

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

June 7, 2021 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on June 7, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Scott Carlson, Tim Drenth and Butch Cain; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Christopher B Burke Engineering – Jason Durr; Landowner – Mike Osowski**

Meeting was opened by Scott Carlson.

Minutes – May 3, 2021 – Drenth made a motion to approve minutes with a second from Cain. Motion carried 3-0. Minutes were signed.

Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Jason Durr presented updates on Valley Forge, Hidden Pines N Lateral, Hibler #2 and Lawler projects. **Valley Forge is ready for bidding. Contractor to find location for “common excavation”. CBBE will update specs to include this requirement. **Hidden Pines & Hibler #2** – CBBE will proceed with permit application. Specs are included in thumb drive. **Lawler** – Thumb drive presented. Project is ready to bid.**

Estimates, Part-Time Wages & Additional Request – Discussion.

Strole Ditch Update – Candace Armstrong – Discussion. **Tim motioned to purchase 10.5’ diameter x 44’ long culvert and have it delivered to Strole Grain Farm to be installed & old one removed according to current surveyor specifications. In exchange for the landowner installing the culvert the \$6,000 landowner co-pay will be forgiven. Butch seconded motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Joel Bower Tile Reroute – Discussion.

Rebecca Spitler Combination Ph III (Clearing) & Ph IV (Dipping) – Discussion. Phase III is ready for bidding. Ph IV will require road closure as dipping must be done from north side of ditch.

Private Bridge over Beaver Creek (Rick Dawson) – Discussion. Board requested Larry Holderly be contacted for his expectations on project and Scott Carlson will speak with landowner.

Ed Madison Lateral (to Geo. Clark Lateral) Repair – A blockage was found in Beaver City and repairs had been made.

2022 Drainage Board Budget – Deb Chapman stated budget was complete for 2022 and only changes were for requested wage increases and ditch designation of contractual services funds.

Other Matters – Benton-Warren Member Needed July 20th @ Fowler – Scott Carlson agreed to serve as 5th member for Benton-Warren drainage board meeting. **Shue Tile – Extremely large hole in clay tile. Whereas jet-vac cannot be sent into clay tile due to further breakage the section containing blockage will be removed and tile replaced. Scott reported two other holes on Kim Carlson Somermeyer property. **Hunter Ditch –** Bi-Co Drain – Sandbar needs removed at bridge b 1100 S and 1200 S; needs cleared and dipped north of meander from 1150 S north to 1100 S.**

GDIF – Balance is \$1,024,624.25 as of 6/21/21 posted transactions.

Bridgeman Tile – Sizes and depth of tile are now documented. Handholds need installed so that BLN can proceed with plans for detention pond.

Tim made a motion to adjourn with a second from Butch. Adjourned.

Scott Carlson, Chrm.

Tim Drenth

Butch Cain