

DRAINAGE MEETING  
JOINT DISTRICT BOONE #143-STORY #8  
MAY 14, 2025

The Drainage District Trustees of Boone and Story Counties met via Zoom in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider the completion of a tile replacement project in Joint Drainage District Boone #143-Story #8, Story County controlling, and a levy against that same district. Members present were Lisa Heddens, chair, Linda Murken, and Latifah Faisal of Story County and Erich Kretzinger, Shawn Bryant, and Scott Longhorn of Boone County. Also present were Bolton & Menk Drainage Engineer Tyler Conley, Sara Smith from Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), Boone County Drainage Clerk Kaitlynn Moran and Board Secretary Julie Hinman, Story County Engineer Darren Moon, Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, and Communications Assistant Bryce Garman.

Heddens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Murken moved, seconded by Bryant, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Conley reviewed the project and completion documents (on file in the Boone and Story County Auditor's Offices). The project consisted of three divisions – work on private property north of 170<sup>th</sup> Street, work in the 170<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way, and work south of 170<sup>th</sup> Street. IDALS was to pay for the work south of the road, Story County Secondary Roads would pay for work in the right-of-way, and the district would pay for work done north of 170<sup>th</sup> Street plus all engineering fees. The low bid of \$186,000 was amended once, to remove excess construction materials and was further reduced to cover the cost of damages to IDALS caused by project delays. The final payment to the contractor is the 10% retainage of \$18,296.00 to be paid not less than 30 days from today and Conley recommends \$1,807.00 in damages to the private property north of 170<sup>th</sup> Street.

Moran said she had not received any comments or questions from residents of the district about the project.

Wall said he had only heard from the landowner who was due damage payments. That gentleman had called with questions about how the damages were determined and what the future damages were for and had said he would not pursue damages different from Conley's recommendation.

Conley said this project was more complex than anticipated but it is now complete and functioning as intended.

Faisal moved, seconded by Bryant, to approve the recommended damages for G J B & Company north of 170<sup>th</sup> Street. MCU.

Murken moved, seconded by Bryant, to approve the Engineer's Statement of Project Completion. MCU.

Kretzinger moved, seconded by Faisal, to approve the final payment of the 10% retainage to Jet Drain LLC. MCU.

Wall spoke about his recommendation (attached) for a levy against the district. Due to project delays the engineering costs were higher than estimated and the district will have an ending balance of -\$12,956.64 after IDALS and Story County Secondary Roads have submitted their final payments. Wall recommended an assessment of 86% against the district which will leave a carryover of \$5,155.57 after all bills have been paid.

Murken asked when the district was last levied.

Wall said in 2024 at 417% to cover the costs of this project.

Faisal said she was concerned that delays caused by the contractor were being billed to the landowners in the district. Were the delays solely due to the contractor?

Conley said he had no explanation as to why the contractor started the project when they did but it was so late there was no question they would not have met the completion deadline even if there had been no complications. That said there were delays that were outside the contractor's control. The road bore had to be redone, the district tile location/condition was not as depicted on the original plats of the district, and other, lesser issues. He said that most of the delays were due to factors outside the contractor's control.

Kretzinger moved, seconded by Murken, to approve a levy of 86% against Boone #143-Story #8, said levy to be due and payable on or before September 30, 2025. MCU.

Murken moved, seconded by Bryant, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott T. Wall

**BOONE-STORY DRAINAGE DISTRICT LEVY WORKSHEET**

**May 14, 2025**

**JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOONE #143-STORY #8**

Last levied on 05/28/2024 at 417%. Engineering costs exceeded estimates due to issues with the contractor not completing the project on time.

Current Balance:	-\$18,770.28
Expected Billings:	\$20,603.00 (\$18,296.00 - 10% retainage, \$1,807.00 – crop damages, \$500.00 – project administration)
Expected Debt:	-\$39,373.28
Expected Income:	\$26,416.64 (\$14,976.64 – IDALS, \$11,440.00 – Story County Secondary Roads)
Expected End Balance:	-\$12,956.64
Desired End Balance:	\$5,000.00
Recommended Levy:	\$17,956.64

There are 81 tax parcels in the district in Story County

The Original Assessment for the district is \$21,060.71

An 86% levy will generate \$18,112.21. Subtracting \$12,956.64 leaves a \$5,155.57 carryover.

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOONE #143-STORY #8

NUMBER OF ASSESSMENT: 24th

The Boards of Supervisors of Story and Boone Counties, serving in their capacity as Drainage District Trustees met at the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA at 9:00 a.m. on May 14, 2025.

Members present were: Lisa Heddens, Linda Murken, Latifah Faisal, Erich Kretzinger, Shawn Bryant, Scott Longhorn

Members absent were: None

Motion by Kretzinger, seconded by Murken, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, for the above-mentioned drainage district, routine repairs and maintenance have been required leaving a current balance of -\$12,956.64. Pursuant to the Iowa Code Chapter 468.127, a drainage district shall have a balance which the Board of Trustees deems desirable:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, there is hereby levied and assessed, and confirmed against all lands, lots, and highways within the above-mentioned drainage district situated in Story and Boone Counties, Iowa an assessment equal in amount to 86% of the amount of the original assessment of \$21,060.71 on said drainage district. Any assessment on any tract, parcel, or lot within the district which is computed at less than five dollars shall be fixed at the sum of five dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said assessment bear interest at the rate of 1.5% per month from and after September 30, 2025, and that the County Auditors are hereby directed to certify said assessment to the County Treasurers for collection as by law provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessment against the Counties of Story and Boone for benefits to the county roads and highways in said drainage district, if any, be paid and the County Auditors are hereby authorized to issue a warrant in the amount of the said assessment in full payment.

AYES : Heddens, Murken, Faisal, Kretzinger, Bryant, Longhorn

NAYS : None

ABSENT : None

The chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

  
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Chairperson, Board of Trustees

  
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Story County Auditor