

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2020 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on September 8, 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; LaSalle F & W – Zack DeYoung; Kentland Bank – Kirby Drey & Nancy Jackson; K4 Architecture – Jeff Plump (sp?); Landowners – Judy Chiabai, Pat O’Keefe and Charlie Doan.**

Minutes – August 3, 2020 – Scott motioned to accept minutes, Mickey second, motion carried 2-0. Minutes signed.

Flooding on Water St. in Kentland – Judy Chiabai – Discussion on Water Street flooding which is within Kentland Conservancy District and under their jurisdiction. Chris, as advisor to KCD by statute, agreed to get meeting on docket, contact Judy Chiabai with details and attend meeting with landowners & KCD.

Kentland Bank – Kirby Drey and Jeff Plump (sp?) introduced plans for new Kentland Bank building near site of current bank on Graham St. Asked to use curb cuts instead of underground storage and for a variance on ditch easement. **Scott made a motion to grant a variance on easement as presented and curb cuts vs. underground storage. Mickey seconded motion and motion carried 2-0. Drainage Board Attorney, Candace Armstrong, requested Kentland Bank to present survey once completed so legal information could be updated.**

Financial Reports – Financial Reports were included in meeting packet.

Project Updates – Lawler – Jason Durr, CBBE – The existing grade and proposed grade south of 400 N are very much the same. There are no improvements planned at 400 N as there is already a culvert at that location so water south of 400 N will still flow north. From an engineer’s viewpoint, Jason stated there is very little value of continuing the project south of 400 N. **Scott motioned to delete the portion of the Lawler project south of 400 N and to begin at 400 N and continue north from there based upon the recommendation by the engineer. Mickey seconded motion and motion carried 2-0. TNC Wetland Development** – Plans were included in packets. No action taken as TNC representative was not present. **Hibler – Jason Durr, CBBE – Hidden Pines** – Wetland delineation, report, Topo Survey and field work to confirm survey have all been completed. Preliminary grading and culvert replacement plans will be presented at next meeting. **Valley Forge** – Topo Survey has been completed. Field work and site confirmation to be done on 9/11. Plan to complete survey field work and present preliminary grading and culvert replacement plans at next meeting. Hidden Pines had 0.02 ac. of wetlands found while none was found in Valley Forge. Jason presented Surveyor Knochel with the thumb drive and hard copies of the projects.

Zack DeYoung, LaSalle F & W – Project: Beaver Lake Ditch Outlet Repair Ph III – Zack had been notified the board had modified the commencement date of the project to Oct. 1, 2020 and the completion date to April 1, 2021. The project location is a handicap access and he is therefore asking that the project take place January to April. He said the prime time for the contractor would be from the 2nd week of December to April 1st. Surveyor Knochel is to speak with contractor Bill King and ask him to coordinate the project with Zack DeYoung of DNR.

