

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on November 2, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Mickey Read & Scott Carlson; Surveyor - Chris Knochel; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Christopher B Burke Eng – Jason Durr; David Smart, Judi Chiabai & Charlie Doan.**

Minutes – September 8th & October 5th, 2020 – Tim motioned to accept minutes for Sept. 8st with a second from Mickey. Motion carried 2-0. Minutes signed. No motion on October 5th minutes.

Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Hidden Pines – Will send PDF plans to surveyor’s office. **Valley Forge** – Currently at 80% budget and 90% complete. **Lawler** – Signed permit docs were received and forwarded to IDEM. Jason will seal and sign bid docs and send them when ready. There are approximately 7 miles remaining with 3 phases, each phase between culvert replacements. **Hibler Ph II** – The South Line Lateral was missed on the task summary. An estimated \$2,500 would be added to the surveying cost with a new total of \$82,200 inclusive of the South Line survey for the Hibler Ph II Task Summary. **Scott motioned to accept the not-to-exceed surveying cost of \$2,500 for the South Line Lateral with a new total of \$82,200. Mickey seconded motion. Carried 2-0**

Other Matters - Railroad Ditch – Chris presented LiDAR watershed which indicated Benton Co. water flows into Railroad Ditch. Kentland Conservancy has jurisdiction through the Town of Kentland. Chris will speak with Benton Co. & then notify Judi Chiabai of date and time of Kentland Conservancy meeting. **Deardurff-Mavity Tile – Dave Smart** – Chris reported the Alphonse Deardurff runs on south side of Division Rd east of Litner Ditch in the county highway right-of-way. 500-600’ of the tile needs replaced. **Scott motioned to refer this issue to county highway to be addressed. Mickey seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Mickey will address with NCHD today.**

Encroachment Responsibility – Valley Forge- Discussion. Chris will provide Candace with a list of landowners that have encroached and she will research. **Valley Forge Lateral Project– Revised Surveyor Estimate** – Chris re-evaluated the project and revised his estimate by an additional \$49,610.00 for a new total estimate of \$129,088.00. **Whereas both contractor bids were accepted at the previous meeting, Mickey motioned to award the contract to Dirt Diggers as the lowest bidder. Scott seconded. Carried 2-0.**

TNC Wetland Development/NRCS – Chris reported water levels will not reach roadside ditches or roads and that control structures will be located outside regulated drain easement. No action required.

Yoder Drainage Estimate – O’Brien Tile Headwall Apron Repair -\$3,800.00 (Bi-Co Drain) – ~~Chris has this on list for Newton-Benton Bi-Co Meeting.~~ **(Headwall is on O’Brien Tile and therefore not a bi-co drain)**

Contracts – Discussion. **Contracts were signed for Hunter Ditch Channel Reroute, Shue Open Ditch Crossover Replacement, Hibler Ditch Ph II Main & Laterals and Kent-Morrison Open.**

Newton-Benton Joint Meeting – Chris has nine (9) drains to discuss with Benton Co Surveyor before projects can continue. **Bowton-Bonham** – Most of this drain is in Benton Co. (Checked jurisdiction. Newton Co. was voted surveyor of record on 6/27/13).

Knight-Moffitt-Stover – Deb reported that Jasper County is questioning the expenses and approval by board for work done. Whereas Butch Cain has land in the K-M-S the Newton Co. members for the Jasper-Newton meeting in December will be Scott Carlson & Jim Pistello (designated) as previously approved by the board.

Other Matters – Tom Larson Invoice for Groundhog Removal @ Sumava – Discussion. Deb to contact Tom to ask who gave permission for removal and from where they were removed. **Financial Reports –** Scott suggested another line be added to the financial reports indicating where the \$340,805.38 moved from 2019 Landfill Contractual Services to GDIF was originally allocated.

Scott motioned to adjourn. Mickey second. Meeting adjourned.

Mickey Read, Chrm.

Scott Carlson

Tim Drenth

Absent _____