

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING
JOINT DISTRICT MARSHALL-STORY #1
MARCH 22, 2016

The Drainage District Trustees of Marshall and Story Counties met in a telephone conference call in Conference Room A of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to receive the Commissioner's Report: Reclassification of Benefits for Joint Drainage District Marshall-Story #1, Story County controlling. Members present were Paul Toot, chair, Rick Sanders, and Wayne Clinton of Story County and Denny Grabenbauer, Bill Patten, and Dave Thompson of Marshall County. Also present were Story County Engineer Darren Moon, Deputy Auditor Julie Erickson, and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, Marshall County Engineer Paul Geilenfeldt and Drainage Clerk Whitney Hunt, Kent Rode and Nick Frederiksen from I & S Group, and landowner Bill Papenberg.

Toot called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Rode gave a brief history of the classification of Marshall-Story #1. Prior to the recently completed district improvement project there was a single classification for the district dating from the district's establishment on December 12, 1906. A preliminary reclassification was presented to the landowners at a meeting in State Center on April 22, 2015 when the construction contract was awarded. The new classification (on file in the offices of the Story and Marshall County Auditors) includes a refined version of the preliminary classification which will be used to pay for the improvement project. For future maintenance 17 separate assessment schedules have been prepared so that landowners will only help pay for work that directly benefits their land.

Rode reviewed the factors considered in assigning benefits to drainage in Marshall-Story #1. The proposed reclassification was presented to two commissioners (landowners outside the district) appointed by the Story and Marshall County Trustees on March 2, 2016 and they did not find any fault with the process or its results.

Frederiksen went over the reclassification process using the same maps the commissioners had viewed to illustrate how each factor contributes to the final classification. He went through the process used to create the schedule for this project. The process is the same for each of the 17 schedules to be used after this project so Frederiksen did not cover each of the new schedules.

Papenberg said the classification should have been redone a long time ago. If it had maybe some of the issues the district is facing today wouldn't exist.

Grabenbauer said the reclassification wasn't done earlier and there's no use worrying about what was or was not done under the previous trustees. The district needs to move forward with completing this project and implementing the new classification schedules.

Sanders said he believes we are on the right track in Marshall-Story #1 with the tile improvement and the new assessment schedules.

Sanders moved, seconded by Grabenbauer, to accept the Commissioner's Report: Reclassification Schedules as submitted by I & S, Inc. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Rode said a public hearing would have to be scheduled at least 40 days from today which is May 1. The trustees felt that since most landowners would be busy with farming in May it would be better to schedule the meeting in June.

Wall said the district needs to be levied before May 31. Any assessments certified to the Treasurer after May 31 will not be delinquent until September 30, 2017. Wall said a meeting during the week of May 15 would give adequate time to prepare an assessment under the new schedule and bring it before the trustees.

Sanders moved, seconded by Patten, to hold a public hearing in State Center, IA at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18 to present the new classification schedules to the landowners in Marshall-Story #1. MCU.

Clinton moved, seconded by Grabenbauer, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall