

Drainage District #37 Meeting of Private Trustees
10:00 a.m. April 26, 2024
Clay County Administration Board Room

The April 26, 2024 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, Bob Swan, Lynn Swan, Linda Carter, Tim Thrienen, Maury Cohen, and Pat Cohen.

The minutes of the March 15, 2024 meeting were approved as presented and will be posted on the pickerelrun.com website.

Repair Project Update

The trustees received a letter and Certification of Completion of the tree clearing project, both dated April 18, 2024 from Collin Klingbeil of Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. Included was a Recommended Crop Damage Reimbursement Report and Crop Damages Map. There was discussion on the project and the next steps required.

Rod reported that the people with whom he has spoken are happy with what has been done. Steve Swan said that he had talked to Reutzel Excavating, and they were satisfied with how the project went and were favorable in their feedback on working with Collin Klingbeil. Gannett Swan will take new drone footage to document the completed project.

Iowa Code requires that a Completion Hearing be held, and notice of the hearing be published in the newspaper and also mailed to all owners of land on which work was done. The trustees scheduled the hearing for June 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clay County Administration Building Board Room, to be followed by the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Allen has reached out to a company from Algona that Collin recommended for weed control. They will provide a bid, with the intent to complete the project in late June or early July using a 4-wheeler with sprayer and backpack sprayer.

The following bills were presented:

- Reutzel Excavating, Inc. \$202,125.15 Progress billing #3 for tree clearing, constructing access lanes, culverts, seeding and fertilizing. In addition, there is a retainage of \$82,837.65, representing 10% of the total project, which is withheld until the Completion Hearing has been conducted.
- Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. \$3,404.15 Engineering services for construction management, inspection, punch-list, coordination, pay estimates, and completion report.

Bill moved to approve the bill from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc. Second by Allen. Motion carried.

Rod moved to approve progress billing #3 from Reutzel Excavating, Inc. Second by Bill. Motion carried.

New Business

The Board of Trustees needs to inform the Clay County Auditor's Office by June 15th of the amount that will be levied in order to pay off the negative balance currently in the drainage district account. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting on June 6th. The assessment will be due in the fall of 2024.

Rip Rap

The rip rap project has not been completed on the Wyatt farm. Steve Swan volunteered to talk to Jon Winterboer about completing the project.

Matters from landowners

Steve Swan and Bob Swan informed the trustees there is a county main tile in need of repair along highway N14 north of the Bob and Lynn Swan grove. Rod moved that Steve Swan ask Jon Winterboer to look at the problem. Second by Bill. Motion carried.

Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rod. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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