

DRAINAGE MEETING  
MULTIPLE DISTRICTS  
MAY 27, 2014

The Drainage District Trustees of Story County met in the board conference room at the Story County Administration Building to consider levies for deficiency and repair against several Story County Drainage Districts (see attached list). Members present were Paul Toot, chair, Rick Sanders, and Wayne Clinton. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon, Vegetation Management Specialist Tyler Reynolds, and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall.

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

Wall said there were 8 districts whose funds were not adequate to cover the cost of repairs performed by secondary roads over the past year. The only difference from previous years' levies is that Wall is recommending higher ending balances for most districts. For districts with original assessed values of \$15,000 or more Wall is raising the carryover from \$3,000 to \$5,000. This is in response to the rising cost of repairs, the increasing frequency of repairs as the districts age, and the preventative cleaning of brush by the county's IRVM program. He is bumping some smaller districts carryover to \$3,000 from \$2,000 but the very smallest districts such as Richland #20A are staying with a \$1,000 carryover. The Code of Iowa allows the trustees to maintain a district fund balance they deem appropriate.

Clinton asked about notifying land owners of our rationale for levying the districts. Wall said the Code states the trustees may, at any time, make repairs as they see fit without notification to land owners in the districts. Clinton wondered if something to that effect could be placed on the county's website.

Sanders moved, seconded by Clinton, to levy the 8 districts in question per the drainage clerk's recommendation, said levies to be due on or before September 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Wall said there were 3 districts to be levied for repair. The difference between them and the levies for deficiency is that levies for repair are in districts where the work has yet to be performed. In this case IRVM anticipates brush clearing in Grant #5 and Warren #11 in 2014 and 2015 and Secondary Roads has an estimate for a repair in Howard #29 that has yet to be made.

Sanders asked if the due date for the levies for repair was the same as for the levies for deficiency. Wall confirmed that all district levies were due September 30.

Sanders moved, seconded by Clinton, to levy the 3 districts in question per the drainage clerk's recommendation, said levies to be due on or before September 30, 2014. MCU.

Sanders moved, seconded by Clinton, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall