

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

September 7, 2021 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on September 7, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Scott Carlson, Tim Drenth & Butch Cain; Surveyor – Beau Watkins; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Contractors Brent Skrzekut and Josh DeYoung; VS Engineering – Randy Strasser; CBBE – Jason Durr; Natural Prairie Dairy Landowner – Will DeJong.**

Minutes – August 2, 2021 – Tim motioned to accept minutes, Butch second, motion carried and minutes were signed.

Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Valley Forge has permits and is ready to go. **Hibler & Hidden Pines** – Regional general permit was submitted and IDEM responded with some questions which will be handled this week. **Best Davis-Watts** – Discussed with surveyor. Survey to be completed on entire length including laterals. Estimate will be presented at next meeting.

Lake Village Drainage Project- Engineering & Design Contract – Randy Strasser, VS Engineering – Discussion. Tim motioned to make the Lake Village South Drain a legal drain from south of County Road 950. Butch seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. Tim motioned to accept the VS Engineering Lake Village South Drain Proposal for 60% design. Butch seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0. The surveyor is to review the watershed and the secretary is to verify that the watershed has not previously been regulated by the board. A hearing is to be scheduled to regulate the drain once the watershed has been approved by the surveyor.

Joe Flagg Open (Lateral to Thompson Ditch) – Discussion. Tim motioned to pay for maintenance on the Joe Flagg Open from the parent Thompson Ditch fund. Butch seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Financial Reports – Beaver Lake Ditch (Lawler) #613 – General Drain Improvement Fund – Financial reports were included in meeting packet.

Bid Openings – Lawler Ditch Phase 3 – Surveyor estimate \$115,500.00; Dirt Diggers \$78,200.00; JD Excavating \$54,050.00; KB & E II \$85,650.00. Tim motioned to award the project to JD Excavating in the amount of \$54,050.00 with a second from Butch. Motion carried 3-0. Pipe cost can be paid to contractor once pipe is delivered. Will DeJong of Natural Prairie Dairy was present to seek permission to install a crossover culvert over the Lawler at his own expense. Tim motioned to allow Natural Prairie Dairy to install a crossover culvert on the Lawler as long as it meets the surveyor's specifications. Butch seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Tile Repairs – Shue Tile, Joel Bower Tile & Clark-Churchill Tile – Surveyor reported two more holes had been discovered on the Shue Tile as well as two more on the Joel Bower Tile. Whereas total would exceed \$3,000 limit for emergency repairs the surveyor asked if all should be combined into one project and bid requests sent. Tim motioned for surveyor to proceed with repairing the holes on the Shue Tile and Joel Bower Tile on emergency basis. Butch seconded the motion and motion carried 2-0. Scott Carlson abstained. The surveyor stated that landowner, Charlie Dyer, reported a hole on the north side of US 24 in the state ROW on

the **Clark-Churchill Tile**. Discussion. **Drenth** motioned for the surveyor to work on the project with the landowner. **Cain** seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Other Matters - **Butch Cain** motioned to increase the emergency repair limit from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per each occurrence. **Tim Drenth** seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Discussion regarding Mike Wiseman questions on the **Wm. Martin-Frank Best Tile** issues. The plan completed by Randy Miller & Associates cuts across and totally disregards the north property of Mike's. The board suggested Mike come before the board with the issues.

Butch motioned to adjourn with a second from **Tim**. Meeting adjourned.

Scott Carlson, Chrm.

Tim Drenth

Butch Cain