

**Newton County Drainage Board**  
**March 15, 2021 1:00 P.M.**  
**Newton County Government Center, Morocco IN**

**Attendees:** Scott Carlson, Chairman; Tim Drenth, Member; Butch Cain, Member; Steve Snell, Newton Co Surveyor; Candace Armstrong, Newton Co Drainage Board Atty; Deb Chapman, Newton Co Drainage Board Secretary

**Scott Carlson, Drainage Board Chairman** - Opened hearing for the Brunton & Decker Lateral Tile (LiDAR).

**Steve Snell, County Surveyor** – Reviewed proposed reconstruction project.

Public comment was given.

Public comment closed.

**Drainage Board** - Discussion and Deliberation

Tim motioned to proceed with the proposed reconstruction assessment in the amount of \$12.40/acre with a \$25.00 annual minimum for a minimum length of 8 yrs. Butch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Hearing closed.

**Scott Carlson opened the regular drainage board meeting.**

**Contract Awarding – Brunton-Decker Project** - Yoder Drainage appeared in person and submitted an adjusted oral bid in the amount of \$122,565.30 for the Decker Lateral Tile Reconstruction project. Tim motioned to accept the bid with oral adjustment from Yoder Drainage in the amount of \$122,565.30 for the Decker Lateral Tile Reconstruction project. Butch seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

**Minutes – March 1, 2021** - Tim motioned to approve the March 1, 2021 drainage board minutes with a second from Butch. Motion carried 3-0 and minutes were signed.

**Progress Reports – Jason Durr, CBBE – Hidden Pines Ph I & Hibler Ph II** – 90% done with bid documents on Hidden Pines North Lateral. Continuing with grading plans on Hibler Ph II.

**Valley Forge** – Permit applications have been submitted. **Lawler** – Ready for surveyor to inspect for tree removal and send notice to bidders. **Request from Attorney for Drainage Plan**- Discussion. CBBE presented a plan to Newton County in 2014. State (of Indiana) has a

water quality manual however has assigned each governmental agency with the responsibility of having plan/ordinance/guidance in place to address stormwater quantity. When ordinance is adopted it should be reviewed every 5 years to update as necessary regarding rainfall totals, etc. LTAP is working in conjunction with Purdue University to publish a model ordinance.

**Tile Outlet Cost** – Ditch fund will only pay to replace tile outlets when one is damaged while county is maintaining, dipping or excavating a regulated drain. Otherwise it is the responsibility of the landowner to repair/replace outlets from private tiles.

**Drake Tile Reconstruction Project** – Discussion. Tabled.

**Other Matters** – Surveyor Snell had been contacted regarding permission to place two (2) culverts in the Rebecca Spitler Ditch to serve as crossovers for a new walking path at the park in Roselawn. Steve had given the dimensions of the pipes that would be necessary. **Tim made a motion for the two (2) 24" x 20' pipes to be paid from the regulated Rebecca Spitler ditch fund. Butch seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.** **Jasper County** - Candace gave an update on her conversation with Jacob Ahler.

**Drenth motioned to adjourn with a second from Cain. Meeting adjourned.**

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Scott Carlson, Chrm.

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Tim Drenth

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Butch Cain