

## **August 06, 2024**

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 11:32 a.m. CDT, upon the closure of the Newton County Board of Commissioner's Meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Brent Skrzekut of Dirt Diggers Excavating, Inc., Shawn Cain of KIRPC and Mr. & Mrs. Roy Kindig.

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

## **Minutes**

### **July 2, 2024**

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

### **Roy Kindig**

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Kindig were present to discuss two drainage concerns with the Board.

The first concern was regarding field tile located in Brook that was discussed in May. This tile is not regulated. Discussion was held regarding the petition process and who/how the watershed for this tile may be determined.

*Scott Carlson made a motion for Surveyor Watkins to determine the watershed by the September Drainage Board Meeting. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

The Kindigs second concern is a crossing on their property within the road right-of-way. The Board determined that Surveyor Watkins will take a look at the crossing and contact the Highway Department to find out if they can put one in.

### **2024 Chemical Maintenance**

Claims for 2024 Chemical Maintenance were tabled at the July meeting.

After discussion between the Board and Brent Skrzekut, *Scott Carlson made a motion to deny 2024 Chemical Maintenance Claims. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

### **Lake Village Drainage**

Prior to the Drainage Board Meeting, the Board of Commissioners were presented with Change Orders #2-5 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Pay Application. All were approved by the Commissioners during their meeting.

Brent Skrzekut and Shawn Cain informed the Board that the project is very close to completion, however lack of cooperation with Nipsco has stopped the progress. Currently, Dirt Diggers is waiting to hear from Nipsco for a time to schedule an on-site meeting the week of August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding possible Nipsco contacts if the meeting does not happen.

Commissioner Cain asked Mr. Skrzekut to drive through the subdivision to check the status of driveways after the heavy rain that came the night before.

*\*Commissioner Rossiter had to leave the meeting at this point\**

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

Surveyor Watkins advised the Board that he is experiencing communication barriers with Nipsco.

**Best Ditch (717)**

Surveyor Watkins advised the Board that he attended an online meeting with all agencies involved. Currently a permit request is in progress for a culvert on a lateral to the west.

**Illinois Assessments**

Discussion was held regarding penalties on assessments.

*Scott Carlson made a motion to waive all penalties to date and through the end of the year. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.*

**Abner Whaley Tile (686)**

Surveyor Watkins delivered his report to the Board. He stated that there is a section in the waterway that is completely collapsing. The landowner reached out to a contractor who informed Surveyor Watkins about this situation.

*After due discussion, Glen ‘Butch’ Cain made a motion to authorize Surveyor Watkins to schedule this repair, up to \$10,000.00. Second by Scott Carlson.*

**Other Matters**

**Sumava Resorts Fund 4909** – Secretary Rowe advised the Board that there are times the Lake Township Trustee will submit invoices for reimbursement for pump repairs. The fund is running low and there was an inquiry if the Board would pay for this once the fund was depleted. The consensus of the Board is that the Commissioner’s should request funds be added during budget. Secretary Rowe will email the Commissioner’s Administrative Assistant.

**2022 Section Corners** – Surveyor Watkins advised the Board there has been an issue with Schneider Geomatics on the 2022 Section Corners contract and invoice.

**Adjournment**

*Scott Carlson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Glen ‘Butch’ Cain. Motion passed 2-0.*

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Glen ‘Butch’ Cain  
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Abbey Rossiter