

DRAINAGE MINUTES  
DISTRICT GRANT #5  
AUGUST 17, 2021

The Story County Drainage District Trustees met in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building to consider a proposal to obtain aerial drone footage of the open ditch in Drainage District Grant #5. Members present were Lisa Heddens, chair, Latifah Faisal, and Linda Murken. Also present were Story County Outreach and Special Projects Manager Leanne Harter and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall.

Heddens called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

Heddens asked if, for the next meeting, the goal was to use the drone footage to facilitate a discussion on the main ditch cleanout and the reclassification of Grant #5?

Wall said the landowners wish to present a proposal to the trustees for maintenance of the open ditch as an alternative to Bolton and Menk's recommendation to cleanout the entire open ditch. At a public hearing on July 26 the landowners gave a reluctant consent to obtaining the drone footage with the understanding that it would be shared with them to help them in crafting their proposal.

Murken asked how we would share the footage with the landowners.

Wall said Bolton and Menk will host the footage on their website and provide a link that he can share with the landowners because the footage will be too large a file to share through email. Wall said he has Ron Jensen's email and intends to send the link to Jensen because he, David Jensen, and Randy Collings appear to be the ones organizing the landowner's response. Jensen can then share the link with other landowners as can Wall. Wall will also send the link to Ames City Engineer Tracy Peterson who has expressed an interest in it.

Murken asked if we could send a postcard to all the landowners in the district.

Wall said we would have to purchase postcard stock in order to do that.

Murken said only the landowners who attended the July meeting would understand what the postcard was about so that may be more confusing than helpful.

Wall said when the next meeting is scheduled, notice will have to be sent to all the landowners and information on the drone footage and how to obtain it can be included in that notice.

Murken asked if the footage will include analysis by Bolton and Menk.

Wall said at the July meeting Tyler Conley had guessed a cost of \$1,000-\$1,500 for drone footage. Conley provided an estimate on August 4 that, using staff in their Ames Office, Bolton and Menk can obtain the footage for \$600 with another \$600 to complete an analysis of that footage.

Murken moved, seconded by Faisal, to direct Bolton & Menk to obtain aerial drone footage of the Drainage District Grant #5 open ditch and to provide analysis of that footage. MCU.

Faisal moved, seconded by Murken, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Scott T. Wall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'W'.

Scott T. Wall

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**From:** Tyler Conley <Tyler.Conley@bolton-menk.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 1:48 PM  
**To:** Scott T. Wall  
**Cc:** Lisa K. Heddens; Latifah A. Faisal; Linda S. Murken; Darren R. Moon  
**Subject:** RE: DD5G - Drone Flight

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Scott,

The \$600 would be raw footage only. For the footage and our review/analysis I would estimate the amount at \$1200.

Thanks,

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**From:** Scott T. Wall <SWall@storycountyiowa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 12:14 PM  
**To:** Tyler Conley <Tyler.Conley@bolton-menk.com>  
**Cc:** Lisa K. Heddens <LHeddens@storycountyiowa.gov>; Latifah A. Faisal <LFaisal@storycountyiowa.gov>; Linda S. Murken <LMurken@storycountyiowa.gov>; Darren R. Moon <DMoon@storycountyiowa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: DD5G - Drone Flight

Tyler,

What will the \$600 cover? Is it just to obtain the raw footage without any analysis? Can you provide an estimated cost of obtaining the footage and having it analyzed and ready for viewing in a public hearing if that will take more than \$600.

Scott Wall

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**From:** Tyler Conley <Tyler.Conley@bolton-menk.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 2:13 PM  
**To:** Scott T. Wall <SWall@storycountyiowa.gov>  
**Subject:** DD5G - Drone Flight

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Good Afternoon Scott,

After discussing with staff, we would be able to provide drone videos of the DD5G Open Ditch for \$600. Please let me know if you have any questions. We will wait to hear back from the Trustees before proceeding.

Thanks,

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