

March 15, 2023

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 12 p.m. CST, on March 15, 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, Mt. Ayr Town Board – Howard Marshall, Jerry Durflinger & Teresa Zenor, and resident Dave Kmiec.

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

February 6, 2023

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

2023 Chemical Maintenance Bid Opening

Two bids were submitted for Chemical Maintenance, both submitted by Anderson Tree Company.

North Bid

Beaver Lake Ditch	4.0 Miles	\$ 4,857.00
• SR 10 North to Kankakee River		
• US 41 East to Mudlake Ditch		
Knight –Moffitt Ditch	7.3 Miles	\$ 7,708.00
• E/W portion from 600 E to W. of Meridian		
Narrows Ditch System	11.0 Miles	\$11,616.00
• David D. Deardurff Ditch		
• Lintner Ditch		
• Beasy Lateral Open		
• Alice Holley Open		
• Oscar Holley Ditch		
• Thomas Lateral		
Stucker Combination	2.9 Miles	\$ 3,215.00
• Ed Long Ditch		
Mary E. Spitler Ditch	5.7 Miles	\$ 6,320.00
• Mary Spitler Open Lateral		
• Mary E. Spitler Lateral		
• Mary E. Spitler Lateral #2		
• Bogie Mutual		
Gregory Ditch/Templeton	6.5 Miles	\$ 7,550.00
Zoborosky Ditch	3.9 Miles	\$ 4,736.00
• Brunton & Decker Lateral		
North Bid Total	41.3 Miles	\$46,002.00

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain requested that Surveyor Watkins reach out to the Highway Department to clear the corner of SR 55 E to where it crosses the road.

Regarding the watersheds that affect Mount Ayr – Haynes Turner Combination & Stucker Combination and Stucker Mount Ayr – Secretary Jamie Rowe will email a copy of parcels within each for the Town Board to have on record.

Lawler Culvert

Dave Kmiec was present to discuss a culvert that has been on his property, awaiting placement, for five years.

Scott Carlson made a motion to have Surveyor contact JD Excavating to put it in and this will be paid for by the Lawler watershed. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

Best Ditch

Surveyor Watkins updated the Board on his communications with Jason Durr of CBBE, regarding the next steps to take in correcting the issue presented by Zack DeYoung w/ LaSalle Fish & Wild Life at the February 6, 2023 meeting.

The Board is in agreement that they would like for Mr. Durr to continue to look into the permitting needed to accomplish this project. Glen ‘Butch’ Cain suggested Surveyor Watkins take pictures to show the drainage issues.

2023 Drain Assessments

Secretary Jamie Rowe presented the Board with an updated Certified Drains for Assessment list.

Scott Carlson made a motion to accept and approve the updated Certified Drains for Assessment list. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

Other Matters

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain informed the Board that he and Surveyor Watkins attended the Town of Kentland’s meeting on March 9, 2023, regarding drainage issues they have experienced.

Jamie Rowe brought up the scheduling of a Newton-Jasper Joint Drainage Board Meeting. The Board decided to postpone a joint meeting until August, as there would be nothing for the agenda at this time.

Scott Carlson inquired about Certified Ditch Miles and Cornerstone Perpetuation. Surveyor Watkins stated that Schneider Geomatics is contracted for this work, and will stop once they reach the \$5,000.00 that was budgeted for this work.

Adjournment

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

X

Glen "Butch" Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter
