

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

October 4, 2021 – 12:00 P.M.

Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN

The Newton County Drainage Board met on October 4, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Scott Carlson & Butch Cain; Surveyor – Beau Watkins; Secretary - Debra Chapman; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Contractor - Brent Skrzekut; CBBE – Jason Durr; Abonmarche – Jake Manzo.**

Minutes – September 7, 2021 – Butch motioned to accept minutes, Scott second, motion carried 2-0 and minutes were signed.

Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Hibler Ph 2 & Hidden Pines North – Still waiting on regional general permit as IDEM had more questions after receiving responses to previous questions.

Best Davis-Watts Engineering Proposal – Jason Durr, CBBE – Jason presented a proposal with a not-to-exceed total of \$91,000. Deb stated there were still funds set aside for this project in GDIF in the amount of \$96,320.00 which had previously been requested from council. **Butch motioned to accept the CBBE proposal in the amount of \$91,000.00 with a second from Scott. Motion carried 2-0.**

Otis Boyle Ditch – Jake Manzo, Abonmarche – Jake presented plans for a waterline to be run along the Newton-Jasper County Line in the easement and under the **Insalaco Lateral** to the I-65 rest area. He had previously received approval from the Newton Co. Plan Commission and had appeared before Jasper County. **Butch motioned to approve the plans with a second from Scott. Motion carried 2-0.** Surveyor Watkins is to sign the permit to work in the utility easement and the secretary will forward a signed copy to Mr. Manzo via email.

Bid Openings – Valley Forge Lateral – Surveyor estimate \$80,750.00; Dirt Diggers \$157,992.00; KB & E II \$37,400.00. After much discussion **Butch motioned to accept the lowest bid from KB & E II in the amount of \$37,400.00 with the surveyor verifying that the bid meets all the specifications. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.** **Rebecca Spitler Open Phase 3 & 4** – Surveyor estimate \$55,900.00; KB & E II \$58,000.00; Dirt Diggers \$58,422.00. **Butch motioned to accept the lowest bid from KB & E II in the amount of \$58,000.00 with a second from Scott. Motion carried 2-0.**

Sign Contract – Lawler Ditch Phase 3 – The board members signed the Lawler Ditch Phase 3 contract.

Sign Lake Village Drainage Contract – VS Engineering – The board members signed the previously accepted contract with VS Engineering for the Lake Village Drainage Project.

Other Matters – Deb Chapman presented her written two week notice stating the decision had been made to retire from Newton County Government with her last day of work being Friday, October 15, 2021.

Butch motioned to adjourn with a second from Scott. Meeting adjourned.

Scott Carlson, Chrm.

Not in attendance

Tim Drenth

Butch Cain