

March 19, 2025

The Newton County Drainage Board met at the Newton County Government Center at 11:03 a.m. CST on March 19th, 2025.

Members present were Councilman Scott Carlson, Commissioner Steve Eilers, Commissioner Rob Churchill, Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe and Surveyor – Beau Watkins. Also present was Jake Wetzel of Heritage Drone Service, LLC.

Councilman Carlson called the meeting to order.

Minutes
03-05-2025

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

2025 Chemical Maintenance Bid Opening

Six bids were submitted for Chemical Maintenance by Anderson Tree Company, Ditch Side Management & Heritage Drone Services, LLC.

South Bid

Kent Ditch	2.8 Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• West Bank South of Kentland• Both Banks North of Kentland	
Railroad Ditch	2.7 Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• West Bank Outside of Kentland	
Morrison #3 Ditch	2.7 Miles
CC Kent Ditch	1.4 Miles
Kindig-Montgomery Ditch	2.8 Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• West of US 41	
South Bid Total	12.4 Miles

North Bid

Hibler/Hidden Pines System	1.6 Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valley Forge Ext.• Hibler Main Ditch• Hibler Lat. #1• Hidden Pines North & West	
Rebecca Spitler Ditch	2.8 Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upstream from 200 E	
Wentworth Ditch	3.6 Miles
Best Ditch	4.7 Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South of SR 10	
Gregory/Templeton	5.0 Miles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 600 N to 400 E	
Sheep Creek	2.7 Miles

Ed Long/ Stucker Combo	2.9 Miles
Lawler Ditch	3.4 Miles
• N of 600 N to 400 W	
Alice Holley Open	0.4 Miles
Mud Lake System	5.6 Miles
• Mud Lake E of 100 E/N of 400 N	
• Mud Lake Lateral #1	
• Mud Lake Lateral #2	
• Hanley Open	
• Hanley Lateral #2	
• Templeton Lateral	
• Huber Lateral	
Elijah-Smalley System	3.0 Miles
• JR Elijah Ditch	
• Smalley Lateral #1	
• Dickinson Upper Open	
Molson System	
• Molson Ditch	
• Molson Mutual	
• Bergren Lateral	
• Sellers Lateral	
Beaver Creek / Wooton Ditch	2.2 Miles
• Beaver Creek N of SR 14	
Duclose Ditch (East Side)	0.2 Miles
North Bid Total	42.0 Miles

Bids Received

South Bid

- Anderson Tree Company \$17,020.00
- Ditch Side Management \$12,371.36
- Heritage Drone Service \$ 8,060.00

Commissioner Eilers made a motion to award the South Bid to Heritage Drone Service for \$8,060.00. Second by Commissioner Churchill. Motion passed 3-0

Discussion was held between Board and Mr. Wetzel of Heritage Drone Service about his application methods and chemicals used.

North Bid

- Anderson Tree Company \$68,259.00
- Ditch Side Management \$42,435.38
- Heritage Drone Service \$27,300.00

Commissioner Churchill made a motion to award the North Bid to Heritage Drone Service for \$27,300.00. Second by Commissioner Eilers. Motion passed 3-0.

Other Matters

Surveyor Watkins updated the Board on several situations:

Kent Ditch – This drain has been cleaned.

Thompson Ditch (Ade Wall) – He got ahold of Brightspeed for the phone line and they said it was Comlink, whom he had not luck contacting.

He also has not heard back from Nipsco regarding the line there. Board suggested maybe we need to send a letter to Nipsco from our Attorney.

Adjournment

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