

August 16th, 2016
Election Center
Emmetsburg, Iowa

At 11:00 a.m., the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met as Trustees of Drainage District 61 Lateral B. Members present: Linus Solberg, Chair, Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Ed Noonan, Craig Merrill. Present: James Hudson, Drainage Attorney; Rick Hopper, Engineer; Carmen Moser, Auditor; Amber Enger, Auditor's Office.

Present: Jim Crawford, Bob Fehr, Georgia Elbert, Jay Bargman, Irene Blair, Susan (Reding) Wallace, Leonard Anliker, Larry Fogarty, James L. Miller, Douglas J. Miller, Duane D. Metzger, Pat Fogarty, Byron Anliker, Jim Reding, Mark A. Fehr, John J. Fehr, Mike Callon, Larry Fehr, Karl Fehr, Kent Fehr, Walter Davis-Oeth, Andrew Williams.

Linus Solberg called the meeting to order for the continued hearing on Improvements to Drainage District 61 Lateral B.

Rick Hopper reviewed the project cost summary as follows:

New Open Ditch	\$2,290,711
Waterway Restoration & Parallel tile of original size	\$1,512,171
New ½" coefficient tile	\$3,350,243

Hudson stated that a repair is mandatory and drainage district facilities should be repaired to the original design capacity and efficiency. Improvements are not required and can be stopped by remonstrance when 50% of the landowners by population also own 70% of the land. Jim stated that the objections still stand as filed but can be amended or changed until the time when the Board makes a final decision.

Jim Hudson read and reviewed the objections as filed by landowners: Irene Blair, Partner, F&H Wirtz Family Farms, LLC; Andrew Williams; Troy & Melissa Hall; Mike Wirtz; Esteleen Fogarty; Aletha King; Jurgens, Inc, Rolland T. Jurgens, Pres.; Bruce Bonnstetter; Mark A. Fehr; David Meyer; Debra Meyer; Joseph E. Fehr, Pres. Midwest Acres, LLP; Terry Meyer; Duane D. Metzger, Duane D. & Ruth Metzger Revocable Trust; Jerry & Joy Metzger.

Rick reviewed the remonstrance summation on all 3 options. Remonstrance was met on the new ½" coefficient tile. Since remonstrance was not met on the other options, it is the Board's decision whether or not to proceed with the improvements.

The Board discussed the waterway restoration and fixing the culverts. The Board Chairman asked for a show of hands in favor of the open ditch which was 7 and show of hands for the waterway restoration which was 13.

Motion by Graettinger, seconded by Merrill to proceed with the waterway restoration and repair culverts on Drainage District 61 Lateral B Tile. Motion Carried.

Rick Hopper will review easements and waterway restoration through CRP and also check the tile.

Motion by Wirtz, seconded by Noonan to set waivers at 10 years at 5% interest. Motion Carried.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Graettinger to adjourn.

Linus Solberg, Chair

Carmen Moser, Auditor