

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2019 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on December 2, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. in the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Mickey Read & Tim Drenth; Surveyor - Chris Knochel; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; VS Engineering – Randy Strasser; JD Excavating - Sarah DeYoung; Dirt Diggers - Brent Skrzekut; Landowner – Rick Schuette.** The meeting was opened by Mickey.

Minutes

November 4th – Tim motion to approve, Mickey second, motion carried. Minutes were signed.

Financial Reports

Reports were included in meeting packet for GDIF, Elijah-Smalley & Knight-Moffitt.

Bid Opening

Elijah-Smalley #728 - Surveyor estimate \$62,928.25; **BIDS** – Watkins & Assoc. \$10,400.00; JD Excavating \$26,950.00; Dirt Diggers \$38,275.00; Anderson Tree \$13,280.00. **Tim motioned to accept Watkins' bid as long as it meets specs, Mickey second, motion carried.**

Knight-Moffitt #581 – Surveyor estimate \$131,071.87; **BIDS** – Watkins \$132,900.00; JD Excavating \$94,490.00; Dirt Diggers \$132,750.00; Anderson Tree \$138,290.00. **Tim motioned to accept JD Excavating bid as long as it meets specs, Mickey second, motion carried.**

Hearings

Deb requested verification of proposed assessment for Thorpe-Beagley-Chizum. **Tim made a motion to set assessment at \$14.00/ac with \$25.00 minimum for the Thorpe-Beagley Chizum and to schedule a hearing for Mary Spitler Open Lateral #564, Haynes Tile #541, Brunton Decker Tile #510 and Thorpe-Beagley-Chizum #538 on 2/3/2020 at noon during regularly scheduled drainage board meeting. Mickey second, motion carried.**

National Society of Professional Engineers

Chris introduced information regarding insurance and itemized bid sheet. Board requested all insurance requirements be handled by building department as required by contractor registration. No action necessary.

Surveyor Reports

Original Charles Triplett Tile Outlet – Surveyor Knochel will conduct field investigation.

Kent Main – Amy Moore is working with INDOT. VS Engineering will have scope and contract at next meeting.

Darroch

Drainage Board has agreement with BLN for partial design on Darroch in amount of \$21,500. Invoice received in amount of \$8,088.70 which exceeds agreement by \$3,479.92. This project was submitted to FEMA and FEMA approved restoration to pre-storm condition in amount of \$12,215.90. Surveyor Knochel proposes reconstruction to prevent same situation upon next large storm event. BLN proposed construction cost estimate of \$930,000.00. Discussion followed. **Mickey motioned to pay BLN invoice in amount of \$8,088.70 and to restore Darroch to pre-storm condition, Tim second, motion carried.**

Tree Growth in Easements – Jackson Twp.

Landfill Tile #508 (Extension of V.C. Borklund Tile)– Mickey motioned to clean tree growth by cutting and spraying in easement ROW in Jackson Twp and to use Landfill Tile Fund, Tim second, motion carried. Battleday Lateral & Energy Park #724– Tim motion to clean by cutting and spraying and to use Landfill Tile Fund. Mickey second, motion carried. L.E. Camblin Main and Lateral Tile #506 – Tim asked Chris to send letter to landowner asking landowner to remove trees from tile. If he does not then we will use fund #506 to complete.

Lawler

CBBE asked if NCHD will be project engineer. If so, CBBE will provide plans and details. If CBBE is to be project engineer then they will have to bid out culverts. It was decided at last meeting NCHD will steer project and install culverts in road ROW.

Encumbrances

Chris suggested drainage board encumber funds on Moran Tile, Sheep Creek and JR Elijah-Smalley (pending contract) based upon signed contracts and pending contract. **Tim made a motion to encumber funds, Mickey second, motion carried.**

Bi-County Watersheds

Chris reported he is working with Benton Co. Surveyor on three (3) bi-county drains.

State Owned Property ROW Assessments

Chris reported we are not assessing enough for impervious surfaces and is therefore recommending that we increase assessments on state owned ROW properties to twice what they are now. Tim asked how we can double their assessment without having a hearing with

the state. Chris said it would be based on drainage code. Tim said he is not opposed to it as long as it is legal for us to do that.

Other Matters

Hibler – Jeremy Drake Swale – Culvert found under church drive is full of sand and has a gas line nearby. New culvert needs installed. Project needs sent out for bid once scope of work is done and there is money in the fund. Deb reminded Chris there is money set aside for the Hibler per budget hearings so project can get under way now - \$100,000 per 2019 budget hearing and \$500,000 per 2020 budget hearing. **Hidden Pines** – Discussion. **Monjon Tile** – Discussion. Rick Schuette is not interested in paying for repairs on property of other two landowners when Rick, his brother and two others have been maintaining, repairing and paying for their own repairs. Chris needs better understanding of what is happening on the east side of 600E and also needs to correct the gullying. Chris has authority to assess and assign damage to the landowner. No action necessary at this time.

Tim motion to adjourn, Mickey second, adjourned.

Mickey Read, Chrm

Scott Carlson

Tim Drenth