

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING  
JOINT DISTRICT HAMILTON #105-STORY #1  
APRIL 10, 2018

The Hamilton and Story County Drainage District Trustees met in a telephone conference call in Conference Room A at the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider a levy (attached) against Joint Drainage District Hamilton #105-Story #1, Story County controlling. Members present were Rick Sanders, chair, Martin Chitty, and Lauris Olson of Story County and David Young, Dan Campidilli, and Doug Bailey of Hamilton County. Also present were Story County Vegetation Management Biologist Joe Kooiker, Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, and candidate for supervisor Linda Murken and Hamilton County Auditor Kim Schaa.

Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Kooiker said the #105-#1 open ditch was cleaned of brush and trees a few years ago and Story County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) sprayed it last year to control regrowth. It cost \$3,000 to treat the 4.5 miles of open ditch in the district. Initially it was thought that the ditch could be sprayed every 3 years but the ditches we have cleaned so far are needing treatment every two years. Perhaps in the future that can be stretched to 3 or 4 years but not presently. This levy should take us through two treatment cycles. Another issue is beaver dams. With most of the woody plants removed IRVM is now seeing beaver dams made of cornstalks, lawn furniture, and even a couple of TV's. It costs about \$1,000 for a contractor to remove a beaver dam. IRVM is also working with a wildlife control specialist to remove the beavers. It cost \$400 to remove two beavers from another district in Story County.

Wall said he based this levy on IRVM's request for \$10,000. Because of the large original assessed value of the district (\$54,500) Wall would like to see a \$3,000 carryover so he is recommending a 24% levy which will generate \$13,080. The district balance is currently \$250.56 so the carryover will be \$3,330.56.

Young said Hamilton County has been spraying their open ditches for 25 years on a 3-year schedule and they are glad to see Story County being more proactive in drainage district maintenance. They don't have any TV's in their beaver dams but obviously, the only way to get rid of the dams is to remove the beavers. Hamilton County is completely behind what Story County is doing.

Sanders said we are trying to model ourselves after Hamilton County but we have a lot of catching up to do.

Young moved, seconded by Chitty, to levy Hamilton #105-Story #1 at 24% of its original assessed value, said levy to be dated July 1, 2018 with assessments due and payable on or before October 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Bailey moved, seconded by Olson, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wall