

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

May 3, 2021 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on May 3, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Scott Carlson and Butch Cain; Surveyor – Steve Snell; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Christopher B Burke Engineering – Jason Durr; VS Engineering - Randy Strasser; Newton County Highway Dept. Superintendent – Dave Pluimer.**

Meeting was opened by Scott Carlson.

Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Jason Durr presented updates on Valley Forge, Hidden Pines N Lateral and Hibler #2 projects. Discussion.

Minutes – April 5, 2021 – Cain made a motion to approve minutes with a second from Carlson. Motion carried 2-0. Minutes were signed.

Bid Opening – Chemical Maintenance – JB Brush \$10,855.00; Anderson Tree \$14,721.00. The surveyor's exact estimate was unavailable however he stated his estimate is above \$11,000.00. **Butch Cain motioned to accept bid from JB Brush as long as it meets specifications. Scott Carlson seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.**

Kent Main – Surveyor gave final report. **Based upon the current surveyor's revised report and upon his recommendation, Cain motioned to rescind the motion made on 7/20/20 regarding the combining of Kent Main and Clark Churchill. Carlson seconded motion. Carried 2-0.**

Brunton – Decker Update – The surveyor reported that Yoder Drainage has completed the Brunton-Decker Reconstruction and a final project review will be completed tomorrow.

Strole Ditch Crossover – Surveyor Snell distributed the inspection report from Joe Clark, Bridge Inspection Manager with VS Engineering. Discussion followed. It was recommended that the drainage board attorney continue the discussion further with the surveyor, drainage board secretary and the contractor.

Year End Reports – Surveyor Snell presented the year end reports. **Cain motioned to accept the reports as presented with a second from Carlson. Motion carried 2-0.**

Gilbert Tile (Airport) – Balance owed to GDIF in amount of \$4,728.12 is from culvert placement done in 2010. It is unregulated and unassessed and was declared Gilbert Mutual Tile 6/7/2010.

Butch motioned to write off debt on mutual drain with a second from Scott. Carried 2-0.

Other Matters - Lake Village South Drain Update – Randy Strasser, VS Engineering reviewed the four (4) priority areas for the project. Whereas 800 N is to be chip & sealed this year placing the two culverts on north and south sides of 800 N (Priority area #1) at the same time would be possible according to the county highway superintendent. He will review the possibility of dipping as outlined in Priority area #2. **Monjon Tile Update** – The Newton Co Surveyor met with Jasper Co Surveyor on this tile. The issue appears to be with the roadside ditch and the culvert outlet on the west side of 600 E & ½ mi north of 1550 S. Surveyor and highway superintendent

will get together to review the issues in the road right-of-way. **Geri & Steves Carpentry Invoice – Morrison #3** – Tile was located so engineer could proceed with survey. **Scott motioned to approve invoice in amount of \$1,957.50 with a second from Butch. Carried 2-0.** **Expense Ceiling** – Butch motioned to raise the amount of expenses authorized by surveyor without drainage board approval from \$1,500 to \$3,000. **Scott seconded motion. Carried 2-0.** **Clark-DeYoung – Intentional Dam** – Surveyor Snell reported that he had received a call from Roger DeYoung stating an intentional dam had been placed which is forcing water onto his property. A contractor created a dam approximately 4’ high x 10’ wide x 60’ long on Scott Clark property (farmed by King Clark) which prevents the surface water from DeYoung property from entering Clark property. According to drainage code this is an intentional obstruction. Surveyor is to send letter and a copy of drainage code to the landowner who created the obstruction. **Butch motioned to adjourn with a second from Scott.**

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Scott Carlson, Chrm.	Tim Drenth	Butch Cain