

DRAINAGE MEETING
JOINT DISTRICT BOONE #93B-STORY #4
DECEMBER 7, 2016

The Drainage District Trustees of Boone and Story Counties met in a telephone conference call in Conference Room A in the Story County Administration Building to consider a petition for an engineering study by a landowner in Joint Drainage District Boone #93B-Story #4, Boone County controlling, and that landowner's offer to pay for the study. Members present were Tom Foster, chair, Stephen Duffy, and Chet Hollingshead of Boone County and Rick Sanders and Wayne Clinton of Story County. Also present were Boone County Auditor Philippe Meier and Drainage Clerk Kaitlynn Olesen, Story County Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, Kent Rode of ISG, landowner and petitioner Shane Dunphy, and Alex Thornton and Kyle Riley of HR Green.

Foster called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Riley said HR Green has been retained by Dunphy to perform a survey and engineering study of his property in the drainage district. The property has been subjected to frequent flooding and Dunphy hopes to minimize or eliminate the risk of future inundation of his property. There is a district tile (Lateral A) in the vicinity which may or may not factor into the final solution.

Rode said he feels Lateral A is undersized for what the area needs. This district is a priority watershed, at least where it includes College Creek and there may be outside funds available, although probably not for any work on Lateral A. Rode believes there are issues in the entire district and it would be beneficial to look at the entire area.

Foster asked if there should be an informal hearing with the landowners before initiating any studies.

Sanders asked Rode doesn't any project like this start with a study?

Rode agreed that that was the first step.

Sanders asked if there was any reason the district should not accept Dunphy's offer to pay for an initial study that might benefit other landowners in the district. If the trustees accept Dunphy's proposal the district can hold a hearing once the report has been completed and they have something to present to the landowners.

Riley said when HR Green was first contacted about this they were going to focus on just Dunphy's property but it looks like a larger area needs to be considered.

Sanders doesn't think the trustees should stand in the way if a private landowner wants to something for his property that might also benefit other properties in the district as long as they understand that the trustees will not necessarily take that report's findings and recommendations at face value.

Rode said he believed there are other issues with the wider district and the trustees should not restrict themselves to just Lateral A.

Wall said the district was reclassified in 2009 when the main tile was replaced. The reclassification broke the district into sub-districts with the area served by Lateral A as on such sub-district. During the 2009 project the owners of the trailer park which is also served by Lateral A expressed concern about the flooding in their area but no formal requests were made and lateral A was not made a part of the 2009 project. Wall does not recall landowners in other parts of the district stating concerns about district tile that served their lands. The proposed study will only benefit Lateral A and Wall does not see a need to involve the entire district at this time.

Participants in both counties looked at maps of the district. Wall noted that there were discrepancies between where the original plat of the district shows Lateral A and where the MHF Engineering map from 2009 shows Lateral A. Wall does not believe Lateral A has been precisely located.

Rode said there is an intake on the north side of Lincoln Way which he believes is at the upstream end of Lateral A.

Foster asked where the trustees wanted to go with this issue.

Clinton said he was in agreement with Sanders and favored allowing Dunphy and HR Green to proceed.

Sanders moved, seconded by Hollingshead, to accept Mr. Dunphy's proposal to pay for an engineering study of the area served by Boone #93B-Story #4 Lateral A. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Foster asked how long the study would take.

Riley said the survey will be completed this month. Their contract specifies that the report be completed by the end of February but he thinks it will be done by the end of January.

Sanders moved, seconded by Duffy, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall