

DRAINAGE MEETING
DISTRICTS GRANT #5 & HOWARD #46
MARCH 8, 2022

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider Final Plans and Specifications for an open ditch repair in Drainage District Grant #5 and to receive the Engineer's Report: Annexation and the Commissioners' Report: Reclassification, both in Drainage District Howard #46 (all reports are on file in the Story County Auditor's Office). Members present were Latifah Faisal, chair, Linda Murken, and Lisa Heddens. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon, Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, and Communications and Social Media Intern Bryce Garman and Engineers Kent Rode and Tyler Conley from Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Faisal called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

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

Rode briefly summarized the Plans and Specifications for the repair of the open ditch in Grant #5. The plans were prepared following a meeting with many of the landowners in the district then finalized after a second meeting with the landowners on February 28, 2022. The trees and brush, which are predominately in the south part of the ditch, will be removed but only spot repairs to damaged tiles entering the ditch and to bank washouts will be performed along the entire the ditch. The estimated cost of this reduced project is \$234,000. Rode recommended that the trustees direct him to move forward with a bid letting on March 31 and awarding of a contract on April 5.

Murken asked if the estimated cost of the reduced project represented a savings over the full ditch repair.

Wall said the initial estimate to repair the entire ditch in 2016/2017 was \$531,000. This was revised in a subsequent report and, though he did not recall that amount, it was certainly higher than the original estimate.

Rode said the current proposal still calls for a full clearing and grubbing of trees and brush in and along the ditch. What is different from the full proposal is that the ditch will not be dredged out and reshaped along its entire length. Only necessary repairs will be made – damaged tile outlets, ditch bank collapses, beaver dams, etc.

Murken asked if doing the reduced project will mean that we will be revisiting the same issues in the open ditch in the near future.

Rode said you can't really give a timeline but they generally expect a full repair to last for 15-20 years without major problems. With the partial project it might be 10-20 years but so much is dependent on weather and preventative maintenance.

Heddens moved, seconded by Murken, to accept the Final Plans and Specifications for the repair of the open ditch in Drainage District Grant #5 and to direct the engineer to move forward with a bid letting at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2022 and the awarding of the contract at 9:00 a.m. on April 5, 2022. MCU.

Rode discussed the Annexation Report for Drainage District Howard #46. The original Engineer's Report recommended annexing additional lands extending into Hamilton County but that was rejected by the trustees of both Hamilton and Story Counties. The Annexation Report recommends the annexation of five Story County properties contiguous to the existing district and held by three different owners. Those owners will have the opportunity to protest the annexation at a public hearing not less than 20 days from

now. Rode recommended that hearing be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 19. The trustees also need to approve a Resolution of Necessity (submitted with the materials for this meeting) for the annexation today.

Faisal asked what kind of notice the landowners will receive. Will it be clear to them if their property is being annexed?

Wall said all of the district landowners and the owners of the proposed annexation areas will be sent a letter, notifying them of the upcoming hearing. The notice that will be published in the paper will be included with the letter. He will tailor the letter for the properties proposed for annexation specifically toward those properties so they are aware of who they are and the rest of the landowners' letters will state that they are already in the district and not being annexed.

Murken moved, seconded by Heddens, to adopt the Resolution of Necessity (attached) for the annexation of additional lands into Drainage District Howard #46. MCU.

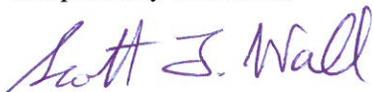
Rode reviewed the Reclassification Report. There are five separate schedules in the new classification. Two are for Main Tiles A and B. Main Tile A is where the improvement work was done and will bear the bulk of the expense. Main Tile B will share in the costs of the Engineer's Report and the reclassification. The schedules for Main A and B are based on the project costs. The other 3 schedules are for branch tiles in the district and will not be levied separately for the current project. Rode said he would go into a lot of detail on the classification process at the April 19 hearing and could go into more detail now if the trustees wish.

Heddens moved, seconded by Murken, to acknowledge receipt of the Engineer's Report: Annexation and the Commissioners' Report: Reclassification of Benefits for Drainage District Howard #46. MCU.

Murken moved, seconded by Heddens, to hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on April 19, 2022 to present the reports to the landowners in Drainage District Howard #46 and to consider adopting the reports as the basis for future assessments. MCU.

Heddens moved, seconded by Murken, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott T. Wall

**Resolution of Necessity for
the Annexation of Additional Land
and
Appointment of Engineer**

The Story County Board of Supervisors, acting as Drainage District Trustees, announced that this is the time set for action on the Resolution of Necessity and Appointment of Engineer. After discussion of the resolution, any objections thereto, and any other related matters, the following action was taken.

Board Member Murken introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption. Board Member Heddens seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:

Ayes: Murken, Heddens, Faisal

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the following resolution duly adopted:

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL LAND INTO STORY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 46 HOWARD AND APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER.

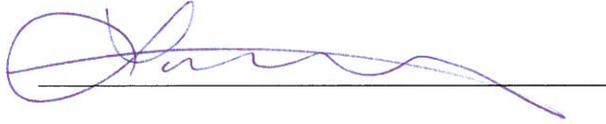
WHEREAS, an Engineer's Report dated December 1, 2020 by Kent L. Rode, P.E., has been filed with the governing board of the district, at its regular or special meeting held on the 19th day of January, 2021, proposing that additional lands be included in Drainage District No. 46 Howard, Story County.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 468.119(1), this Board is convinced that only those additional lands within Story County as set forth in the preliminary engineer's report, and contiguous to Drainage District No. 46 Howard, are materially benefitted by the drainage district improvement, or that the same are receiving benefit or will be benefitted by a repair or improvement to this district as contemplated in section 468.126, and it is necessary to adopt a resolution of necessity for the annexation of such additional land and appoint a qualified engineer to examine such additional lands, to make a survey and plat thereof showing their relation, elevation, and condition of drainage with reference to the district, and to make and file with the auditor a report specifying the character of the benefits received.

WHEREFORE, this Board appoints Kent L. Rode, P.E., of Bolton & Menk, Inc., Algona, Iowa, as engineer to conduct the examination, make a survey and file the necessary report with

the auditor as set forth above.

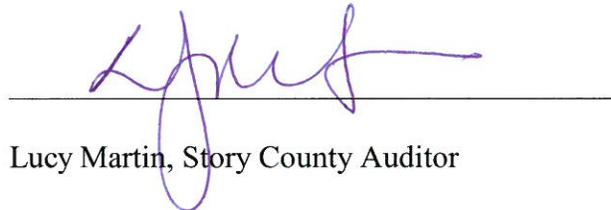
Passed and approved this 8th day of March, 2022.

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Latifah Faisal, Chairperson

Story County Board of Supervisors as Trustees

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Martin', written over a horizontal line.

Lucy Martin, Story County Auditor