

## **May 1, 2023**

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 1 p.m. CDT, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, Mount Ayr Town Board – Howard Marshall, Landowner – Wes Taylor and Randy Strasser of VS Engineering.

**Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.**

## **Minutes**

### **April 3, 2023**

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

### **Best-Davis Watts (LaSalle)**

Jason Durr of CBBE was not able to attend, however informed Secretary Jamie Rowe via email that he has reached out to Zack DeYoung of LaSalle Fish & Wildlife regarding the Access Road for Best Ditch, however he has not heard back from Mr. DeYoung yet.

### **Illingworth Extension to the O’Brien**

Surveyor Watkins presented the Board with a Surveyor’s Report. Discussion held regarding the petition and watershed boundaries. There is currently a LiDar watershed that is under review – Surveyor Watkins will reach out to Schneider for more information on this under review watershed. Since this watershed does include Benton County, Surveyor Watkins will also reach out to the Benton County Surveyor regarding this petition.

Surveyor Watkins felt this should be tabled until the above mentioned tasks take place, and the Board was in agreement.

### **Jones Lateral Tile (555)**

Landowner, Wes Taylor was present to discuss the Jones Lateral Tile which originates near the southeast boundary of his property. There is a wet hole in said southeast corner of his property. He has hired a local contractor to replace his tile, as it is too high/shallow to properly drain that area. Considering Mr. Taylor is within the tile watershed, he approached the Board to pay for this repair as it is replacing the regulated tile. Mr. Taylor said the contractor gave a rough estimate of \$3,500.00. Upon discussion, ***Scott Carlson motioned for the Surveyor to do the work needed on the upper part of the Ezra Jones to get on grade. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion carried.***

Commissioner Rossiter confirmed with Mr. Taylor that the neighboring landowner is in favor of this project.

### **Town of Mount Ayr – Stucker Tile**

Howard Marshall was present to update the Board on work completed on the Stucker Tile. Mr. Marshall said that there is still a clog about 25 feet off of Marion St. He also mentioned that work has not been completed on CR 300 as discussed in the April meeting.

Regarding the tile, Mr. Marshall said Jerry Durflinger suggested putting a grate on the tile so that it may be monitored. Discussion held regarding how the tile is affected by Town, County and State. Mr. Marshall will contact Highway Superintendent Sharon Domonkos to get a contact for INDOT.

### **Lake Village Drainage – Randy Strasser, VS Engineering**

Randy Strasser was present to discuss the contract for the final design portion of this project. Mr. Strasser also gave an update on the tentative schedule.

This contract was passed along for Commissioner's to review and discuss at the Commissioner's Meeting later in the day.

### **Reports**

Secretary Jamie Rowe presented the Board with the Active Project Report and the Drain Maintenance Fund Report.

Discussion held regarding the Active Project Report and three projects that have had little movement the past two years. The Board was also presented with a history of minutes for those projects to review for discussion at the next month's meeting.

### **Other Matters**

Secretary Jamie Rowe informed the Board that the Auditor has assigned her Deputy, Stacey McQueen to handle Drainage Funds, as it pertains to the Auditor's Office.

Secretary Rowe also informed the Board that we received one Chemical Maintenance objection letter and that the Auditor's Office has received this year's payment of \$10,000.00 for the Good Neighbor Agreement from Republic Services.

### **Adjournment**

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

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Glen 'Butch' Cain  
President

X

Scott Carlson

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Abbey Rossiter