

October 2, 2023

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 1 p.m. CDT, on October 2nd, 2023.

Members present were Glen 'Butch' Cain and Abbey Rossiter. Also present were Surveyor - Beau Watkins, Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe and Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong. VS Engineering – Ginny Munroe.

Glen 'Butch' Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

September 5, 2023

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Glen 'Butch' Cain. Motion passed 2-0.

Kindig-Montgomery Ditch (573)

Surveyor Watkins presented the Board with a Surveyor's Report.

Discussion was held regarding the portions of the Kindig-Montgomery that are regulated, are not regulated and the lower portions that are bi-county drains. There is also a stretch of unregulated drain leading to the Iroquois River in need of maintenance, in order to help alleviate some flooding concerns within the Town of Kentland.

It was decided that Surveyor Watkins will speak to the landowner along the unregulated portion, to potentially start the process to regulate, or ask for written consent to work on the unregulated portion leading into the Iroquois River.

Surveyor Watkins has begun maintenance on the Kent Ditch by having a vacuum truck out and he plans to dip the Kent Ditch this winter, which drains into the Kindig-Montgomery – in hopes this will also help with the Town of Kentland's flooding concerns.

Lake Village Drainage Project

Discussion was held regarding the status of the project.

The new bid-opening date will now be October 24th at a Special Commissioner's Meeting held at the Government Center at 1pm, instead of the originally scheduled opening at today's Commissioner's Meeting.

Follow-Up

Illingworth Extension to the O'Brien

Surveyor Watkins said he has been in contact with Jason Durr at CBBE and determined that the wetlands need delineated in order to finalize the watershed – however this can't be done until spring. Attorney Armstrong mentioned that it must be regulated prior to wetlands delineated.

Hoover-Simons Tile (565)

Surveyor Watkins explained the situation this tile is in – as there is a 700 foot gap from the old and new tile. He recommends that we reconnect the tile. Surveyor Watkins will present a Surveyor's Report on this tile at the November meeting.

Best Davis Watts (717)

Discussion held regarding this process – awaiting assistance from Scott Pelath as to what may be done regarding wetland delineation. Surveyor Watkins believes we should be able to trek down the high side without disturbing any wetlands to clean the drain. He believes we would be able to stack the spoils in our easement, should we need them in the future.

Active Projects

Beaver Creek (571)

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that the culvert has been set and this should be completed very soon.

Other Matters

Newton-Jasper Meeting

The Board was informed by Jamie Rowe that Jasper County is currently having their meeting and once the meeting is over the Jasper County Secretary will reach out with a date to schedule in November.

Newton-Benton Meeting

This is scheduled for November 21st at the Benton County Courthouse. Abbey and Scott will represent Newton County. Glen ‘Butch’ Cain asked that Attorney Armstrong be present for this meeting.

Adjournment

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to adjourn. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.

X

Glen ‘Butch’ Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter