

Drainage District #37 Meeting of Private Trustees  
10:00 a.m. April 13, 2023  
Clay County Administration Board Room

The April 13, 2023 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; guests Bob Swan, David Wyatt, Leonard Langner, John Metcalf, Adam Metcalf, Brent Swart, Royal Larson, and Vince Baack. In attendance by phone were trustee Rod Dillard; guests Linda Carter, Steve Swan and Dale Langner.

The minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting were approved as presented and will be posted on the pickerelrun.com website.

The following bill was presented:

- Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, LLC \$1798.20 Engineering services from December 13, 2022 through March 30, 2023 for pre-construction meeting, construction administration, access lane permit acquisition, and evaluation of possible annexation.

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

Business continued from previous meeting:

### **Repair Project Update**

Allen provided an update on the repair project being performed by Reutzler Excavating. Although weather delayed the start of the project, work has begun between Trumbull Lake and Highway N14. The south side of the ditch has been cleared of necessary trees and brush, and some work has been done on the north side. The work is staying tight along the ditch, and brush and wood piles will be burned. Work has also been done on the Wyatt and Milton farms.

### **Redistricting**

Currently, if there is work done in the district, every landowner in the district pays a portion. Redistricting would separate each district tile line into its own sub-district, and if a repair or improvement was completed on that tile line, only the landowners receiving direct benefit would be assessed for the cost. There was discussion on the pros and cons of redistricting. The cost to redistrict is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The question was raised as to whether redistricting is necessary in order to fix the county records for parcels that, due to errors over the past 100 years, have dropped off the assessment roll. Allen appointed Bob Swan to work on finding out costs of tile repair/improvements and to communicate with landowners to find out preferences. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

## **Annexation**

Land around Dan Green Slough receives some benefit from DD#37, but is not currently in the district. Water in Dan Green Slough is controlled by the DNR. The parcels that would be annexed lie below Dan Green Slough and are a distance away from the ditch. If annexation is going to be done, the understanding is that it should happen prior to redistricting. The question was raised as to whether annexing makes sense if redistricting is done, because the parcels contain no district tiles. The idea of charging an outlet fee was proposed. The cost of annexation is unknown. The topic was tabled to the next meeting.

## **Rip Rap on Wyatt Farm**

Adam DeLoss is not able to complete the rip rap project. Reutzal Excavating will be contacted.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Swan, Clerk

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