

**March 15, 2024**

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 9:30 a.m. CST, on March 15, 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 and Tammy Skrzekut of Dirt Diggers Excavating Inc.

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

**Minutes**

**March 5, 2024**

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

**2024 Chemical Maintenance Bid Opening**

Six bids were submitted for Chemical Maintenance by Anderson Tree Company, JB Brush Control & Dirt Diggers Excavating Inc.

**North Bid**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Hibler/Hidden Pines System   | 1.6 Miles         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valley Forge Ext.</li> <li>Hibler Main Ditch</li> <li>Hibler Lat# 1</li> <li>Hidden Pines North &amp; West</li> </ul> |                   |
| Rebecca Spitler Ditch  | 2.8 Miles         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upstream from 200 E</li> </ul>  |                   |
| Wentworth Ditch  | 3.6 Miles         |
| Best Ditch   | 4.3 Miles         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South of SR 10</li> </ul>   |                   |
| Gregory/Templeton  | 5.0 Miles         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>600 N to 400 E</li> </ul>   |                   |
| Sheep Creek  | 2.7 Miles         |
| Ed Long/Stucker Combo  | 2.9 Miles         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brunton &amp; Decker Lateral</li> </ul>   |                   |
| <b>North Bid Total</b>   | <b>22.9 Miles</b> |

**South Bid**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Kent Ditch  | 2.8 Miles        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Bank outside of Kentland</li> </ul> |                  |
| Railroad Ditch  | 2.7 Miles        |
| Morrison #3 Ditch   | 2.7 Miles        |
| CC Kent Ditch   | 1.4 Miles        |
| <b>South Bid Total</b>  | <b>9.6 Miles</b> |

**Bids Received:**

- **JB Brush Control**
  - North \$21,410.00
  - South \$8,340.00
- **Dirt Diggers Excavating**
  - North \$16,373.50
  - South \$8,016.00
- **Anderson Tree Company**
  - North \$29,176.00
  - South \$10,719.00

The Board received & reviewed the Surveyor’s Estimate and it complies statutorily with the bids received.

Discussion held regarding licensing of a bidder.

*Scott Carlson made a motion to accept the bids and table a decision on awarding it until the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Drainage Board Meeting. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

**Other Matters**

Secretary Jamie Rowe brought up an issue regarding a complaint of grass clippings blocking a road side ditch that drains into a regulated drain. Board discussed options and determined that Surveyor Watkins would speak to landowner whose home has the roadside ditch with grass clippings. The Board will ask the Highway Department to clean the ditch one time.

Discussion was had regarding Denham Subdivision and Scott Carlson suggested that this be on the Chemical Maintenance schedule. Surveyor Watkins stated it first needs to be cleaned.

**Adjournment**

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

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Glen ‘Butch’ Cain  
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter