

Drainage District #37 Meeting of Private Trustees
10:00 a.m. September 29, 2022
Clay County Administration Board Room

The September 29, 2022 meeting of the Drainage District #37 Trustees was called to order by Chairman Allen McGranahan at 10:00 a.m. in the Clay County Administration Board Room.

In attendance in person were trustees Allen McGranahan and Bill Gerdeman; clerk Connie Swan; engineer Collin Klingbeil of Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, LLC; guests Bob Swan, Steve Swan, David Wyatt, Kris Toay, Harold Lavrenz of Reutzel Excavating, Cole and Ian from Anderson Drainage & Excavating, Alesha and Javotte McCarty of McCarty Custom Inc, Bruce Vonnahme of Leroy & Sons Inc., and Adam DeLoss of BD Construction.

Allen stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to open the sealed bids received in response to the plans and specs that had been prepared for the tree removal project. Allen then introduced Collin Klingbeil and turned the floor over to him.

Collin explained that those bidding were required to submit both a base bid and a bid alternate. He clarified that the base bid was to be based on the tree count of trees that need to be removed. The bid alternate would provide more access along the ditch on both sides. The estimate of trees for the bid alternate was taken from the tree county per the report completed by Bolton and Menk, plus 10%, but that only the trees necessary for access would be removed. The first two miles of the drainage ditch require minimal tree removal. Collin recommended that no action be taken immediately, as there is a need to make sure bidders have the capability to do the job properly, and that there would need to be a decision between the base bid or the bid alternate. The Trustees are not obligated to accept any bid. If no bid is accepted, one alternative would be to hire someone by the hour to work away at the project.

Collin then opened the bids that had been received. He first ascertained that a bid was accompanied by a proper bid bond. If there was a proper bid bond, he proceeded to open and read the bids. A copy of the Bid Summary is attached with these minutes. There were eight bids submitted, but one was disqualified because there was not a proper bid bond included.

Allen thanked everyone who submitted a bid. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clay County Administration Board Room.

The bid information will be made available online and via email. Landowners are welcome to share their thoughts with the Trustees.

The minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting were approved as presented and will be posted on the pickerele.com website.

The following bills were presented:

- Clay County Auditor's Office \$58.19 Postage to mail tax levy notices
- Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, LLC \$2045.70 Engineering services through September 28, 2022

Bill moved to approve the bills for payment. Second by Allen. Motion carried.

Allen and Bill are questioning the bill previously received from Lair Tiling & Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$740.00 for excavator work on the beaver dam. This work was completed on Trumbull Lake, which is not part of DD#37, and thus should not be billed to DD#37.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Allen. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Swan, Clerk