

January 2, 2024

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 1 p.m. CDT, on January 2nd, 2024.

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

December 4th and 13th, 2024

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

Election of Officers

Scott Carlson made a motion to retain Glen 'Butch' Cain as Drainage Board Chair and Jamie Rowe as Drainage Board Secretary. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

Drainage Board Meetings

Due to the change of date and times for Commissioner's Meetings, *Abbey Rossiter made a motion to set Drainage Board Meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am, in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

Lake Village Drainage Project

Discussion was held regarding the award of this project to Dirt Diggers Excavating, Inc., pending OCRA approval and approval of funds by Council for 2024.

Hoover-Simons Tile Hearing (565 Bi-County)

Discussion was held regarding a date for this hearing. A date in March was suggested and Secretary Jamie Rowe will coordinate with the Benton County Drainage Board.

Joint Boards

Scott Carlson made a motion that Scott Carlson & Abbey Rossiter would represent Newton County with the Newton-Benton Joint Drainage Board and that Scott Carlson & Glen 'Butch' Cain would represent Newton County with the Newton-Jasper Joint Drainage Board, with Russ Collins serving as needed on matters regarding the Knight-Moffitt. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.

Other Matters

Surveyor Watkins advised the Board that he is continuing to receive calls regarding the Best Ditch.

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that he was contacted regarding a lateral to the Knight Moffitt and the appropriate legal, as it appears the GIS may be inaccurate.

Active Reports – Secretary Jamie Rowe provided the Board with an Active Projects report.

Adjournment

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

X

Glen 'Butch' Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter
