

Drainage District #37  
Meeting of Private Trustees  
January 14, 2022

The duly called meeting of the Drainage District #37 Trustees was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Allen McGranahan. Trustee Bill Gerdeman and Clerk Connie Swan were in attendance by phone.

1. Election: Discussion revolved around the upcoming election of Private Trustees on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Dickens Community Center. Bill moved that Mike White be appointed clerk for the election, to temporarily replace Connie Swan who is currently out of state and not able to be physically present at the election. Second by Allen. Motion carried.

Three judges and a second clerk who are landowners in the district and live in Clay County are also required to supervise the election. Normally the trustees who are not running for re-election would serve as judges, but this year because all three are running for re-election none are able to serve in this capacity for this election. Others who have indicated they are willing to serve as judges and second clerk for the election are:

Candy White  
Jennifer Loudermilk  
Cindy McGranahan  
Lynn Galbraith  
Dale Langner  
Sandy Langner

Judges and clerks will meet at the Dickens Community Center at noon on Saturday January 15, 2022.

2. Lawsuit: Allen McGranahan moved that the DD#37 Trustees ask Attorney Gary Armstrong for his assistance in resolving the existing lawsuit between the drainage district and litigants Bob Swan and David Wyatt, and to specifically communicate that the existing trustees will not pursue the improvement project, which was at the root of the legal action. Motion carried.

Allen has met with Thate's Tree Service ([thatetree.com](http://thatetree.com)), from Fairmont, MN. Their rate for a full crew is \$5000 per day to cut trees down and pile them somewhere to be burned. When it is time to solicit bids for tree removal along the drainage ditch, they would be interested in bidding on the project.

Allen communicated that there is a drainage district association in the State of Iowa. He was not familiar with the cost of membership, but thought this would be something that should be considered.

Bill suggested that consideration be given to drafting a mission statement. It was agreed that the trustees would devote some thought to it and discuss at a future meeting.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Bill motioned to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.