

Drainage District #37 Meeting of Private Trustees  
10:00 a.m. November 14, 2024  
Clay County Administration Conference Room

The November 14, 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 Conference Room (lower level).

In attendance in person were trustees Allen McGranahan, Bill Gerdeman and Rod Dillard. In attendance by phone were clerk Connie Swan, and guests Linda Carter and Steve Swan.

The minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting were approved as presented and will be posted on the pickereIrun.com website.

The following bills were presented:

- Lair Tiling & Excavation, Inc. \$1594 Mini Excavator Work, Labor, Jetter Truck, Silt Fence. Freeman Township Section 5. (\$855 was paid in October; balance of \$739 outstanding.)
- Connie Swan \$75 reimbursement for registration to Iowa Drainage Association annual meeting, which is December 6, 2024.

Allen contacted Lair Tiling & Excavation to get clarification of the two bills reviewed at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in the amounts of \$855 and \$1594. Both bills were for repairs on the Swart property; \$855 was for repair of private tile; \$1594 was for repair of the district tile. The district had approved payment of \$855, leaving a balance due of \$739. Rod moved to approve paying the balance of \$739. Steve and Brent Swart will pay their portion directly to Lair Tiling & Excavation. Second by Bill. Motion carried.

Bill moved to allow the bill from Connie Swan. Second by Allen. Motion carried.

### **Matters from landowners**

The drainage district tile serving the Galbraith, Sorenson and Toland properties has been repaired; the bill has not been received.

Allen worked at the polling location in Dickens on election day and took the opportunity to follow up with landowners on the repair project. All comments were very positive. The seeding on the Groenewold property looks good.

Steve Swan has been in contact with Jon Winterboer regarding the district tile repair along N14 and the rip rap on the Wyatt Farm. Jon has been working in the southern part of the county, but will be moving to our area and plans to complete the tiling repair before the ground freezes and the rip-rap after ground freeze.

### **Election**

As required by Iowa Code, the annual election will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January, which will be January 18, 2025. There will be an open seat on the board, as Allen McGranahan is not seeking reelection. Candidate nomination papers are available by contacting Connie Swan, and must be returned between November 14, 2024 and December 24, 2024 in order to be named on the ballot. Write-in candidates are also allowed. Eligibility rules, per [Iowa Code 468.506](#) are as follows:

*Each trustee shall be a citizen of the United States not less than eighteen years of age, and one of the following:*

- 1. The bona fide owner of agricultural land in the election district for which the trustee is elected, and a resident of the county in which that district is located or of a county which is contiguous to or corners on that county.*
- 2. The bona fide owner of nonagricultural land in the election district for which the trustee is elected, and a resident of that district. This subsection applies only when the election district is wholly within the corporate limits of a city.*
- 3. A stockholder of a family farm corporation as defined in section 9H.1, subsection 15, which owns land in the election district who is a resident of the county in which that district is located or of a county which is contiguous to or corners on that county.*
- 4. In a district which is a levee and drainage district which has eighty-five percent of its acreage within the corporate limits of a city and has been under the control of a city under subchapter II, part 3, a bona fide owner of benefited land in the district. If the owner is a family farm corporation as defined by section 9H.1, subsection 15, a business corporation organized and existing under chapter 490 or 491, or a partnership, a stockholder or officer authorized by the corporation or a general partner may be elected as a trustee of the district.*

Any person who wishes to run as a candidate on the ballot or as a write in candidate is welcome to communicate with the landowners of the district by emailing Connie Swan and she will distribute their message to the email contact list.

The next meeting will be December 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Rod moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bill. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Swan, Clerk

Allen McGranahan, Chair

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