

## **May 8, 2024**

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. CDT, on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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

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

## **Minutes**

### **April 2, 2024**

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

## **Roy Kindig**

Roy & Ardis Kindig were present to discuss field tile located in Brook, south of SR 16 that is not regulated.

The Kindigs inquired if this tile was regulated at one time - nothing was found to indicate that it was previously regulated. .

Discussion was held regarding the petition process to regulate a tile as well as the state of the tile. Mr. Kindig has had someone review the topography of this tile and give a quote, as it is in need of repair.

No action was taken.

## **Best Davis Watts (717)**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that Wiltjer Excavating had been out to clear the drain of beaver dams and debris.

Discussion was held regarding ditch cleaning that is needed around Route 10 – Stateline to 650, which would need done by the State.

Surveyor Watkins will send Attorney Armstrong technical information so that she may research and send the appropriate information to the State, requesting the cleaning.

## **2024 Drain Assessments**

Auditor Tamra James was present to inform the Board that during this year's import of assessments, Illinois assessments were not imported. Auditor James will prepare these tax invoices to be sent out now, due in the Fall.

Auditor James also informed the Board that on some drains that have varying assessments (phases), it was documented on the invoices as a whole, rather than phases. She did confirm that the amounts were correct.

## **Lake Village Drainage**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that he was on site yesterday and the work appears to be on task to where it should be.

**2024 Chemical Maintenance – Wentworth Ditch**

The Drainage Board was contacted by landowners at the start of the Wentworth. Due to use of the land and that the drain appears to be in working condition, the landowners have asked that we withhold spraying along their properties. The Board asked Surveyor Watkins to review this portion of the drain and determined that these properties should be left off of the spraying schedule as requested.

**Tile Repair Invoices**

**Roush (529)** – Surveyor Watkins was contacted by property owner advising of a tile hole in need of repair and asked if they may fix it themselves. Surveyor Watkins told the property owner to fix due to lack of contractor availability.

*Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the repair invoice for Roush #529 at \$672.76. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.*

**George Ade (553)** – Landowner contacted Surveyor Watkins last year regarding a tile hole. Due to lack of contractor availability this was scheduled to be repaired this year. The landowner repaired the tile and brought the invoice to the Drainage Board requesting payment.

Discussion held regarding the proper process, however given the length of time the drain was in need of repair, *Abbey Rossiter made a motion to approve the repair invoice for George Ade #553 at \$806.58. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.*

**Charles Triplett Tile (584)**

Secretary Rowe advised the Board the Scott Carlson had requested research to be done on the funds for this drain. The drain owes money to both landfill and General Drain Improvement Fund and there were questions as to which should be paid back first.

**Thompson Ditch (612) – Wall at Ade Elevator**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board on the progress of attempting to correct this wall. Due to the wall, he is encountering difficulties getting the utilities located. Discussion held regarding how this may be fixed and steps needed.

*Glen ‘Butch’ Cain made a motion to request a Surveyor’s Report on Thompson Ditch. Second by Abbey Rossiter after further discussion. Motion passed 2-0.*

*Glen ‘Butch’ Cain made a motion to hire CBBE to determine what project may consist of and do a report for the Surveyor and Drainage Board. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 2-0.*

**Adjournment**

Being no further matters, *Abbey Rossiter made a motion to adjourn. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.*

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Glen ‘Butch’ Cain President	Scott Carlson	Abbey Rossiter