

5/22/2013 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 P.m.

1.I. Consider Levies For Deficiency Against Drainage Districts Warren #11, Palestine #23, Grant #35, Howard #44, And Colo-New Albany #9 & 48.

The Drainage District Trustees of Story County met in the Board Conference Room of the Story County Administration Building to discuss levies against 11 drainage districts in Story County (see attached). Members present were Rick Sanders, chair, Paul Toot, and Wayne Clinton. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon, Conservation Director Mike Cox, Vegetation Management Biologist Joe Kooiker, Vegetation Management Specialist Tyler Kelley, and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall.

Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and asked Wall about the districts being levied for deficiency.

Wall said all five of these districts had insufficient funds to pay for repairs done by the County Engineer's tile crew and IRVM. Most are being levied such that they will have a balance of about \$2,000 after expenses are paid. Colo-New Albany #9 & 48 is being levied higher as it has been a fairly active district and Warren #11 will have a \$5,000 balance due to there being more potential problems in that district. It was the subject of an engineering report three years ago which was shelved when the land owners protested the expense of the proposed repairs.

Kelley said they had done some tree removal in Warren #11 and anticipated more work in that district. Kooiker said there are still brush piles to be burned from the tree removal IRVM has done to date.

Clinton moved, seconded by Toot, to approve the levies of Drainage Districts Warren #11, Palestine #23, Grant #35, Howard #44, and Colo-New Albany #9 & 48 at the percentages of their original assessed values recommended by the drainage clerk, said levies to be dated May 22, 2013 with payments due on or before September 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Wall said the six districts being levied for repairs were all being targeted by IRVM for removal of trees from the open ditches as part of the county's preventative maintenance program.

Kelley said he was comfortable with the recommended levy amounts. Kooiker concurred saying IRVM is still learning how the new program will work but the estimated costs are based on experience and aren't simply guesswork.

Clinton asked if the County's website can be used to get information about the open ditch maintenance out to the public. Sanders and Toot concurred that the website is a useful tool for putting information on the County's activities before the public. It should not supplant personal contact with landowners on whose property the work will take place. Wall said there is a note that goes out with each assessment notice stating what work was done since the previous levy and he can expand on that with regards to the ditch maintenance.

Toot moved, seconded by Clinton, to approve the levies of Drainage Districts Grant #5, Richland #20, Franklin #39, Lincoln #42, Collins #51, and Union #114 at the percentages of their original assessed values recommended by the drainage clerk, said levies to be dated May 22, 2013 with payments due on or before September 30, 2013. MCU.

Toot moved, seconded by Clinton, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall

1.II. Consider Levies For Repair Against Drainage Districts Grant #5, Richland #20, Franklin #39, Lincoln #42, Collins #51, And Union #114.