

## **November 06, 2024**

The Newton County Drainage Board met in the Commissioner's Room of the Newton County Courthouse at 11:36 a.m. CDT on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, following the closure of the Newton County Board of Commissioner's Meeting.

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. Roy and Ardis Kindig, Chris Knochel, Natalie Gilbert, Shawn Cain of KIRPC and John Vandenberg were in attendance.

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

### **Minutes**

**October 1, 2024.**

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

### **Landowner Petitions**

#### **Natalie Gilbert**

Mrs. Gilbert addressed the Board regarding her property in Jefferson Township. Mrs. Gilbert is concerned how the proposed Solar Farm will affect drainage on her property. The petition submitted does not meet statutory code and may not be acted upon.

Attorney Armstrong advised she has been in contact with the legal counsel for the Town of Kentland. The understanding is that Reynolds will submit the drainage plan further in the process.

Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. Vandenberg confirmed that there is a tile on the Gilbert property connecting to the Morrison.

Discussion was held regarding the petition process.

*The Board asked Attorney Armstrong to prepare a sample petition and a document stating the steps of the petition process.*

#### **Roy & Ardis Kindig**

Mrs. Kindig advised the Board that their attorney is working on the petition and should have it available prior to the next Drainage Board Meeting.

### **Lake Village Drainage**

Shawn Cain advised the Board that the final inspection is set for this Friday at 9am. Mrs. Cain also let the Board know that VS Engineering was just emailed the As Build from the contractor.

### **Denham (705)**

Surveyor Watkins requested to have engineering done along the Denham Ditch that runs through Maple Brook Terrace. The bank was dipped straight up and down and the sand is not supporting the bank.

*Scott Carlson motioned to allow funds to hire Christopher B. Burke Engineering to aid with this situation. Second by Abbey Rossiter. Motion passed 3-0.*

**Sumava Emergency Repair**

Surveyor Watkins advised the Board that the Board of Commissioners has requested that he handle the repair needed. He has received one estimate for this project, however he will email two other contractors to request an estimate as well. Per today’s Commissioner’s Meeting, this will be paid for from the Sumava Emergency Fund and the Commissioner’s Emergency Fund.

**Hoover-Simons Tile (565)**

The Board was presented with an invoice submitted by Dirt Diggers for additional work on this project. Discussion was held regarding the work and if a change order was submitted – one was not submitted.

*After due discussion, Glen ‘Butch’ Cain made a motion to pay \$397.44. Second by Scott Carlson. Motion passed 3-0.*

**Updates**

**Thompson Ditch / Ade Elevator (612)**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that did go out and look at it and it has not collapsed any further. Scott Carlson said he had been contacted by Keystone/Ceres and they are open to a conversation about this situation.

**Best Davis Watts (717)**

Surveyor Watkins informed the Board that we are still waiting for the culvert permits. He was made aware of IDEM executive changes that could be causing the delay.

**Other Matters**

**Knight Moffitt** – Surveyor Watkins advised the board that there is a bad log jam on the south side of 800. He said it does not look like a beaver dam, rather a bunch of debris.

**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