

February 6, 2023

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 1 p.m. CST, on February 6, 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 and Zack DeYoung of LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area.

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

January 18, 2023

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve minutes. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

Best Davis Watts Ditch (717)

Zack DeYoung was present to discuss two issues:

- The dipping of a small section of an unnamed ditch that outlets to the Davis Watts.
- A persistent beaver dam problem that he and his staff are encountering along Best Ditch.

After due discussion, ***Scott Carlson made a motion to approve the dipping of the small portion of the unnamed ditch that outlets into Davis Watts. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0. Surveyor Watkins is in agreement with the Board’s motion.***

Mr. DeYoung then explained to the Board the problem he has encountered with beaver dams on the Best Ditch. He requested help of the Board to keep these dams cleared. Discussion held regarding the tree removal on Best Davis Watts, and that this may alleviate the issue. Surveyor Watkins will contact CBBE to inquire on the necessary permitting to complete this.

The Board stated they would like to work with LaSalle to resolve the beaver dame issue. Mr. DeYoung stated it is approximately a 1 ½ to 2 mile stretch that would need cleaned.

Drain Assessments

Discussion held regarding drain funds and drain assessment procedures.

Fund Report & Bid Opening

Hibler Main Phases 1 & 2 (716)

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

- Dirt Diggers for \$147,522.00

Scott Carlson made a motion to accept Dirt Diggers bid for \$147,522.00. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0

Such bid is within 10% of the Surveyor's estimate

Knight-Moffitt (581)

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

- JD Excavating for \$33,980.00
- DeYoung Dirt Works for \$62,848.00
- Anderson Tree Co. for \$64,000.00

After due discussion, *Scott made a motion to accept JD Excavating's bid for \$33,980.00, subject to meeting Surveyor specifications. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

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

Adjournment

Being no other business to discuss, *Scott Carlson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

X

Glen "Butch" Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter