

DRAINAGE MEETING  
DISTRICT GRANT #5  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building to receive a Preliminary Annexation Report on Drainage District Grant #5. Members present were Linda Murken, chair, Lauris Olson, and Lisa Heddens. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, engineers Kent Rode and Tyler Conley from Bolton & Menk, and 4 district landowners.

Murken called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Rode spoke about the Grant #5 project and the Annexation Report (on file at the Auditor's Office). The West Annexation area is the site of the West Tile Improvement project. The bid process has already begun for this project. Bids are due October 24 at 9:00 a.m. and bid selection is set for October 29 at a 6:00 p.m. public hearing to present the Annexation Report to district landowners. All the trustees need to do today is acknowledge receipt of the report.

Olson asked that, in the future, the trustees receive copies of reports earlier than the day of the meeting at which the report will be discussed.

Rode apologized for the late submittal. He had been out of state.

Murken asked if we needed to set a date for the report to be presented to district landowners.

Wall and Rode replied that a date for a public hearing had already been selected at an earlier trustee's meeting. Bid documents for the West Tile Improvement are already available and bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on October 24. A public hearing on the Annexation Report is set for 6:00 p.m. on October 29 and a bid will be selected at that meeting.

Olson asked what happens if there is significant opposition to the annexation at the public hearing. Do we then have to delay accepting a winning bid?

Wall said the annexation isn't new. The landowners have seen this map before. The only new information in the report is it specifies how many benefitted acres are in each parcel being annexed.

Rode said there is no right of remonstrance against an annexation. Landowners can object on the grounds that their lands do not benefit from the proposed improvement and the report can be amended if the owners can show their objections have merit. In that case the hearing could be extended to a later date while objections are evaluated.

Olson asked if the trustees decide not to annex based on landowner input at the hearing do they still proceed with awarding a bid.

Rode said if the annexation is not done then there would be little reason to award a bid. If the project is to move forward the trustees must annex the additional lands.

Olson said she wanted to be clear on the process since we are considering an improvement to the district before addressing the issues with the existing facilities which, by Code, the trustees must maintain.

Murken pointed out that the sole agenda item today is to accept the Annexation Report.

Landowner Roger Engstrom said he believes the plans do not place the west tile outlet close enough to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The tile outlets into a ditch that runs under a railroad bridge. Engstrom thinks the tile should outlet at the bridge, not 50-100' upstream from the bridge as the plans show. That would give the new tile 6-7' of additional fall.

Rode said this is an engineering issue that can be discussed later.

Murken asked if moving the outlet would change the direction of this project.

Rode said it might change the plans but not the direction of the project. This is the first he's heard this concern. Depending on the size of the change, if a change is made, it could alter the scope of the annexation but that can be addressed in an amendment to the project as long as the changes aren't too extensive.

Murken said there have been several meetings on this project. There could be additional objections/concerns at the hearing on October 29. When do we have enough information to begin?

Rode said the project should go forward. Changes can always be made as work progresses. He needs to clarify what Engstrom's concerns are and determine if changes are warranted. Addendums can be added to the bid documents prior to October 29 but the sooner the better so bidders have ample time to adjust their bids. Addendums are not uncommon.

Olson asked if the trustees would need to meet to approve any addendums.

Rode said it depends on the size of the changes. If he determines that an amendment is needed he will notify the trustees as to the need for approving the amendment.

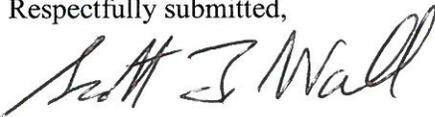
Olson asked Moon if he was able to participate in any proposed modifications as the trustee's representative.

Moon said he could.

Olson moved, seconded by Heddens, to accept the Preliminary Annexation Report. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Heddens moved, seconded by Olson, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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