

April 13, 2015

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 6, 2015 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to receive the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Auditor and Recorder. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the tax suspension order #1114 per eligibility through DHS. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to appoint Bryce Davis and Courtney Stewart – Alternate as representatives to the MIPG and MIDAS Boards. Motion carries.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Joint drainage district levies with Hamilton County on 3 joint drainage districts. Motion carries

Larry Harrah with Wright County Ag LLC presented a quote for the 2015 Wright County drainage ditch spraying. He inform the board that he will cut the trees up to 3” round and spray the stumps so they will not produce any new growth. He also stated that he submitted a quote from the 2012 rotation but noticed some ditches from the 2011 rotation that needed to be completed. He submitted a quote for the 2011 rotation and if the board decided to proceed, it would get all of our ditches back on track following a missed year.

The Wright County Board of Supervisors acting as trustees for the drainage districts said they would compare the quotes submitted by Wright County Ag, LLC and B & W Control Specialists and make a determination.

Reviewed the budget amendment for Wright County. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to set the budget amendment hearing for April 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carries.

Luke Huggins, Engineer with McClure Engineering, presented a letter on DD #131 to the Board of Supervisors explaining that McClure Engineering completed an investigation regarding the existence of a private tile illegally draining into the upper end of the district. The investigation was completed due to concern from multiple landowners stating that there is a tile coming into the district. Upon completion of the investigation it was determined that there is no tile illegally draining into the DD 131 district.

Opened the continued hearing on DD #93. David Cook, Engineer with McClure Engineering, explained that there are two matters to act on. The first is the reclassification to separate the main tile and the sub tile. The second is the improvement options.

Cook handed out the reclassification report, and explained how benefit is calculated. He said that there are four categories that determine what benefit each tract of land gets. How many acres are in the tract, the proximity to the district tile, the percent of the tile being used and the number of high, low or wet acres. He then explained that the report for the sub tile area is based on an arbitrary number of \$100,000.00 since there is no improvement option for that area.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to accept the reclassification report as submitted. Motion carries with Watne abstaining from the vote due to a personal interest in the district.

Cook proceeded to go through the report of improvements. He began by reminding everyone the location of the district and that the tile outlets into the open ditch of Drainage District No. 5. He also stated that the acres within the improvement report need to be amended due to splitting off the sub tile area. Then Cook went over the options as previously presented. Option 1 is to replace the lower end of the tile south of the railroad tracks to provide the entire district with a ½" drainage coefficient. Option 2 is to replace the entire existing tile to provide the district with ¾" drainage coefficient. Option 3 is to replace the entire existing tile to provide the district with 1" drainage coefficient. Cook then stated the grade and size of the tile north of the railroad is sufficient to provide ½" drainage coefficient with the option 1 improvement. After much discussion with those present, concern was raised with the 6.6 acres of wetlands and the cost of wetland mitigation, of the proposed option #1 not replacing the tile north of the railroad tracks for a better outlet, and discussed the proposed new lateral.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to direct McClure Engineering to complete a report adding the options to replace the existing tile to just north of the railroad right of way at ½" drainage coefficient, ¾" drainage coefficient and 1" drainage coefficient and also options to replace the existing tile all the way up to 240<sup>th</sup> street at ½" drainage coefficient, ¾" drainage coefficient and 1" drainage coefficient and to submit said reports to the NRCS to determine if the wetland acres in the upper end of the district would be affected. Motion carries with Watne abstaining from the vote due to a personal interest in the district.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Rasmussen to continue this public hearing to May 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors room in the courthouse, Clarion, Iowa. Motion carries with Watne abstaining from the vote due to a personal interest in the district.

Denny Bowman explained the background of JEO Consulting. Motion Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to go into closed session concerning Iowa Code 21.5(j). Present for the meeting were: Denny Bowman, Bryce Davis, Mike Ryerson, Rick Allely, Business Development Manager and Perry Gjersvik, Senior Project Manager.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to go back into open session. No action taken in open session. Motion carries.

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

