

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 34  
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 34, Worth County, Iowa, met at the Worth County courthouse at 9:00 A.M. CST, February 24, 2025.

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

Also present: Jacki Backhaus, Auditor  
Valerie Paulson, Drainage Clerk  
Bolton & Menk: Jacob Hagen & Colton Cunningham  
Landowners: Josh Rosenberg, Mike Stevens, Jim  
Rosenberg, Teresa Olson, and Steven McReady

Completion Hearing for DD No. 34 at 9:00 A.M.

Colton Cunningham with Bolton & Menk went over the completion report. The engineer's estimated construction cost for the work was \$800,780. Eight bids were received, and the lowest bid was submitted by Rognes Brothers Excavating, Inc. for \$680,770. The final construction cost is \$725,762 which is approximately 90.6% of the estimate. The district currently holds 10% retainage in the amount of \$72,762 from the contractor.

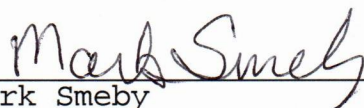
Two change orders were issued during the project. The largest change order items were more rock was used than estimated and more tile connections were made than estimated. In total, the change of orders resulted in an increase of \$42,142.

The damaged areas were calculated based on whether the area was disturbed by the trench, driven over or had materials piled on it, and whether the farmer was able to re-plant after construction. Eleven landowners had crops destroyed and/or land impacted during the project. The damages for land and crops during this project total \$37,617 across 24.7 acres.


Discussion was brought up about who the payments are made to. Payment of damages will be made to the owner of each property. We understand in some situations, the cost of restoring a property to production or buffer falls on the tenant. We hope in those circumstances the owner passes the compensation on to the tenant.

Discussion about the type of tile used. Jacob Hagen with Bolton & Menk said that they used concrete tile and rock for the main. Most of the private tiles are plastic. He also advised that there is a one year warranty with Rogness Brothers Excavating. If any problems arise contact the drainage clerk.

There were no objections to the report. Motion made and second to close public hearing. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 A.M.

  
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Mark Smeby  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Valerie Paulson  
Drainage Clerk