

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

The October 10, 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 trustee Allen McGranahan and clerk Connie Swan. In attendance by phone were trustees Bill Gerdeman and Rod Dillard and guest Linda Carter.

The minutes of the August 19, 2024 meeting were approved as presented and will be posted on the pickereIrun.com website.

The following bills were presented:

- Lair Tiling & Excavation, Inc. \$855 Mini Excavator Work, Jetter Truck, 8" Tile, Labor. Freeman Township Section 5. This bill was emailed from Brent Swart for work done on the Swart property.
- Lair Tiling & Excavation, Inc. \$1594 Mini Excavator Work, Labor, Jetter Truck, Silt Fence. Freeman Township Section 5. This bill was mailed USPS to Allen McGranahan.

There was discussion on what each bill was for. Bill moved to approve the bill in the amount of \$855. Second by Rod. Allen will follow up with Lair Tiling & Excavation to get clarification on both bills.

### **Old Business**

The Clay County Auditor's Office shared that there are 8 landowners that have opted to defer payments on the most recent assessment. This will result in an ongoing negative balance in the DD#37 account, on which DD#37 will be assessed interest at the rate of 5%. The landowners, in turn, will pay interest of 5% to the district.

### **Matters from landowners**

A drainage district tile serving the Galbraith, Sorenson and Toland properties is in need of repair, and will require the removal of some trees. Hagedorn has been contacted to do the repair. Landowners have been notified that the cost of any tree removal outside the easement will be their individual responsibility.

A landowner had expressed a desire to have more advance notice of meetings. After discussion, it was agreed that 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month would, in general, be a good time to meet. This would allow time for bills to be received for work conducted the previous month, and the Clay County Administration Building Board and/or Conference Rooms are usually available. If it is deemed a meeting is not necessary due to there being no business to conduct, or there is an unforeseen emergency or conflict that requires a meeting on a different day, an email will be sent to the distribution list. Per Iowa Code, notice will be posted in the local paper in advance of a meeting.

Jon Winterboer has been given the go-ahead to move concrete for rip rap on the Wyatt Farm. It is anticipated this will be completed in the near future.

A landowner asked for clarification on continuing repairs. The recent flooding has brought to light issues that were not evident in dryer years; repairs will be completed as necessary. There was also discussion on whether a

landowner needs to notify the trustees if private tile is going to be added or repaired. Landowners can do so at their own expense, without notifying the trustees.

## **Election**

As required by Iowa Code, the annual election will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January; the next election will be January 18, 2025. This date could be changed if voted upon by the landowners. Allen McGranahan communicated that he will not be seeking reelection. Connie Swan will check on the dates for candidates to submit paperwork to be included on the ballot.

Bill and Rod each expressed appreciation to Allen for his dedication and leadership, and thanked him for his work.

Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rod. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Swan, Clerk

Allen McGranahan, Chair

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