

November 17th, 2015, 1:00 p.m.  
Election Center  
Emmetsburg, Iowa

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met as Trustees of Drainage District 61 Lateral B. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Linus Solberg, Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Ed Noonan. Present: James Hudson, Drainage Attorney; Rick Hopper, Engineer; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office; Walter Davis-Oeth, Palo Alto County Engineer.

Present: Bonnie Anliker, Fred Wirtz Jr., Duane Metzger, Georgia Elbert, Bruce Bonnsetter, Mike Calk, Bill Bramley, James L. Miller, Alli Miller, Jeff Marsh, Leonard Anliker, Karl Fehr, John Fehr, Jay Bargman, Aletha King, Esty Fogarty, Jim Crawford, Rex Crawford, Larry Fehr, Byron Fehr, Jim Fehr, Mark Fehr, Joe Fehr, Bob Fehr, Larry Fogarty.

Craig Merrill called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. for the continued Hearing on Improvements to Drainage District 61 Lateral B.

Rick Hopper summarized the preliminary engineering report for improvements to Drainage District 61 Lateral B that was presented at the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Hearing on Improvements.

Estimated cost for tile with 1/2" drainage coefficient is \$3,340,945.00

Estimated cost for an open ditch with 2" drainage coefficient is \$1,585,358.00

Rick Hopper presented some new options and also some revised cost estimates to his initial preliminary engineering report. An option to do a Waterway Restoration was estimated at \$160,480.10 and would then be considered a repair. He also presented an option of running a parallel tile that is the same size as the existing tile with a cost estimate of \$1,351,691.00. A discussion was held about restoring the waterway and also running the parallel tile with a cost estimate of \$1,512,171.10.

Rick gave a revised cost estimate for the tile with 1/2" drainage coefficient for \$3,276,345.00 which included removing the 15" intakes and replacing them with area drains. He also gave a revised cost estimate for the new open ditch which included severance payment for \$2,084,878.00.

Rick Hopper informed the landowners and Trustees that he is still waiting on NRCS to revise the wetland determinations.

Jim Hudson reviewed and explained how votes are figured for remonstrance. He also reviewed with landowners about the wetlands needing to be re-determined as some of them shouldn't be considered wetlands.

Discussion was held about doing a Reclassification now and that will add an additional \$5 or \$6 per acre. Hudson summarized the five major factors of Reclassification.

Hudson reviewed what needs to happen with objections and if anyone wants to change it. He then went through all of the objections that were read at the initial hearing and landowners that were present were given the opportunity to change their objections.

F & H Wirtz Family Farms LLC withdrew their objection for the open ditch, but kept it for the 1/2" tile coefficient.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Wirtz to continue the hearing on Drainage District 61 Lateral B to January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. at the Election Center. Motion Carried.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Noonan to adjourn at 2:43 p.m. Motion Carried.

Amber Enger, Deputy Auditor