

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MINUTES
MULTIPLE DISTRICTS
MAY 20, 2020

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider levies against Drainage Districts Grant #5, Richland #10, Warren #11, Grant #13, Richland #20A, Richland #20 Sub B, Howard #27, Howard #41, Lincoln #42, New Albany #75, Richland #81, and Franklin #95 (see attached). Members present were Linda Murken, chair, Lisa Heddens, and Lauris Olson. Also present was Drainage Clerk Scott Wall.

Murken called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and stated that, because the building was closed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, access to the meeting was available by telephone.

Wall talked about the list of drainage districts to be levied. While he is recommending assessments against 12 districts there are 14 districts on the list. Two of those districts, Richland #20 and Milford #32, have negative account balances but are both collecting waived payments on recent projects. The expected outstanding payments will more than cover the current deficits in both of these districts. The districts are on the list to indicate that they are running a deficit but they are not to be levied this year.

The recommended assessments are being made for several reasons. Grant #5 is in the midst of a large repair and potential improvement project and has accumulated a current deficit of \$222,717.09. Assistant Auditor Lisa Markley has been requesting a levy against Grant #5 for the past year to reduce escalating interest costs, currently approximately \$30,000. The suggested levy covers the current debt plus the estimated interest plus a \$10,000 surplus.

Warren #11 and Grant #13 both have planned brush removal projects in their open ditches with follow-up treatments to prevent the regrowth of the removed vegetation. Story County IRVM (Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management) is continuing to manage growth in the open ditches but they are also looking to contract out some of the future spraying of those ditches to outside vendors.

Richland #20A is a sub district of Richland #20 that serves the Fernald area. A large tree over the tile was removed in 2019 after causing problems for a number of years and the cost of removal exceeded the available funds. Richland #20 Sub 3 is also running a deficit due to recently completed work. In this case a crushed tile under the Union Pacific ROW was replaced just south of Fernald. This is separate from the culvert that was installed under the RR 2 miles south of Fernald in 2017.

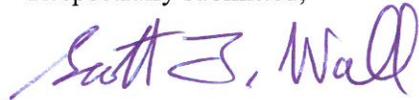
Howard #27, Howard #41, Lincoln #42, New Albany #75, and Franklin #95 are all either at a deficit from repairs by the Secondary Roads tile crew or do not have sufficient funds to cover needed repairs this year by the tile crew. Richland #81 is another district with planned work by IRVM that will exceed the available funds.

Wall noted that the Code of Iowa allows the trustees to levy drainage districts such that there is a surplus after expenses which the trustees deem adequate to cover the costs of future maintenance. The size of this surplus varies with the size of the district from about \$2,000 for smaller districts up to \$5,000 for larger districts. Four of the districts being considered for assessment this year will have levies that could create an undue financial hardship for landowners. Iowa Code allows the trustees to permit assessments of more than \$500 per parcel to be spread over a period of 10-20 years at an interest rate set by the trustees – currently 6%. Wall recommended that landowners in Grant #5, Grant #13, Richland #20 Sub 3, and Franklin #95 be allowed to spread their payments over 10 years.

Heddens moved, seconded by Olson, to accept the levy amounts recommended by the drainage clerk, said levies to be dated May 20, 2020 and to be due and payable on or before September 30, 2020. She further moved that landowners in districts Grant #5, Grant #13, Richland #20 Sub 3, and Franklin #95 be allowed to spread their payments on any parcel assessment of more than \$500 over 10 years at 6% interest. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Heddens moved, seconded by Olson, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Scott T. Wall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'W'.

Scott T. Wall

DRAINAGE DISTRICT SUMMER LEVY WORKSHEET
May 20, 2020

<u>DRAINAGE DISTRICT</u>	<u>CURRENT BALANCE</u>	<u>EXPECTED BILLINGS</u>	<u>NEW BALANCE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>PARCELS</u>	<u>% ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT LEVIED</u>	<u>CARRY FORWARD</u>
1 GRANT #5 Last levied on 07/01/2016. Ongoing drainage repair/improvement - levy in 2020. Lisa Markley recommends \$30,000 to cover accrued interest.	(222,717.09)	Ongoing	(222,717.09)	7,841.14	378	3,350	262,683.46	39,966.37
2 RICHLAND #10 Last levied on 07/02/2012 at 39%.	1,799.72	(3,680.80)	(1,881.08)	8,345.37	85	46	3,891.00	2,009.92
3 WARREN #11 Last levied on 07/01/2015 at 40%. IRVM recommends \$4,000 for brush control.	697.03	(4,000.00)	(3,302.97)	30,999.82	295	25	8,342.16	5,039.19
4 GRANT #13 Last levied on 07/03/2017 at 95%.	(4,371.32)	(14,000.00)	(18,371.32)	5,261.48	25	388	20,414.56	2,043.24
5 RICHLAND #20 Last levied on 07/01/2017. 2020 is the 4 th of 15 years of waived payments. The remaining 12 years of waived payments (\$24,797.40) will cover the remaining debt and leave money for future repairs - do not levy in 2020.	(19,372.46)	0.00	(19,372.46)	420,000.00	357			
6 RICHLAND #20A Last levied on 07/01/2014 at 536%. Also was part of the Richland #20 levy on 07/01/2017.	(3,473.36)	0.00	(3,473.36)	10,000.00	34	55	5,503.09	2,029.73
7 RICHLAND #20 SUB #3 First levied on 07/24/2019 at 200% for preliminary work on the current project which was completed in December of 2019.	(101,528.41)	0.00	(101,528.41)	10,000.00	92	1045	104,503.24	2,974.83
8 HOWARD #27 Last levied on 02/09/2015 at 26%.	(3,324.20)	(2,261.49)	(5,585.69)	11,527.44	44	75	8,649.07	3,063.38
9 MILFORD #32 Last levied on 07/01/2012 at 615%. 2020 is the 9 th of 10 years of waived payments. The remaining 2 years of waived payments (\$19,969.16) will cover the remaining debt and leave money for future repairs - do not levy in 2020.	(3,983.15)	(5,891.64)	(9,874.79)	68,410.90	338			
10 HOWARD #41 Last levied on 07/03/2017 at 19%.	(3,416.24)	(1,326.47)	(4,742.71)	40,051.49	139	25	9,724.08	4,981.37
11 LINCOLN #42 Last levied on 07/01/2013 at 39%.	1,255.58	(4,897.64)	(3,642.06)	6,974.66	49	81	5,683.76	2,041.70

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12 NEW ALBANY #75 Last levied on 07/09/2018 at 30%.	4,699.93	(6,578.70)	(1,878.77)	22,286.19	97	31	6,957.25	5,078.48
13 RICHLAND #81 Last levied on 05/10/1996 at 106%.	2,932.25	(4,500.00)	(1,567.75)	63,025.24	155	11	7,019.61	5,451.86
14 FRANKLIN #95 Last levied on 07/01/2009 at 34%.	1,454.89	(8,240.00)	(6,785.11)	15,165.96	110	64	9,925.86	3,140.75
TOTALS					1,503		453,296.69	

Numbers 5 and 9 are not being levied. Totals do not include those 2 districts.