

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MINUTES
DISTRICT COLLINS #56
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met to consider a request from the City of Collins for financial assistance from Drainage District Collins #56 on a storm sewer project in the city. Members present were Paul Toot, chair, Rick Sanders, and Wayne Clinton. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall and Collins Mayor Brent Comegys and another representative of the city.

Toot called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Comegys said Collins has a long history of flooding and the city has recently undertaken substantial upgrades to their storm sewers near the Collins #56 main tile from Main Street to just west of 1st Avenue. They've spent \$400,000 to date and need to work on the area from Main Street to the east of the homes along 4th Avenue. Because the project will benefit the district by reducing the amount of water entering the tile the city is requesting that the district contribute \$49,000 to the cost of the remaining \$100,000 in storm sewer improvements (see attached emails).

The trustees felt that it is likely not permissible for the drainage district to contribute to work on anything that is not a district facility, regardless of whether that work would be beneficial to the district. They support what Collins has done so far and what the city still plans to do but do not believe financial support from the district will be legally possible.

Moon mentioned that the City of Kelley recently completed a storm sewer project in which they placed a storm sewer line adjacent to an existing drainage district tile. In that case Kelley did not approach the trustees about cost sharing nor did Moon believe that cost sharing between the city and the district would have been possible. This looks like the same kind of situation.

Comegys said if the district cannot legally assist with Collins' project he understands but this has been a large financial burden on the city and they need to investigate any possible sources of funding.

Toot said he would talk to the County Attorney about the legality of the City of Collins' request.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall

Following the meeting Paul Toot did contact the County Attorney and they advised that it was not permissible under the Code of Iowa for Drainage District Collins #56 to assist the City of Collins with their storm sewer project. This information was emailed to Brent Comegys and he acknowledged the receipt of same.