

DRAINAGE MEETING
JOINT DISTRICT HARDIN #35-STORY #1
JULY 14, 2015

The Drainage District Trustees of Story County met in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider a prior action by the Hardin County Trustees to hire Ryken Engineering to prepare an Engineering Report on repairs or improvements to Joint Drainage District Hardin #35-Story #1, Hardin County controlling. Members present were Rick Sanders, chair, and Paul Toot. Also present were Story County Engineer Darren Moon and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall.

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

Wall said he had received an email request from the Hardin County Drainage Clerk on June 18 asking that the Story County Drainage District Trustees approve an action by the Hardin County Trustees to retain Ryken Engineering to prepare an Engineer's Report on possible repairs or improvements to their district Hardin #25 and to our joint district Hardin #35-Story #1, of which Hardin #25 is a sub-district. The meeting in Hardin County on June 17 was for landowners in Hardin #25 but one owner said that if repairs were made to the tile in Hardin #25 without considering the main tile for Hardin #35-Story #1, which is the outlet for Hardin #25, there was no point in making any repairs.

The Hardin County Trustees therefore moved to hire Ryken Engineering to prepare a report covering both districts and are requesting that the Story County Trustees approve their action for Joint District Hardin #35-Story #1 (Hardin County minutes and supporting documentation attached). Because Hardin #25 is a sub-district of Hardin #35-Story #1 its landowners are also part of the joint district but not all joint district landowners were involved in the meeting. Wall pointed out that the Story County Trustees have approved Engineer's Reports without holding a public hearing as there is often very little to discuss until a report is available. Ideally the Hardin County Trustees would have involved Story County before requesting the report and we will be involved going forward from this point.

Sanders concurred and emphasized that we, and all Hardin #35-Story #1 landowners, needed to be included in all future meetings once the Engineer's Report is completed. Wall said he had been assured that this would be the case.

Toot moved, seconded by Sanders, to approve the action by the Hardin County Drainage District Trustees to contract with Ryken Engineering to prepare an Engineer's Report covering options for repairs or improvements to Joint Drainage District Hardin #35-Story #1 and its sub-district, Hardin #25. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Sanders turned the discussion to Story County Drainage District Richland #20 and the collapsed tile under the Union Pacific Railroad Right-of-way. He asked Moon if the tile had completely collapsed. Moon said it was collapsing and it appears the railroad filled it in with rock to prevent the road bed from settling.

Sanders referred to an email from Kent Rode recommending the trustees retain legal counsel to deal with any issues that may arise between the district and the rail road. Sanders had spoken with County Attorney Stephen Holmes and Holmes would like to represent the trustees rather than bring in outside counsel. Sanders requested that Kent Rode meet with Holmes the next time Rode is in the area.

Toot moved, seconded by Sanders, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall