

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on January 6, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. in the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Mickey Read, Scott Carlson & Tim Drenth; Surveyor - Chris Knochel; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; JD Excavating - Sarah DeYoung; Dirt Diggers - Brent Skrzekut; Landowner – John Wunderink; CBBE – Jason Durr.** The meeting was opened by Mickey.

Election of Officers – Tim motioned for officers to remain the same with Mickey as Chairman and Scott as Vice-Chairman. Scott second, motion carried.

Minutes

December 2nd – Tim motion to approve, Scott second, motion carried. Minutes were signed.

Lawler Ditch ROW Culverts – Jason Durr, CBBE – Total of 6 culverts need replaced and/or lowered. Three are in county highway ROW for which county highway will do construction and CBBE will provide plans and oversee. Other three are out of highway ROW which will be incorporated into grading or other phases. Scott motioned to approve and sign agreement with CBBE for culvert replacement design and permits with amount not to exceed \$36,000 + \$25,000 for total of \$61,000.00. Tim second, motion carried. Agreement signed by Mickey. NCHD is to use their own contractors.

Hibler Ditch Watershed – John Wunderink requested he and Eddie Kingma clear ditch themselves from the north side of Hibler Ditch between 400 E to 450 E in lieu of assessment. Scott is concerned with precedent this would set for other miles of ditches. John believes there are several laterals going into the ditch for which the landowners are not paying. Discussion tabled. Attorney Armstrong is to research the legalities and Chris is to research ditch with John and verify watershed. Chris said the watershed was adjusted along the county line. An area was removed from Hibler which will be included in the Otis Boyle. A bi-county meeting will be scheduled with Jasper Co. to review this along with Mosquito Creek, Monjon, Hibler and Knight-Moffitt.

Financial Reports – Financial reports were included in meeting packet for General Drain Improvement Fund, Rebecca Spitler Open #714, Beaver Lake Ditch #613 and Landfill Tile #4906.

Bid Opening – Rebecca Spitler Open – Chris' estimate \$40,018.00; Anderson Tree Co \$11,460.00; Dirt Diggers \$14,485.00; JD Excavating \$60,250.00. Tim motioned to accept bid from Anderson Tree as long as it meets specifications. Scott second, motion carried. Beaver Lake – Chris' estimate \$47,410.00; Anderson Tree \$13,566.00; Dirt Diggers \$23,712.00; JD Excavating \$61,250.00. Tim motioned to accept bid from Anderson Tree in amount of \$13,566.00 as long as it meets specifications. Scott second, motion carried. Landfill Tile – Chris' estimate \$14,850.00; Anderson Tree \$3,200.00; Dirt Diggers \$4,409.00; Geri & Steves Carpentry \$1,900.00; Mattocks & Sons \$610.00. Tim motioned to accept bid from Mattocks for \$610.00 as long as it meets specifications. If specs not met then award to next lowest bidder, Geri & Steves Carpentry. Scott second. Motion carried.

Tile Easement Report – Report included in packet for length of regulated tiles in each township. Landowners are responsible for clearing 150' easement.

Impervious Surface Assessments 36-9-27-112 – Statute references a certain factor to be considered prior to/and at the hearing for new assessment, re-assessment, reconstruction or construction.

L.E. Camblin Tile Extension – Discussion

Armond Monjon Invoice – Tim motioned to pay Geri & Steves Carpentry invoice in amount of \$1,687.50 for work done on Monjon Tile. Scott second. Motion carried.

Request for Assessment Exemption on Hibler – Roselawn American Legion Post #238 – Discussion. Mickey made a motion to deny the request for assessment exemption with a second from Scott. Tim objected. Motion carried 2-1. Letter of response is to be sent by secretary suggesting combination of parcels.

Standard Specifications – Discussion followed on specs included in packet. Chris asked board to review and submit suggestions.

Chemical Maintenance – Discussion regarding 2019 areas that were not re-sprayed even though contractor was paid in full. Wait and see if they get re-sprayed.

Other Matters – **Estimates from Yoder Drainage** for repair of private outlets into regulated drain. Board said “no” we do not pay this as it is landowner responsibility since it is a private tile outlet. **Correspondence from Jasper Co. on DeHaan Ditch** – They are stating they have not been receiving collected assessments on DeHaan. Board had ruled to apply funds to Newton Co. debt until debt was repaid. Correspondence had been sent to Jasper Co. by then attorney, Dan Blaney. Drainage Board attorney, Candace Armstrong is to contact Jasper Co.

Tim made motion to adjourn with second from Scott. Adjourned.

Mickey Read, Chrm

Scott Carlson

Tim Drenth