

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 34 & 35
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 34 & 35, Worth County, Iowa met at the Worth County courthouse at 9:30 A.M. CST, June 26, 2023.

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

Also present: Jacki Backhaus, Auditor
Valerie Paulson, Clerk
Landowners DD No. 34: Doug Krull
(representing Wanda Shovan), Bruce Sawin,
Marlin Rosenberg, Josh Rosenberg, Suzanne &
Don Hofstrand, Gary Wagner (via Zoom)
Landowners DD No. 35: Steven J Brodersen,
Steve & Micki Smith

Motion by Mark Smeby, second by A.J. Stone, carried to open the informational public hearing for repairs at 9:30 A.M. starting with DD No. 34.

Drainage Clerk Val Paulson explained repairs that were requested by Josh Rosenberg. He claims that the Main in Section 10, Barton Township, is cracked and filled with silt between 440th and 450th. Paulson said she spoke to Russ in the Engineer's office and he believed there were problems further north in the main. This is why a landowner meeting was held. Rosenberg said there is only 8" clearance left in a 14" tile. It is silted in with sugar sand. Marlin Rosenberg said they have repaired suck holes and blowouts the last 50 years. When they get rain it takes 2-3 days to catch up.

Tile size and length was discussed. Starting at the South end of Section 10 running north up to the intersection in Section 4 the tile is as follows: 474' of 8", 800' of 10", 1,100' of 12", 1,200' of 14", 1,700' of 18", 1,300' of 20", and 4,100' of 24". To keep it a repair and not an improvement we would need to replace the tile with same/similar sized tile.

This district has recently been classified and a handout was given to everyone at the meeting with the current benefited acres and percentages.

No other concerns or complaints were brought up about the district main or laterals. It was decided that we will contact a local contractor to repair the first mile in Section 10 and assess the rest of the main up to the intersection in Section 4 to check for any other obstructions. Work will wait till fall to avoid crop damages. Paulson and Rosenberg will work together with a contractor on this project and get some bids.

Open informational public hearing for repairs for DD No. 35 Lateral 1A.

Paulson explained repairs that were requested by Steve Smith who farms the area, he claims Lateral 1A, in Section 33, Lincoln Township, is full of tree roots and needs repaired. Currently there is 800' of 12" tile and 665' of 8" tile which dips down into Cerro Gordo County. Steven Brodersen was upset and made comment that none of the repairs will benefit anyone but Cerro Gordo County.


The repair under the railroad tracks back in 2010 was talked about. Brodersen is upset with the railroad not helping with the drainage issue from years ago. He is also upset about them blocking

the road and wants to know what the supervisors are going to do about it. He also mentioned the tile being jetted previously. Perforated vs non-perforated tile was discussed. Brodersen said Jay Edgar was out there and said the tile is working, it's just there is no surface drainage.

The trees were brought up as a problem. It was discussed that if the trees were removed it would help with surface drainage which is much needed. Railroad track expansion was a concern that some had. A.J. Stone said he would try and get ahold of the railroad and see if they would be willing to remove the trees.

It was decided that Stone will get ahold of the Railroad to discuss tree removal. Present landowners want Jay Edgar to do the work. Paulson will get ahold of Jay Edgar to discuss repair options and get some prices on 12" pipe.

Motion by Mark Smeby, second by A.J. Stone, carried to close the public hearing at 9:56 A.M.



Enos Loberg
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Valerie Paulson
Drainage Clerk