

DRAINAGE MINUTES
JOINT DISTRICT BOONE #143-STORY #8
JANUARY 24, 2024

The Boone and Story County Drainage District Trustees met at the Boone County Courthouse in Boone, IA and the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA via Zoom to receive the Bid Plans and Specifications (on file in the Boone and Story County Auditor's Office) for a main tile repair in Joint Drainage District Boone #143-Story #8, Story County controlling. Members present were Lisa Heddens, chair, Linda Murken, and Latifah Faisal of Story County and Bill Zinnel, Erich Kretzinger, and Shawn Bryant of Boone County. Also present were Story County Conservation Director Mike Cox, Engineer Darren Moon, Communications Assistant Bryce Garman, and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, Boone County Drainage Clerk Kaitlynn Moran, Drainage Engineer Tyler Conley of Bolton and Menk, Sara Smith from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), Andrew Schippers from Ducks Unlimited, Dustin Albrecht from the City of Ames, and someone identified as esorenson.

Heddens called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Murken moved, seconded by Kretzinger to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Conley went over the Project Manual. The proposed work is separated into three divisions. The first is 360' of 36" main tile from the east/west county road to the tile outlet. The second is 80' of 36" tile to be jacked and bored under the east/west road, and the third is for 100' of 36" tile to align the existing tile with the re-routed tile under the road. The estimated project costs are: Division 1 - \$62,000, Division 2 - \$134,000, and Division 3 - \$33,500 for a total project cost of \$229,500. IDALS has offered to pay for Division 1 and Story County Secondary Roads is responsible for Division 2 leaving Division 3 as the only district expense. The Notice to Bidders must be published twice on consecutive weeks. The suggested dates are the earliest that Tyler felt could be met but they are not set in stone by any means. The proposed completion date for the project is October 1, 2024 which is the last date for a Fall seeding.

Wall said that while he felt the suggested bid opening and awarding dates could be met he was more comfortable with pushing them back a week to give more time to meet publication deadlines, especially since the Boone News Republican only publishes on Thursdays. He suggested publishing on February 8 and 15 with a bid opening on the 22nd and consideration on the 28th. Wall added that Cox might prefer an even later date.

Kretzinger said Boone County was not opposed to the later dates.

Cox spoke about dates for the wetland project which will draw water from the district tile. The district is ahead of the wetland project but there may be a cost savings if the two projects can happen concurrently.

Smith said the wetlands project is not ready for bidding. They are awaiting permits from the IDNR which they hope to receive soon. They are also wrapping up the 28E between IDALS and the district. Can they get additional time to finalize the wetlands project?

Murken asked if the 28E was between IDALS and the trustees or IDALS and the supervisors?

Smith said there are two 28E's. The one for the district tile repair is between IDALS and the district for the Division 1 work. The other is for the wetlands project and is between IDALS and Story County.

Murken asked how much delay Smith was requesting.

Smith said it could be as little as two weeks or as much as six weeks depending on when IDALS receives the permits from the IDNR.

Murken asked if Smith could try to contact the IDNR now and get a timeline from them?

Faisal moved, seconded by Kretzinger, to accept and approve the Project Manual submitted by Bolton & Menk, Inc. MCU.

Wall asked if delaying the project one month would negatively affect the work.

Conley said he did not think so but he would not want to delay for longer than a month.

Murken said she felt a one-month delay was not unreasonable.

Albrecht added that the City of Ames will also be a party to the 28E agreement for the wetlands project.

Smith returned from calling the IDNR and said they are currently understaffed and still evaluating project materials that were submitted last October. She requested a one-month delay.

Wall said he would like to publish on February 22 and 29 with the bid opening moved to March 14 and the consideration for March 20.

Conley noted that Bolton and Menk would notify contractors they work with and post the project on QuestCDN.com before notice is published so contractors will have ample time to prepare bids.

Murken moved, seconded by Kretzinger, to set the bid opening for March 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building and the consideration of awarding the contract for March 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the same location. MCU.

Kretzinger moved, seconded by Faisal, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott T. Wall