

Election Center
Emmetsburg, Iowa
July 11th, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met as Trustees of Drainage District 61 Main Open Ditch. Members present: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg.

Present: Carmen Moser, Auditor; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office; Don Etlar, P.E. Bolton & Menk; Jon Rosengren, P.E., Bolton & Menk; Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney.

Landowners Present: Bonnie Anliker, Karl Fehr, Kent Fehr, Maurice Besch, Gerald Thatcher, Dorothy Bradley, Ron Girres, Robert F. Fehr, Rodney Wagener, Jerome Kuyper, Dave Fickbohm, Ron Kenyon, Joe Kenyon, Leonard Anliker, Esty Fogarty, Aletha King, Tony Streit, Gerald Streit, Dean Gunderson, William C. Elbert, Gary Bolte, David Bolte, Michael Kollasch, Stuart Simonson, Fred Schmidt, Jay Bargman, Sharon Mason, Mike Callon, Cameron Knobloch, Wayne Fehr, Duane Metzger, Paul Saxton.

Keith Wirtz, Chair, opened the Informational Meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney, reviewed the drainage district projects & procedures and answered questions. The hearing on the proposed improvements will be held on August 1, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Election Center. The engineer's report is posted on the Palo Alto County website under the Board of Supervisors tab and drainage information. The amendment to the report will also be posted by the end of the week.

Jim explained annexation procedures and explained procedures to establish a new district.

Don Etlar, engineer, discussed repairs made in 1990 to Drainage District 61 and the proposed annexation at that time.

Jon Rosengren, engineer, reviewed the summary of engineer's report for proposed lower main open ditch improvements. Jon explained the 2 different improvement options.

Don reviewed the engineer's report that was filed in 2016 and reviewed the options for the downstream landowners. Don discussed the proposed annexation of the entire watershed or the option of forming a district up north and then charging a common outlet fee.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Faulstick to adjourn the informational meeting at 12:09 p.m. Motion Carried.

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor