

DRAINAGE MINUTES

January 16, 2024

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors as Drainage District Trustees in Bremer County, IA, met in session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, at 1:30 p.m. Kammeyer, Cerwinske & Hildebrandt present. Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Cerwinske. Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to approve the agenda. Jennifer Bremner, Real Estate Deputy/Drainage Clerk, Landon Moore, County Engineer, Craig & Charles Hesse, Tom & Grant Grober, Ron Strottmann, Joel Wikner present. Dawn Lau present by virtual means.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to approve the 12/12/23 minutes.

Board met with Collin Klingbeil, P.E., Jacobson-Westergard & Associates Inc., for a virtual informational meeting to discuss options for repair/improvement in DD # 5. It was discussed that options 1 & 2 are too expensive and option 4 does is not ideal because they cannot go deeper to get enough ground cover. The Trustees discussed options 3 and 5 at length and asked for input from the affected landowners.

Option 5 Ditch East of Piedmont is the most feasible and cheaper option. It could take on more water but would involve purchasing right-of-way which would sever land and Landowners would have to be monetarily compensated. Crossings would also be needed and the ditch would need continual maintenance.

Option 3 Re-route tile to the South is feasible but is more expensive than option 5. The estimate is done using the same size tile as the existing main which would make this a repair. The majority of landowners present preferred this option. Klingbeil suggested looking into putting in a larger size tile to be able to take on more water. It would increase the cost and would make this option an improvement.

Discussion was held on a timeline for work to begin. Klingbeil advised he could complete his report in approximately 30 days. A hearing will be set not less than 40 days after acceptance of the Report. The hearing and bid letting would get us into April and work would begin upon the availability of the Contractor awarded the bid. Klingbeil estimated Summer would be the soonest but more likely would be Fall.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to instruct Collin Klingbeil, P.E., Jacobson-Westergard & Associates Inc. to prepare and file a Report as soon as possible for DD#5 with plans for both a repair and improvement using option #3.

Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to approve and authorize Auditor to issue a Stamped Warrant for DD# 5.

Hildebrandt moved/ Kammeyer second to adjourn at 2:49 p.m.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of the January 16, 2024 meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors as Drainage District Trustees.

Corey Cerwinske, Chairman

Attest: _____
Shelley Wolf, Auditor