

DRAINAGE MINUTES  
DISTRICT RICHLAND #20  
NOVEMBER 3, 2015

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met in Conference Room A of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider a request to appoint two right-of-way appraisers for an ongoing project in Drainage District Richland #20. Members present were Rick Sanders, chair, Paul Toot, and Wayne Clinton. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon, Project Engineer Kent Rode from I & S Group, and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall.

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

Rode said because the project involves replacing the main tile along the east side of the Union Pacific Railroad with an open drainage ditch the district must acquire right-of-way easements along the new ditch. The Code of Iowa requires that the trustees appoint two appraisers to assist Rode in setting a value on the area to be included in the easement. These must be landowners in Story County who do not hold any land in the drainage district.

Sanders asked if the appraisers had to be appointed today.

Rode said the trustees need to approve the selection of the two appraisers today but can select the individuals at any time following the meeting.

Clinton moved, seconded by Sanders, to direct Toot and Wall to find two qualified individuals to act as right-of-way appraisers in Richland #20. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Rode said the Union Pacific must inspect and approve the design plans for the project. They require a fee of \$505.00 before they will review the plans. Additionally a Section 404 permit application must be filed with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps may or may not have jurisdiction but they will make that determination once the application has been filed.

Wall said if Rode can get the correct mailing address for the Union Pacific's fee he will submit a claim form and mail the warrant to Rode for submission to the UP with the design plans.

Toot said he's heard from a couple of landowners who question the need to replace the existing tile with an open ditch. Toot has spoken to the engineer's tile foreman who told Toot the tile in question is shot. If the district improves drainage under the railroad from the west the existing tile will not be able to handle the increased load and will likely fail.

Toot moved, seconded by Clinton, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall