

## **July 5, 2022**

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 12 p.m. CST, on July 5, 2022.

Members present were Glen ‘Butch’ Cain, Scott Carlson and Tim Drenth. Also present were Drainage Board Attorney - Candace Armstrong, Secretary - Jamie Rowe, Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Jason Durr of CBBE and Carl Ward.

**Glen ‘Butch’ Cain called the meeting to order.**

## **Minutes – June 6, 2022**

*Tim Drenth made a motion to approve, second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion was passed 3-0.*

### **Bid Opening**

#### **Beaver Lake**

Surveyor Watkins provided his estimate to the Board. Two bids were received:

- Dirt Diggers for \$74,280.00
- Anderson Tree Co. for \$172,000.00

Surveyor Watkins confirmed Dirt Diggers bid was within the statutory guidelines of his estimate.

*Tim Drenth made a motion to award the Beaver Lake project to Dirt Diggers for \$74,280.00, provided it meets the Surveyor’s specifications. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

#### **Valley Forge (Hibler)**

Surveyor Watkins provided his estimate to the Board. One bid was received:

- Dirt Diggers for \$157,992.00

No bids were received that were not over 10% of the Surveyor’s original estimate. The Board received and reviewed additional estimate information from the Surveyor. After due consideration by the Board:

*Tim Drenth made a motion that the benefit to the land exceeds the cost. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

*Scott Carlson made a motion to award the Valley Forge project to Dirt Diggers for \$157,992.00, provided it meets the Surveyor’s specifications. Second by Tim Drenth. Motion passed 3-0.*

#### **Darroch (FEMA)**

No bids were received.

### **Goodland Lateral**

No bids were received.

### **Goodland Lateral & Darroch (FEMA)**

Discussion held. Board requested that Surveyor Watkins send a letter to FEMA informing them that we did not receive any bids for this project.

### **Knight-Moffitt Update**

Jason Durr of CBBE was present to provide updates on this project. Information packet was provided to the Board and emailed to Surveyor Watkins. Discussion held. The Board requested that Surveyor Watkins forward the information to the Jasper County Surveyor.

### **Barton Ditch**

*\*Attorney Armstrong disclosed that she has property in this watershed.*

Carl Ward was present to request that the portion along his property be cleaned. Discussion held. The Board determined this to be an emergency and requested that Surveyor Watkins be in touch with contractors to get this started.

### **John R. Camblin Tile**

John Kessler (not present) had contacted Surveyor Watkins to request that he be reimbursed for \$267.42 for a tile repair. Discussion held. Surveyor Watkins relayed that Mr. Kessler had not paid the invoice, but it was billed to him from Geri & Steve's Carpentry.

*Tim Drenth made a motion to pay Geri & Steve's Carpentry \$267.42, second by Glen Butch Cain. Motion passed 2-0*

*\*Scott Carlson abstained from voting due to a conflict.*

### **Illinois Drainage – James Whaley & Abner Whaley**

Secretary presented a request, which was forwarded by the Newton County Treasurer, of two Illinois land owners who requested that their penalties be waived. Discussion held.

*Tim Drenth made a motion to waive penalties of Illinois residents that requested the waiver, second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

### **Other Matters**

#### **Lake Village Storm Water Project**

Glen 'Butch' Cain presented a situation regarding paperwork. Discussion held.

#### **Sumava**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that he was contacted by a land owner for some concerns in Sumava. Discussion held and the Board suggested Surveyor Watkins instruct the land owner to contact the Township Trustee with their concerns.

**Hunter Ditch**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that he has checked on this project and it looks good. Advised that Bill King will request additional amount for stone.

**Rebecca Spitler**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that Bill King had made contact with him regarding both the Spitler and Hunter projects. Discussion held.

**Goodland Lateral**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board of the need to begin this project. The Board confirmed that the Surveyor could proceed with the project as the amount would be under \$6,000.

**Project Form Update**

Attorney Armstrong advised the Board that she made initial updates to the project form. Discussion held.

**Adjournment**

*Tim Drenth made a motion to adjourn, second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

X

Glen "Butch" Cain  
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Tim Drenth