

## DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Government Center, Morocco, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on June 15, 2020 at 12:00 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; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Christopher B Burke Engineering – Jason Durr; Yoder Drainage – Josh & JR Yoder; Randall Miller & Associates – Randy Miller; Butch Cain; Jeff & Norm Light; Ed Kingma.**

**Minutes – March 2, 2020** – Tim motioned to accept minutes, Mickey second, carried 2-0 and minutes were signed.

**Engineering Updates – Randy Strasser – VS Engineering – Kent Main** – Randy was unable to attend. Deb presented Survey & Design proposal in amount of \$42,900. Mickey motioned to accept proposal. Chris stated more work necessary on watersheds. **Tim requested surveyors report for July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with a second from Mickey. Motion carried 2-0.** **Jason Durr - Christopher B Burke Engineering – Hibler, Hidden Pines & Valley Forge** – Discussion. **Tim made motion to proceed with both proposals from CBBE. Mickey second and motion carried 2-0.** **Lawler** – Jason reported Phase I for design is complete and that project is now in Phase 2 culvert replacements.

**Surveyor Reports – Davis Watts – Best Ditch** – Chris reported new combination would be Best Ditch Davis-Watts. More work is necessary on Davis Watts so a cost estimate must be done in order to set assessment and hold hearing. **Knight-Moffit Unregulated Drain Petition** – Chris suggested leaving assessment at \$3.75/ac. This topic will be addressed at Newton-Jasper DB Meeting on 6/23/20. A hearing is necessary to include new landowners. **Tim made motion to hold hearing on September 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. at the government center. Mickey second and motion carried 2-0.** *(Newton-Jasper Board set hearing for August 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 CDT at Jasper County Fairgrounds)*

**Hibler System – Patricia Kingma** – Comment received from Ed Kingma regarding his assessment for the Hibler System.

**Financial Reports** – Included in meeting packet were financial reports for GDIF, Hibler System, Haynes Tile, Drake Tile, William Martin & Frank Best and Decker Tile.

**Bid Proposals – Haynes Tile Reconstruction** – Surveyor estimate \$61,083.55; Wielgos \$85,661.00; DeYoung Drainage & Exc \$37,550.00; Yoder Drainage \$61,845.00. **Tim motioned to accept bid from DeYoung Drng as long as it meets specs with second from Mickey. Motion carried 2-0.** **Drake Tile Reconstruction** – Surveyor estimate \$13,136.56; DeYoung Drng \$8,525.00. **Tim motioned to accept bid from DeYoung Drng as long as it meets specs with second from Mickey. Motion carried 2-0.** **Hidden Pines North Lateral (Lat to Hibler)** – Surveyor estimate \$59,254.80; Watkins & Assoc. \$126,250.00; JD Excavating \$48,950.00; Dirt Diggers \$26,242.00; Anderson Tree \$73,600.00. **Tim motioned to accept the bid from Dirt Diggers in the amount of \$26,242.00 as long as it meets specs. If specs are not met then award project to JD Excavating. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried 2-0.** **Morrison #3** – The agreement with Randall Miller and Associates previously accepted by the Newton-Benton Drainage Board was signed by joint board member Mickey Read.

**Surveyor Reports, cont. - Obstructed Drain 36-9-27.4** – Chris reported that Jeff and Norm Light were having issues with drainage due to a public utility damaging a drain tile. Randy Miller stated that the drainage board attorney can mail a letter to the utility and that the utility must repair the issue at their own expense. **Houseworth Riner (Lawler Extension)** – Discussion regarding DNR plug @ 300 N and DNR establishment of watershed boundary line at 300 N. No decision made. **V.C. Borklund Tile** – Surveyor Knochel presented the LiDAR watershed. **Tim motioned to accept the LiDAR watershed with a second from Mickey. Motion carried 2-0.**

**Claim Payments – Drainage Maintenance or Landfill Drainage 4906** – Tim made a motion to use landfill drainage fund for the Borklund Tile on a case by case basis. Mickey seconded the motion and the motion carried 2-0. **Private Ditch – Beaver Dam Removal by Tom Larson** - Deb is to check with Tom Larson to see if Rob Churchill has paid this claim as he is responsible since it is a private drain. **William Martin Dewater – Geri & Steves Carpentry \$5,576.98** – Tim made a motion to pay the invoice with a second from Mickey. **Motion carried 2-0.** **Shue Tile Repair – Geri & Steves Carpentry \$135.60** – Tim made motion to pay the invoice from the Shue Open with a second from Mickey. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Tree Clearing in Easement – Notice Revisions – 36-9-27-46** – The board stated there needs to be consistency moving forward and that the county will continue to handle tree removal on regulated drains and tiles.

**Emergency Embankment Repairs – Sumava** – Chris stated Beau Watkins and Assoc. is working on the emergency embankment repairs at Sumava. Mickey stated there had also been a break in the levy at Sumava and Scott Pilaf had come down and looked at the problem.

**Other Matters – INDOT @ St Rd 114** - Deb asked for confirmation from Mickey Read that she had given written permission via email during the pandemic for **INDOT** to work in the Newton County easement on **St Rd 114** based upon information provided by Chris Knochel and INDOT. Mickey confirmed this. **Beau Watkins Invoice** – Deb presented Beau Wakins invoice in the amount of \$6,400 for emergency repair on the Zoborosky Open/Sam Deardurff Ditch Culvert. Chris stated due to collapsed and deteriorated culvert a new culvert and stone had been placed. **Mickey made a motion to approve payment with a second from Tim. Motion carried 2-0.** **Thorp-Beagley-Chizum** – The order for the previously approved assessment on the Thorp-Beagley-Chizum was signed by Mickey and Tim. **2021 Budget** – Deb presented the 2021 Drainage Board Budgets to the board. **Mickey made a motion to approve the budgets with a second from Tim. Motion carried 2-0.** **Form 1** was signed by Mickey. **DeHaan** – Candace shared information provided by Deb and Jasper County on the DeHaan collections and expenses.

**Deb stated the next regular drainage board meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M. at the Newton County Government Center in Morocco.**

**Tim motioned to adjourn with second from Mickey. Meeting adjourned.**

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Mickey Read, Chrm

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Scott Carlson

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Tim Drenth