

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 14
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 14, Worth County, Iowa met at the Worth County courthouse at 10:00 A.M. CST, December 18, 2023.

Members present: Enos Loberg, Chairperson
 A.J. Stone, Vice-Chairperson
 Mark Smeby, Supervisor

Also present: Valerie Paulson, Clerk
 Sam Warren, IT
 Bolton & Menk: Jacob Hagen & Tyler Buman
 Landowners: Randi Johnson, Millard
 Anderson, Darin Dahlby, Roger Dahlby,
 Paul Hogan, Chelsea Duvall, Josh Duvall
 Via Zoom: Mike & Angie Wilkins, Dennis &
 Barb Walser, Ronald & Debra Reuvers

Continued Public Hearing for the proposed improvements DD No. 14 at 10:00 A.M.

Jacob Hagen started off by addressing the objection filed by Attorney Douglas Krull representing Angie K. Wilkins and Keith Hegeland. Response letter from Drainage Attorney Jim Hudson was read.

Mike Wilkins is insisting on a 48" tile instead of the 36" tile. Wilkins said we need to plan for the future and put in a bigger tile now. Hagen shared the estimated costs of increasing the tile size.

36" tile estimate costs \$299,000 / \$254 an acre
42" tile estimate costs \$415,000 / \$353 an acre
48" tile estimate costs \$599,000 / \$510 an acre

Discussed the Upper Main and running the 24" tile to Johnson's property and stopping there. It will only be paid for by the landowners in that watershed. Talked about sending it out for bids and determining if it will be cost-effective to move forward.

Hagen suggested at minimum putting in a T and an intake for future hookup for Lateral 4. Angie Wilkins was against the proposed improvements. After further discussion, Mike Wilkins said if he gets a 48" tile he is for it. Wilkins said the water does not drain the way it is. Hagen explained that the tile is currently very undersized and that is why he is currently experiencing blowouts and the water is not draining properly. Wilkins said to go ahead and get bids for the entire proposed improvement.

Discussed Lateral 5, which will mainly affect Dahlby, Anderson, Reuvers and Helgeland. Hagen said they would like to install an intake at the end to help with the surface water. Anderson is in favor of the proposed improvements. Deb Reuvers does not believe this will have any benefit to her land which is already well drained, very sandy, not farmed anymore, and is currently CRP ground. Hagen explained that this would give her the opportunity to tile in if she wanted to in the future. Talk about sending it out for bids and determining if it will be cost-effective to move forward.

Hagen said that if any of the other improvements move forward the lower end must be done. We will send out bids for the Upper Main, Lateral 4, Lateral 5, and the Lower end with 36"

tile or 48" tile option. Bids will be sent out in January. We will send out notification to the landowners once the bids have been received and they can attend the bid hearing to decide if they would like to move forward.


Reclassification and Annexation will be held at a later date and the landowners will be notified.

Motion by A.J. Stone, second by Mark Smeby, approve up to 20-year waiver at 8% interest rate. Motion at 10:38 A.M. by A.J. Stone, second by Mark Smeby, carried to close the public hearing.



Enos Loberg
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Valerie Paulson
Drainage Clerk