

Drainage District #37 Meeting of Private Trustees  
10:00 a.m. May 8, 2025  
Clay County Conference Room

The May 8, 2025 meeting of the Drainage District #37 Trustees was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Clay County Administration Conference Room.

In attendance in person were trustees Bill Gerdeman, John Metcalf, Rod Dillard, clerk Connie Swan, and guests John and Mary Rahn. In attendance by phone was guest Linda Carter.

Rod moved to elect Bill Gerdeman as chairman of the board. Second by John. Motion carried.

Bill called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting were approved as presented and will be emailed to the distribution list and posted on the pickereelrun.com website.

The following bills were presented:

- Winterboer Backhoe \$1,983.50 for replacing 8" district tile outlet and placing rip rap around outlet into dredge ditch on Wyatt Property: 4 hours track hoe @ \$200/hr = \$800; 4 hours skid loader @ \$155 = \$620; 8" alum outlet and guard \$490; 2 8" couplers \$16; 25ft 8" tile @ \$1.90/ft = \$47.50; 1 roll tile tape @ \$10 (invoice split between Winterboer Backhoe LLC \$991.75 and Santage Excavating LLC \$991.75)
- Winterboer Backhoe \$2493.30 for replacing 6" district tile along Hwy N14 north of Swan Farm: 1044ft 6" tile @ \$1.95/ft = \$2035.80; 10" T \$35; 2 10" clay adapters @\$35 = \$70; 15 ft 10" tile @ \$3.50 = \$52.50; 1 digin \$50; 1 hr tile search \$250 (invoice split between Winterboer Backhoe LLC \$1246.65 and Santage Excavating LLC \$1246.65)

John moved to allow the bills. Second by Rod. Motion carried.

**Summit Carbon Solutions** has approached the trustees about the proposed CO2 pipeline that would cross district tile lines and the drainage ditch if the project is approved. Trustees will review a sample resolution. Discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

### **Parcels not included in recent levies**

Connie Swan provided a summary of parcels that were not included in the recent levies. Reports by Bolton & Menk, and Jacobson-Westergard and Associates, Inc. each provided lists of parcels that appeared to be missing from the assessment listings; there were variations between the two lists. It was determined that all but two of the parcels in each list were those that had recently changed ownership, and the parcel numbers needed to be cross-referenced, but were not actually missing. Two parcels are still at issue; those parcels were owned by Frank Smith at the time the district was being established. Frank Smith filed a lawsuit against the district, which was settled out of court. Part of the settlement was the abatement of the amount the two parcels in question would have been assessed. It is not yet clear what that amount was. Further research will be done.

### **Repair project updates**

The repairs on the Wyatt property and along N14 are completed.

There was not an update on the repair to the district tile on Jackie's Farm. The property owner has a crew that can fix this and will submit an invoice.

### **Matters/questions from owners**

There was discussion on how to handle repairs made to district tile by landowners. Rod moved that district tile outlets emptying into the ditch be schedule 40/dual wall metal tile. If the landowner opts to use plastic for the outlet and it is destroyed, by fire or other means, then it is the landowner's responsibility to replace/repair the outlet at no cost to the district. Second by Bill. Motion carried.

Hunter White contacted Aaron Rutter, Clay County Engineer Tech, regarding a tile that needed to be jetted. It was determined that tree roots were blocking a private tile and the owner would take care of it.

Landowners along the ditch are asked to either remove problem trees or contact the district trustees to assure ongoing maintenance of the ditch.

Linda Carter was pleased to report that she had conducted a survey of the repair done on her property and there were no trees in the right-of-way, nor signs of noxious weeds.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Rod moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by John. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Swan, Clerk

Bill Gerdeman, Chair

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