

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING
DISTRICT GRANT #5
JANUARY 4, 2018

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to select a project engineer for the proposed Drainage District Grant #5 improvement. Members present were Rick Sanders, chair, Martin Chitty, and Lauris Olson. Also present were County Engineer Darren Moon, Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, two landowners in Grant #5, and Kent Rode, Tyler Connelly, and Matthew Ferrier from Bolton & Menk.

Sanders called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Grant #5 project began about two years ago and last March an engineering report was presented to the landowners in the district. Based on that meeting an addendum to the report was filed with the trustees last November. Following the filing of the addendum the project engineer, Kent Rode, left his company, I & S Group, when they closed their Algona, IA office. Rode is now with Bolton & Menk and would like to continue working on Grant #5. I & S Group would also like to continue working on Grant #5 and the trustees have met separately with representatives of both firms. A public hearing is scheduled for March 20 of this year and the trustees need to select an engineer and keep the project moving forward.

Chitty said he would prefer to continue working with Rode on the Grant #5 project. Based on Story County's and Chitty's experience with both Rode and Connelly over the last year or more, and on feedback he's gotten from landowners in Grant #5, everyone is satisfied with the work that has been done so far and Rode has established a good rapport with the landowners.

Olson said with the first version of the engineer's report already presented to the landowners and the knowledge base that Rode and Connelly have concerning Grant #5 the trustees and the district would be best served by retaining Rode as the project engineer.

Sanders concurred with Chitty and Olson. He feels it is important to the landowners in Grant #5 to keep a sense of continuity as the project goes forward. For the landowners Rode has been the face of this project.

Moon said he was comfortable with selecting Bolton & Menk for the Grant #5 project.

Sanders moved, seconded by Chitty, that, for the Grant #5 project, the trustees retain Bolton & Menk as their engineering firm with the understanding that Rode and Connelly will continue their roles on the project and request that I & S Group turn over all materials they have prepared on Grant #5 to Story County. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Chitty moved, seconded by Olson, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall