

***Drainage District #2 Meeting
September 16, 2014***

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Trustees for Drainage Ditch #2 at 9:03 a.m., Tuesday, September 16, 2014. Members present: Supervisors Brockshus, Chalstrom, Matthews, Swanson, and Skow.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Skow to appoint Supervisor Burlin Matthews as Chairperson and Marjorie Pitts, Clay County Auditor as Secretary for this meeting. Motion carried.

The Board received a letter from Donald Etler, Senior Project Manager from Bolton & Menk, 1900 North Grand Avenue, Spencer, Iowa bringing the Board up to date on the district's open ditch repairs and improvement project.

As part of the project, right-of-ways will be needed for a new channel that will cross a part of Brian Fairchild's land. Mr Fairchild's land will be severed by the open ditch and a small area will be isolated. He will also have 12 acres of timbered pasture to which he will have no direct access. The adjoining Hueck property will also be severed, but there will be access to the cut off tract of land via a planned ditch crossing culvert.

Due to the unique circumstances associated with the severance and concerns expressed by Mr. Fairchild, Mr. Etler recommends that the board first engage an experienced agricultural real estate appraiser to determine and report a professional opinion as to the decrease in property values that will result from the placement of the planned open ditch and from the acquisition of the Fairchild and Hueck properties.

Motion by Brockshus, seconded by Swanson to authorize Donald Etler, Senior Project Manager from Bolton & Menk, 1900 North Grand Avenue, Spencer, Iowa to contact an appraiser, at the approval of the County Engineer and County Attorney, and inform them of the details of the work and to secure a proposal for the Board to consider on behalf of the drainage district from the repairs and improvements in Drainage District #2 to the Main Open Ditch. Motion carried.

Chairperson Supervisor Matthews adjourned the Drainage District #2 meeting at 9:10 a.m.

/s/Burlin H. Matthews, Chairperson, Clay County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: /s/Marjorie A. Pitts, County Auditor