

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MINUTES
JOINT DISTRICT MARSHALL-STORY #1
AUGUST 19, 2015

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met in the Public Meeting Room of the Administration Building in Nevada, IA to hear a progress report on the improvement project in Joint Drainage District Marshall-Story #1, Story County controlling. Members present were Rick Sanders, chair, Paul Toot, and Wayne Clinton. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall and Kent Rode and Kirk Frederiksen, both of I & S Group.

Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked Rode to talk about the status of the Marshall-Story #1 improvement.

Rode said as everyone is aware there has been a lot of rain this year. Ames has had 25" since May 1 and Rode wishes they had a rain gauge at the project site. He showed photos from July 1 to July 14 showing the effect of large rain events in late June and early July on the construction. On July 1 water was flowing over Binford Avenue where the open ditch intersects the road. Approximately 1,336 cubic yards of dirt washed down from above the outlet structure which Gehrke will have to remove from the open ditch but the ditch itself held up pretty well. Rode said Gehrke should be reimbursed for the additional dirt work since it was caused by events beyond their control. This will amount to about \$4,700 additional but there may be more dirt after this week's rain. It is also possible that a lot of the dirt was flushed out of the ditch. They won't know for sure until the water goes down. In the area of the new outlet there has been considerable erosion, particularly along a diversion channel Gehrke cut while they worked on the outlet which will require a lot of dirt to fill in.

Sanders asked what kind of job Gehrke has been doing so far. Rode said they have been doing a good job but the weather has kept them from getting a lot done.

Clinton asked how many landowners are being impacted by the construction work. Rode said primarily the Livelys and Edlers though there are 3 or 4 other landowners with some holdings along the main tile.

The contract completion date is November 1 but Rode said he is not optimistic about meeting that deadline. He hopes I & S can get out in the field next week to shoot elevations and determine how much additional dirt work needs to be done. That will give him a clearer picture of how much more time will be necessary. Given more "normal" weather conditions going forward the project can still be finished before next year's planting season.

Toot didn't think the delays were unreasonable given the weather. He and Sanders both emphasized that the project needs to be completed prior to the next planting season.

Sanders said the landowners should understand of the delays due to weather but as soon as there is a stretch of good weather they will expect to see crews working on the district. Does Gehrke have the staff needed to mobilize quickly once they can get back in the field? Rode said he will emphasize to Gehrke the urgency to move forward on this project.

Clinton moved, seconded by Toot to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously (MCU). Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall