September 01, 2026

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Government Center at 10:00 a.m. CST on September 1, 2026.

Members present were Councilman Scott Carlson, Commissioner Steve Eilers and Commissioner Rob Churchill, Surveyor Beau Watkins, Secretary Jamie Rowe and County Attorney Linda Harris.

Councilman Carlson called the meeting to order.

Minutes
07-07-2026

Commissioner Eilers made a motion to approve the July 7, 2026 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Churchill. Motion carried, 3-0.

Lake Village Ditch Correction
Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that work will commence next week. Discussion was held regarding seeding. The Board agreed it should be completed, and Surveyor Watkins will ask the Highway Department if they could seed it this month.

Fall Projects
Surveyor Watkins presented the Board with three maps for projects necessary this fall.

Edward Madison Lateral Tile (544) – This tile will require potholing after harvest**.** The west side (northwest run) was previously jetted due to a non-draining catch basin. Drainage issues were also reported on the field Whaley farms.

Kindig Combination (765) – Further investigation is needed for this drain. There was a new tile put in, and we are unsure how far north it goes**.**

Beaver Creek (571) – A landowner contacted Surveyor Watkins regarding a culvert through his property that was relocated by the County between 2010 and 2016. The landowner noted that he had objected to the move at the time, as the original location was more beneficial for his operations. He requested that the drain pay to reinstate the original crossing, noting he still retains the original tank car. He requested to keep the existing culvert crossing as well. The Board agreed and approved the landowner to reinstate the original crossing at his own cost, subject to the Surveyor's supervision.

Other Matters
Maple Brook Terrace (705) – Surveyor Watkins reported receiving calls regarding the subdivision and reviewed its history. Approximately 10 years ago the drain was dipped too deep; plans to pipe and fill it were halted after an IDEM review classified the segment as a stream.

Sumava (605) – The Board discussed the invoice submitted by Dirt Diggers Excavating, Inc. and agreed this should be paid by the Sumava drainage maintenance fund.

Hunter (602) – Surveyor Watkins advised the Board that maintenance work needs to be performed on the Hunter Ditch. This is a joint drain with Benton and Jasper counties.

Adjournment

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

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Scott Carlson President	Steve Eilers Vice President	Robert Churchill