

Drainage District #37 Meeting of Private Trustees  
Agenda  
June 6, 2024 Following Completion Hearing  
Clay County Administration Board Room

(To join by phone call **712-264-3970**; **Conference ID: 9979**; **Password: 664**)

Call to Order

Recognize attendees

Approve minutes from April 26, 2024 meeting

Review and approve bills

Discussion on September 1st assessments

Explanation of

1. the calculation of amount assessed
2. the assessment processes

US Fish & Wildlife abatement of real estate taxes: Email from LeAnn Black, Clay County, IA  
Treasurer/letter from Krista Adams, Deputy Realty Officer, US State Dept [\(See below\)](#)

Lawsuit update

Weed Control

Matters/questions from landowners

Rip Rap

Tile on Swan Farm

Adjourn

LeAnn Black, Clay County, IA Treasurer forwarded a letter dated May 6, 2024 from Krista Adams, Deputy Realty Officer, Division of Realty, United State Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service stating that they will not pay drainage since they are property owned by US Government entities is not subject to taxation. LeAnn has asked the trustees to please discuss whether the taxes will be abated.

At the June 21, 2023 meeting: *US Fish & Wildlife has been assessed as a landowner of acres in the district, but as a federal entity it has not and will not pay its portion. The auditor's office suggested that the amount due be abated. Rod moved to abate the amount due from US Fish & Wildlife. Second by Bill. Motion carried.*

At the September 11, 2023 meeting: *At the June 21, 2023 meeting of the Trustees a motion was made to abate the amount due from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the 2022 levy. Under advisement from the Clay County Board of Supervisors, Bill moved to rescind that motion. Second by Rod. It was discussed that this will provide the option to pursue unpaid apportionments in the future. Motion carried.*