

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.

Newton County Government Center, Morocco, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on July 15, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. in the Newton County Government Center with the following persons present: **Board Members – Mickey Read & Tim Drenth; Surveyor - Chris Knochel; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Christopher B Burke Engineering – Jason Durr; VS Engineering – Amy Moore & Randy Strasser; DVG Team - Russ Pozen; Fair Oaks Farms - Ryan Weaver; Newton Co. Highway Dept - Dave Pluimer; Lake Twp. Trustee - Nikki Hanger; Newton Co. Building Commissioner - Butch Cain; Landowners - Thom & Debra Cutts and Ljiljana Micic .**

The meeting was opened by Mickey.

Minutes –July 1st– Tim made a motion to approve the July 1st minutes with a second from Mickey. Motion carried and the minutes were signed.

Lawler Ditch (Beaver Lake) Project – Jason Durr, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC – Jason presented the Task Summary Proposal for the Grading Phase on the Lawler at a not to exceed rate of \$24,000 for time & material. CBBE will identify the existing structures to verify they are pitched and draining correctly. **Tim made a motion to proceed with the Grading Phase. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Lake Village South Drain Project – Amy Moore, VS Engineering - Amy presented the preliminary engineering report that was submitted to the grants administrator for the OCRA grant. Chris asked if we want to regulate the railroad ditch since we are working on it to which the board agreed we did. OCRA will allow \$600,000 for a grant with a 10% match plus the SRF (storm water loan). Amy recommends completing Priority Area #1 and Area #2. Once an OCRA grant is sent to the construction phase it frees up space for another applicant. The land acquisition must be completed before the grant is awarded. NCHD will clear the roadside ditch now and Amy will send the elevation information to Chris and Mickey and copy Deb. Chris suggested a separate meeting prior to the hearing for the landowners from which land acquisition would be required. Candace suggested letters prior and she would help with them.

Tri Point Project at Fair Oaks Farm – Russ Pozen, DVG Team, Inc. and Ryan Weaver, Fair Oaks Farm – Russ presented the drainage plan for Area #1 and Area #2 stating all discharge will remain onsite. Whereas Curtis Creek is involved the plan must also be presented to Jasper Co. as they have jurisdiction over Curtis Creek. **Tim made a motion to approve the drainage plan as long as it is accepted and approved by Jasper Co. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Other Matters - Subdivision Approval – Butch Cain presented the **Beret Resubdivision of Lots 35 & 36 of Walker's Thrift Colony**. Tim made a motion to approve the drainage plan as presented with a second from Mickey. Motion carried. **Thomas & Debra Cutts** – Tom asked if Chris still thinks there is enough pitch in the Lawler from 400 W to Beaver Lake. Chris said

lowering the culvert under 400 W would probably do more good than anything else that could be done in that stretch. **Watkins & Associates Invoice – Best Ditch Culvert –** Tim made a motion to approve and pay invoice #775 in the amount of \$3,680.00 to Watkins & Associates. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Valley Forge Subdivision – Lateral #1** - Chris said there is another lateral to add to the Hibler in Valley Forge. A 212' segment is not included in the regulated system. Chris recommends regulating this portion as landowners along Co Rd 964 N called and said water was not flowing which Chris verified it was not. Tim made a preliminary motion to regulate the lateral from Co Rd 964 N moving straight west to the Valley Forge Main for a distance of approximately 212'. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Jeremy Drake Lateral Drain Petition** – According to the map Chris distributed, the red dots indicate the culvert under the private drive at the church and the yellow dots indicate the (existing route) swale. He said over time the swale has filled in to the extent the water behind those houses did not flow the direction the swale indicated it should. The landowners said Nipsco will be there to remove trees from the utility easement and once that is done Chris said it is just a matter of moving some dirt. Jeremy Drake does have some legitimacy to his petition according to Chris. Since it is not regulated and was not on the plat Chris did not even know the swale was there. He recommends making the swale a regulated drain at the same time the project is being done. **Knight-Moffit Petition Hearing** – The initial landowner meeting will be during the regular drainage board meeting on August 5th per letters mailed to landowners. This will be followed by a Newton-Jasper Meeting at a later date followed by the petition hearing. Tim made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mickey.

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Mickey Read, Chrm	Scott Carlson	Tim Drenth