

## **December 4, 2023**

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 1 p.m. CDT, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

**Glen 'Butch' Cain called the meeting to order.**

## **Minutes**

### **November 6, 2023**

*Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Glen 'Butch' Cain. Motion passed 3-0.*

### **2024 Meeting Dates**

After due discussion, *Scott made a motion to have the monthly Drainage Board Meeting the first Monday of each month, unless a holiday in which it would be the next business day. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

### **Lawler (613)**

Discussion was held regarding the significant change to the scope of work for the contract awarded at the November meeting. Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that he had contacted Dirt Diggers Excavating, Inc. on November 7<sup>th</sup> and relayed the change to the project and asked them not to start any work.

After due discussion, *Scott Carlson made a motion to terminate the contract with Dirt Diggers Excavating, Inc. signed on November 6, 2023, upon mutual agreement due to a significant change to the scope of work. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0*

*Scott Carlson made a motion to request a second Surveyor's estimate and bid as agreed to on November 6, 2023. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

After due discussion, the Board determined that this project should be rebid. Bids will be accepted on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Government Center in Morocco.

### **Legal Work**

After due discussion, the Board requested Attorney Armstrong review and update the Drainage Board's Contract For Public Work as needed.

### **Lake Village Drainage Project**

Secretary Rowe reminded the Board that there will be a bid opening taking place Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the Government Center.

### **Follow-Up**

#### **Newton-Benton Joint Drainage Board Meeting**

Secretary Rowe provided an update on the Newton-Benton Joint Drainage Board Meeting.

**Best Ditch**

A virtual meeting was held with Jason Durr and Matt Buffington. It was decided that a meeting would be initiated in the spring for all parties to view the drain together.

**Other Matters**

Surveyor Watkins informed the board that a landowner near State Route 16 in Brook stopped in regarding an unregulated tile that drains into the Ezra Jones Tile is in need of maintenance. Attorney Armstrong stated that in order for the Drainage Board to maintain this tile, it would need a petition submitted to regulate it and a subsequent hearing.

**Adjournment**

*Scott Carlson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

**X**

Glen 'Butch' Cain  
President

**X**

Scott Carlson

**X**

Abbey Rossiter