

Drainage District #37 Meeting of Private Trustees  
10:00 a.m. July 18, 2023  
Clay County Administration Board Room

The July 18, 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, Bill Gerdeman, and Rod Dillard; clerk Connie Swan; guests Steve Swan, Leonard Langner, LeAnn McGranahan, John Metcalf, John Rahn and Bob Swan. In attendance by phone were guests Luke Langner and Royal Larson.

The minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting were approved as presented and will be posted on the pickerelrun.com website.

The following bill was presented:

- Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, LLC \$536.35 Engineering services from June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 for inspection and project management.

Business continued from previous meeting:

### **Repair Project Update**

Allen walked the ditch from 300<sup>th</sup> Ave to 390<sup>th</sup> Ave. Landowner feedback has been positive thus far, and the project is overall going as intended. Allen addressed two issues with Collin via email:

1. There are trees in the ditch in several area, which could pose a problem in the event of rain. Collin agreed with the concern and will bring this to the attention of Reutzell Excavating to remove within a day or two.
2. The track hoe is creating steep banks and there is a concern of erosion. Could grading and seeding be done as the project goes along, preferably by September 1, or will this happen at the end of the project? Collin said that seeding is required per the contract. Seeding must be done on completed portions before progress payments are made. The intent is to do complete weed control, and grass seeding will be done with fescue to minimize erosion.

There are some dead trees outside of the designated work area. If they are reachable and dead, Allen will ask about removal or assuring they do not fall into the ditch.

### **Reclassification**

There was discussion on what reclassification would entail and the cost involved. If an improvement is needed in the future, reclassification could be done at that time. Bill moved to

not reclassify the entire district until two or more trustees agree it needs to be done. Second by Rod. Motion carried.

### **Annexation**

Some land below Dan Green Slough is not currently part of DD#37, but drains through private tiles to the lower part of the DD#37 ditch. There was discussion on whether the cost of the annexation process would outweigh the benefit. Allen asked Attorney Armstrong about the possibility of charging an outlet fee, but this is not allowed for private land. Allen moved to suspend discussion of annexation until two or more trustees agree it should be done. Second by Rod. Bill abstained from voting because he has land in the affected area. Motion carried.

### **Rip Rap on Wyatt Farm**

Marlan Hagedorn has been contacted to complete the rip rap on the Wyatt Farm, but he has not looked at the project yet.

### **New Business**

LeAnn McGranahan has land with private tile that empties just below the Trumbull Lake spillway. The bank has eroded so the end of the tile hangs out over the ditch. There was discussion about placing rip rap around the tile, but concern that doing so in that location will move the erosion downstream. Solutions will be explored further. The DNR is planning work on the spillway, which could affect this in the future.

Drone videos of the current project have been made, courtesy of Gannett Swan. Without objection, the Trustees approved making the videos available on the website.

Steve Swan has researched the “lost parcels” with the Clay County Auditor’s Office. Most of the parcels in question were assessed in the most recent levy and only appeared to be unaccounted for on the Bolton & Menk report because of recent changes in ownership and parcel numbers. There are three remaining parcels in question and more research will be done.

Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rod. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Swan, Clerk

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