

February 6, 2024

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 11:48 a.m. CDT, upon the closure of the Newton County Commissioner's Meeting, on February 6th, 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, Newton County Building Commissioner – Braden Evans and Amy Moore of VS Engineering.

Glen 'Butch' Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes

January 6, 2024

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

Saddle Creek Subdivision

Building Commissioner, Braden Evans, was present to request approval of the drainage plan for Saddle Creek Subdivision within the Knight Moffitt Lateral.

Surveyor Watkins presented an issue regarding a portion of said Knight Moffitt Lateral. This portion starts from the intersection going east it goes under the road and into the woods and makes a loop. In 1894 this stretch was identified as the Kite Ditch. It came from the east, made the loop and the Moffitt Ditch was to the south, however Surveyor Watkins cannot find the documentation noting this change. He said the Kite became the Wentworth that comes from the east and now turn to the south and connects to the Knight Moffitt. This stretch was abandoned, however is still showing regulated on GIS. Discussion held regarding how to unregulate this portion only of the Knight Moffitt Lateral.

Attorney Armstrong believes a Surveyor's Report would be needed to describe which portion is being unregulated. Surveyor Watkins stated this portion has been more or less abandoned for over 100 years. The landowner is requesting that portion to be unregulated.

The Drainage Board authorized Attorney Armstrong to aide Surveyor Watkins in the process of unregulating said portion of the Knight Moffitt Lateral.

After due discussion, *Scott Carlson made a motion to accept and approve the drainage plan for Saddle Creek Subdivision in Lincoln Township. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

Lake Village Drainage Project

Amy Moore of VS Engineering was present to update the Board on the progress. Discussion was held regarding a landowner question along with the necessary tree mitigation.

Best Davis Watts

Commissioner Cain stated that he spoke with Scott Pelath of Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission regarding the use of an amphibious excavator to remove the trees in this area as a temporary solution to the drainage issue.

2024 Certified Drain Assessment

Secretary Jamie Rowe presented the Board with an updated fund report for the end of year totals and a list of drains in need of assessment for maintenance funds.

Scott Carlson made a motion to accept and approve 2024 Certified Drain Assessments as presented. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0

Knight Lateral Claim Request – Jasper Co

The Jasper County Drainage Board Secretary emailed over a request to pay a claim for chemical maintenance on a lateral to the Knight Moffitt. This was inadvertently paid by Jasper County Drainage Board.

Abbey Rossiter made a motion to pay this invoice upon receipt of a list of laterals in Jasper County that Newton County is responsible for. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.

Hoover-Simons Tile Hearing (565 Bi-County)

Secretary Rowe updated the Board that notices have been mailed and that John Heimlich has agreed to be the fifth member.

Adjournment

Being no other matters, *Abbey Rossiter made a motion to adjourn. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

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Glen ‘Butch’ Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter