

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Government Center, Morocco, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on July 20, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. in the Newton County Government Center with the following persons present: **Board Members – Mickey Read, Scott Carlson & Tim Drenth; Surveyor - Chris Knochel; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Chris Yana, Ralph Illingworth, Jeff Light, Norm Light, Jim Butler, Chuck_____ (Mgr. of Kentland Airport), Ken Ross (NGC Corp), Rick Garmong, Milan Bozovich, Brent Skrzekut (Dirt Diggers Exc.), Randy Strasser (VS Engineering), Butch Cain and King Clark.**

Minutes – June 15, 2020 – Tim motioned to accept minutes, Mickey second, motion carried and minutes were signed.

Kentland Airport – Jim Butler & Ken Ross (NGC Corp.) – Explained storm water plan. Discussion followed. Tim made a motion to approve the Kentland Airport storm water design as presented without an easement for the natural waterway and to issue the permit. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shue Ditch Culvert Replacement – Culvert is undersized and needs replaced with 6' culvert. Current 4 ½' culvert can be removed and relocated on Morris Ditch where needed. Chris reported estimate as: Culvert \$4,700 incl. freight and \$2,450.00 for installation. King Clark stated that material needs moved from east to west to build side banks to prevent water from backing up on Padgett's land when ditch is full. Tim motioned to proceed with project, Mickey second. Scott abstained as landowner in watershed. Motion carried 2-0.

Surveyor Reports & Engineering Update – Kent Main – US 24 – Randy Strasser, VS Engineering – Chris recommends combining the Kent Main #762 into the Clark-Churchill Tile #539. Scott accepted the recommendation by the surveyor to combine the Kent Main Tile into the Clark-Churchill Tile and hold a hearing. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mickey requested a LiDAR watershed for the combination be presented at the August 3rd meeting and to hold a hearing with landowners on September 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the government center regarding combining the watersheds. Tim seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. **Illingworth Extension to the O'Brien** – 10% participation of landowners was met for both the extension and also the entire watershed which includes McGraw Tile, John B. Bower, O'Brien Open and O'Brien Extension. Mickey called for a surveyors report with LiDAR watershed to be presented at the August 3rd meeting. Tim seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. **Brunton-Decker Tile** – The surveyor reported that this tile needs reconstruction with an estimate of \$60,800 for Phase I. Mickey called for a surveyor's report to be presented at the August 3rd meeting. Tim seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. **Davis-Watts – Best Ditch** – Whereas the Davis-Watts drains into the Best Ditch which then drains into the Kankakee River, the surveyor recommends combining the Davis-Watts and Best Ditch. Scott motioned to accept the combined LiDAR watershed with a second from Tim. Motion carried 3-0. Tim called for a revised surveyors report with recommended assessment rate for the combination to be presented at the August 3rd meeting. Scott seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Bid Proposals – Goodland Lateral – Surveyor estimate \$13,942.47; Dirt Diggers \$14,400.00; KB & E II \$9,000.00. Tim motioned to accept the bid from KB & E II as long as it meets specifications. Scott second. Motion carried 3-0. **Narrows Open** – Surveyor estimate \$22,918.47; Dirt Diggers \$43,220.00; KB & E II \$7,426.00. Tim motioned to accept the bid from KB & E II as long as it meets specifications. Scott second. Motion carried 3-0.

Financial Reports - Financial Reports for General Drain Improvement Fund, Shue Open, Goodland Lateral, Narrows Open and Brunton-Decker Tile were included in meeting packets along with Project Flow Sheet.

Other Matters – Milan Bozovich questioned the board on what is being done regarding flooding at 150W just south of SR 10 where the roadside ditches overflow. Chris stated roadside ditches do not require his involvement.

Obstructed Drains 36-9-27.4 – St Rd 55 Appurtenance – Attorney Armstrong reviewed the statute and process for handling the obstruction.

Contracts – Contracts were signed for Drake Tile Reconstruction, Haynes Tile Reconstruction and Hidden Pines North Lateral.

Deb reminded the board of August 11th 9:00 a.m. Jasper-Newton Joint Board Meeting at Jasper Co. Fairgrounds and also Sept. 21st 9:00 a.m. hearing for Knight-Moffitt Extension and 10:00 a.m. hearing for Kent Main/Clark-Churchill Combination.

Tim motioned to adjourn with second from Scott. Meeting adjourned.

Mickey Read, Chrm

Scott Carlson

Tim Drenth