

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING  
DISTRICT GRANT #5  
AUGUST 20, 2015

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met in the Public Meeting Room of the Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider a request for an Engineer's Report on the possible annexation of additional lands into Drainage District Grant #5. Members present were Rick Sanders, chair, Paul Toot, and Wayne Clinton. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall and Josh Gerig of Murray Wise Associates LLC.

Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Wall said he had spoken with Gerig on a couple of occasions and shown him some of the district records for Grant #5. Gerig represents landowner Black Dirt Farms LC and requested this meeting to investigate the flow of surface water into Grant #5 from outside the district.

Gerig said Black Dirt Farms owns land in Section 29 of Milford Township at the north (top) end of Grant #5. After looking at maps of the district boundaries he and his clients believe that water from land outside the district is surface draining into Grant #5 and they would like to have an engineering study done to determine the actual watershed of the district. Gerig also thinks the construction of Interstate 35 may have altered the natural drainage that existed when Grant #5 was established.

Sanders asked Moon if he felt Gerig's concerns merited an engineering study. Moon said he is familiar with the area and it would be worth investigating the District's watershed. Moon had found a letter from an attorney representing another land owner in Grant #5 (attached) dealing with drainage issues. There is no record of any action having been taken on the letter which appears to be concerned with an area in Sections 16 and 22 of Grant Township.

Clinton asked if there were other issues in Grant #5 that should be looked at in conjunction with the watershed. Wall said the district is served by an open ditch south of Lincoln Way that has had numerous issues with trees and brush and IRVM has been removing trees from the ditch over the last 2 years but that is well south of the area Gerig is concerned about.

Sanders said he felt a good first step would be to request a preliminary report on the watershed of Grant #5 to see if there are lands that should be annexed by the district.

Gerig stated that he thinks the existing district tile is undersized for what is in the district now. The inflow of additional surface water is adding to the inability of the tile to adequately drain the land.

Sanders said increasing the capacity of the tile would be an improvement and would lead to significant expenses for the district. He thinks an investigation of the watershed is still the place to start then see where that investigation leads.

All those present gathered around a large map of Grant #5 along with several smaller maps presented by Gerig (attached) to see where the surface drainage was coming into the district.

Toot moved, seconded by Clinton, to direct Moon to contact I & S Group and request that they prepare a preliminary report on the watershed of Grant #5. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Toot moved, seconded by Clinton, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall