

February 17, 2014

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisor to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Watne, Helgevold, and Rasmussen.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 10, 2014 were read and approved.  
Approved claims for payment.

Kieth Hubbard with McClure Engineering, presented the engineers report for DD #33 in Lincoln Township. Hubbard explained that a petition was submitted for the investigation of tile within sections 9 & 10 of Lincoln Township due to lack of drainage and poor condition of the Main Tile. He then gave the history of the district stating that the district was established in 1908 and that within the past thirteen (13) years there have been six (6) tile repairs due to blowouts and collapsed tile. Kieth also explained that there is no separate classification for each lateral, therefore if an improvement is completed; a reclassification would need to be done to create separate assessment schedules as per Iowa Code Section 468.131. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to accept and approve the engineers report as submitted and proceed with a public hearing on April 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carries.

Kieth Hubbard then opened the public hearing on the Engineers report for repair/improvement to drainage district #131. Kieth explained that a petition was submitted for the investigation of the main tile due to a lack of drainage at the north end of the district and some concern about the surface drainage along the north line of section 27 of Dayton Township. He went on to explain the background, and existing condition of Drainage District No. 131, stating that the district was established in 1917, drains approximately 2,120 acres, and is about four miles long and only about one mile wide. The floor was then open for public input. There were many comments from landowners regarding the benefit of such an improvement. With multiple landowners objecting to the improvement it was decided to continue the hearing, to give Drainage Clerk, Deb Lukes and Drainage Attorney, David R Johnson, time to figure the calculations for landowners to file a remonstrance. Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to continue the hearing for March 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carries.

Held the completion hearing on DD # 176/31. Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to accept the engineers Statement of Completion, release final payment to Gehrke Inc. in thirty days and reconvene on Monday, February 24, 2014 to approve crop damages to landowners. Motion carries.

Brad Hicks, Economic Development Director, presented information on the sale of Stronghold Manufacturing to Brad Mills with Mills Manufacturing. Mills is requesting an \$80,000 loan from the revolving loan fund. The county's loan committee and economic development commissioners were unanimous in their support for his application, and recommended it to the supervisors. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the loan of \$80,000 to Bradly Mills out of the Revolving Loan Fund with term of 5 years at 4.9 percent interest, pending closing of the purchase of Stronghold Manufacturing. Motion carries.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

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Rick Rasmussen, Chairman  
Wright County Board of Supervisors

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Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor