

Drainage District #37 Meeting of Private Trustees
9:00 a.m. December 4, 2025
Clay County Administration Conference Room

The December 4, 2025 meeting of the Drainage District #37 Trustees was held at 9:00 a.m. in the Clay County Administration Conference Room.

In attendance in person were trustees Bill Gerdeman, John Metcalf and Rod Dillard, and clerk Connie Swan. In attendance by phone were guests Linda Carter, Brent Swart and Steve Swan.

Bill called the meeting to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the June 19, 2025 meeting were approved as presented and will be emailed to the distribution list and posted on the pickerelrun.com website.

The following bill was presented:

- Connie Swan \$80 for Iowa Drainage District Association registration for annual meeting

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

Old Business

Bill followed up with Timewell Drainage Products in Sibley, Iowa and learned that the maximum available size of aluminum culvert is 10 inches.

Tabled from last meeting

Summit Carbon Solutions Connie Swan reached out to five other counties in Iowa that will be affected by the proposed CO2 pipeline project to ascertain how they are addressing the situation. The responses ranged from complete resistance, resulting in lawsuits and counter lawsuits, to a wait and see approach, to resolutions that specify permit fees. The question before the trustees is whether to negotiate with Summit Carbon Solutions, or wait to see if the project proceeds. Negotiating in advance could result in an inflow of funds that could be used for future repairs/maintenance in the district, regardless of whether the project happens. Rod moved to ask Connie Swan to draft a resolution that would include wording making it clear that it would only pertain to district tiles/ditch on properties that have already signed an agreement with Summit Carbon Solution. Second by John. Motion carried. The proposed resolution will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Reclassification

Rod moved to table the conversation regarding reclassification until the need arises. Second by John. Motion carried.

New Business

Election Per Iowa state code the annual election is to be held the third Saturday of January, which for this year will be January 17, 2026. Rod moved that the poll be open from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at 2965 300th St, Dickens, IA 51333 (Gerdeman residence.) Second by John. Motion carried.

Rod Dillard's 3-year term is coming to an end. Rod expressed an interest in running for another term. If anyone else is interested in running, a Petition for Trustee and Affidavit of Candidacy must be completed and submitted to the clerk of DD#37 on or before December 24, 2025 in order to be included on the ballot.

Repair project updates

Steve and Connie Swan flew the drainage ditch and took video footage to look for repair needs. There are two downed trees and four beaver dams that need to be removed. John moved to ask Jon Winterboer to complete the removal in December or January. Second by Rod. Motion carried and Bill will communicate with Jon.

Matters/questions from owners

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Saturday January 17, 2026 immediately following the election if there are bills or other business to address.

John moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rod. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Swan, Clerk

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