

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 18  
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 18, Worth County, Iowa met at the Worth County courthouse at 9:00 A.M. CST, July 8, 2024.

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

Also present:            Jacki Backhaus, Auditor  
                              Valerie Paulson, Drainage Clerk  
                              Jacob Hagen, Bolton & Menk (via Zoom)  
                              Colton Cunningham, Bolton & Menk  
                              Landowners: Eliot Evans, Arlyn Tenold,  
                              Paul Tenold, Andrew Tenold, Carol J.  
                              Abbey, Rich Lindflott, Mark Hanna, Jason  
                              Woods, Nate (via Zoom)

Informational meeting held to discuss possible repairs and or improvements that are needed for DD No. 14.

Colton Cunningham discussed the prior report made by Jonathan Rosengren back in 2016. The report is less than 10 years old and can be used with a few modifications.

They are recommending a 36" tile to give the district a standard 1/2" coefficient. The current tile is 20" which is undersized only giving 1/10" coefficient. The new tile will run just north of the existing tile. There is a possibility to connect the old tile to the new tile depending on the condition. All private tiles will be connected, and intakes will be installed at all property boundaries and low spots.

There was discussion on constructing an open ditch for the entire district. This will be more costly given that fact the district will need to purchase right-of-way, possible problems with the railroad constructing a bridge vs boring under the tracks and constructing box culverts or bridges under the roads. Several landowners raised concerns about the erosion that has already occurred near the tracks and said something needs to be done. Another downfall of an open ditch is it will split up fields. Landowners said they would rather deal with a ditch than the water.

Landowner asked if there is a possibility of reshaping to help with surface water. Colton said there would be an option to create a grass waterway. They can put together an estimate.

The landowners in attendance would like to see what the price would be to go with current plans on 36" for 1/2" coefficient, upgrade to larger tile for 3/4" coefficient, or an open ditch which would have the most waterflow. Bolton & Menk will put together the different price options and present them at the public hearing.

The district has been previously reclassified back in 2017. The current assessment schedules will be used.

Public hearing will be set and amended engineer report will be filed beforehand. Publication and notices will be sent out to all landowners.

It is recommended that each landowner contact the USDA/NRCS office to secure certified wetland determinations. Landowners are also asked to provide any tile maps they have available.

Motion by Mark Smeby, second by Enos Loberg, to set a public hearing for Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.



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A.J. Stone  
Chairperson

ATTEST:



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Valerie Paulson  
Drainage Clerk