watkins confirmed the work completed was on the regulated drain.

After due discussion, ***Scott Carlson made a motion to reimburse \$439.14 to landowner for Geri and Steve’s Carpentry Invoice. Second by Abbey Rossitter. Motion passed 3-0.***

Other Matters

Hibler Project – Surveyor Watkins advised the Board that bids could not be received for this project today. It was agreed that the first and second phase of this job would be sent for bids to be received at the February 6, 2023 Drainage Board Meeting. Phases 3 & 4 of this project will be sent for bids in the fall of 2023.

Little Lake Lateral to Molson (665) – Surveyor Watkins advised the Board that he was contacted by landowner EJ Hein, requesting to vacate this lateral to the Molson Open.

Discussion held with the Board regarding landowner’s plans for this, how it may affect the Molson Open Watershed and the process to vacate.

After due discussion, *Surveyor Watkins decided to vacate the Little Lake Lateral to Molson Open (665). The Board unanimously receives and acknowledges the Surveyor's reclassification to vacate such lateral.*

Newton-Jasper Joint Meeting – Discussion held regarding the need, or lack of need, of the prior scheduled February meeting. After being contacted by Jasper County, and being advised their agenda was empty, the Board decided to reschedule the next Newton-Jasper Joint Drainage Board Meeting until June 2023.

Adjournment

Abbey Rossitter made a motion to adjourn. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

X

Glen "Butch" Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter