

January 06, 2026

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. CST on January 6th, 2026.

Members present were Councilman Scott Carlson, Commissioner Steve Eilers, Commissioner Rob Churchill, Surveyor Beau Watkins and Secretary Jamie Rowe. Also present were Attorney Michael Manis, Ardis Kindig and Ryan Kindig.

Councilman Carlson called the meeting to order.

Board Appointments

Commissioner Churchill made a motion to retain Councilman Carlson as Drainage Board President and Commissioner Eilers as Drainage Board Vice President. Second by Commissioner Eilers. Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes

12-03-2025

Commissioner Eilers made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Commissioner Churchill. Motion passed 3-0.

Kindig Petition

Attorney Michael Manis appeared before the Board with to present the Kindig Petition.

Surveyor Watkins confirmed to the Board that he was aware of the specifications and had given his approval.

Commissioner Churchill made a motion to set a hearing date for Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM to be held in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Government Center. Second by Commissioner Eilers. Motion passed 3-0.

IDNR/TNC Joint Wetland Project

There was no representation from INDNR or TNC. *Commissioner Eilers made a motion to table discussion until representation is present. Second by Commissioner Churchill. Motion passed 3-0.*

2026 Attorney

Commissioner Eilers made a motion to retain Jacob Ahler as the Drainage Board Attorney for 2026. Second by Commissioner Churchill. Motion passed 3-0.

Bogie Mutual (735)

The Board discussed the current reconstruction rate and the need for a maintenance rate.

Commissioner Eilers made a motion to set a hearing to establish a maintenance rate for Bogie Mutual XXX on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Government Center. Second by Commissioner Churchill. Motion passed 3-0.

Best Ditch (717)

Surveyor Watkins advised the Board that all permits needed have been approved.

Other Matters

Lake Village Project

Commissioner Churchill asked for an update on the Lake Village Project. Surveyor Watkins stated the he believed the project was close to completion.

Thompson Ditch – Ade Elevator (612)

Surveyor Watkins said he will reach out to Highway Superintendent Sharon Domonkos regarding the guard rails.

VC Borklund / Landfill (508)

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that the only new upcoming project would involve work on the waterway, as previously discussed.

Adjournment

With no further business, *Commissioner Churchill made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Eilers. Motion passed 3-0.*

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Scott Carlson
President

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Steve Eilers
Vice President

X

Robert Churchill