

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 11/24/34/37/49/52  
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 11/24/34/37/49/52, Worth County, Iowa met at the Worth County courthouse at 8:00 A.M. CST, March 7, 2023.

Members present: Enos Loberg, Chairperson  
A.J. Stone, Vice-Chairperson  
Mark Smeby, Supervisor

Also present: Jacki Backhaus, Auditor  
Valerie Paulson, Drainage Clerk  
Bolton & Menk: Jacob Hagen, Jon  
Rosengren, Alex Petiti  
Landowners: Greg Goplerud, Kim  
Olson, Carolyn Ryan, Randi Johnson,  
Bill Newton, Rom Edgingtor, Peg  
Kunz, Bill Kunz, Doug Meyer, Bruce  
Loverink, Mike Stevens, Josh  
Rosenberg, Jim Rosenberg, Marilyn  
Stayner, James Sletten  
Via Zoom: Sheryl Jahnel, Arlen,  
Nate, Wayne Trenhaile, Jean  
Gullickson

Motion by AJ Stone, second by Mark Smeby, to open Public Hearing for Annexation to DD #11, DD 24, DD 34, DD 37, DD 49 and DD 52 at 8:00 A.M.

Jon Rosengren with Bolton & Menk spoke about proposed annexation of 9,840 acres to DD #11. He explained common outlet and use of the facilities with the surrounding districts. There is an amendment for lands in Northwood that was filed previously with DD #13. It was found that there is some storm sewer that takes water to the West. The following is proposed annexation: 195.63 acres to DD #34, 7.3 acres to DD #24, 156.87 acres to DD #52, 101.42 acres to DD #49, and no proposed annexation for DD #37.

Public concern about DD #49 section 2. Discussion about outlet into Deer Creek and surface water. It was suggested that landowners bring in maps to decide direction of water. Maps can be given to Drainage Clerk Val Paulson in the Auditor's Office. Discussion was made to continue the hearing for another date so modifications can be made.

Public discussion about Minnesota water, the state line road damn, the restrictor on 510<sup>th</sup> from the Army Corp. AJ Stone advised this issue may have to be directed to Attorney Jim Hudson to see what the landowner's options are. Landowners may have to get a petition together. Bolton & Menk said they may have engineers in Minnesota they can reach out to.

Motion by AJ Stone, second by Mark Smeby, carried to continue Annexation Hearing to Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.

Motion by AJ Stone, second by Mark Smeby, to open Public Hearing for Reclassification to DD 11, DD 24, DD 34, DD 37, DD 49 and DD 52 at 9:00 A.M.

Jon Rosengren with Bolton & Menk discussed reclassification for DD #11 and surrounding districts. Each district will have their own schedule. Most of these have not been updated since the 1970's. Different factors are used in classification which include: use, proximity and wetness factor. Discussion about tiled in vs tiled out and surface in vs surface out.

Jacob Hagen explained there is an amendment for lands in Northwood that was filed previously with DD #13.

Public question asking about a project and how much they would be billed. Jacob advised there is no project at this time. He explained that the dollar amount on the reports is not the amount that would be assessed, these are just rounded numbers which are easier for figuring. Assessments are done in the fall, but these districts will probably not be assessed until next fall given the meeting is continued for a few months.

Public question about why they are charged more the closer they are to the river? Concern about water being pushed across their land that is closer to the river and surface water from other parcels. Discussion about size of pipe and how it is not considered in assessments. Jon Rosengren answered these questions.

Discussion about the Deer Creek Watershed Project and sediment. They were built with sediment basins and are currently not full. Jon doesn't see any projects or work in the near future, they are up to date on modern design standards.

Cost of reports were discussed. DD #11 costs about \$2.90 an acre and the districts all together cost about \$3.00 an acre.

Motion by AJ Stone, second by Mark Smeby, carried to continue Reclassification Hearing to Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.



Enos Loberg  
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Valerie Paulson  
Drainage Clerk