

## **Jt Drainage Ditch 22 Meeting**

**July 8, 2003**

### **Clay County Administration Building**

The Clay County, Buena Vista, and Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met as trustees of Drainage District Jt. #22 via conference call at 10:00 a.m. initiated at the Clay County Administration Building for the purpose of giving approval to the NRCS project of wetland restoration in the NE ¼ section 23 of Garfield Township, Clay County, Iowa. Those in attendance were:

Clay County: Supv. Kenneth Chalstrom, Supv Del Brockshus, Supv Joel Sorenson, Auditor Marjorie Pitts, Frank Rouse, Asst to the Engineer for Drainage.

Palo Alto County: Supv Ron Graettinger, Supv Phil Cuarrans, Supv Lanny Miller, Supv Leo Goeders, Supv Steve Nelson, Auditor Gary Leonard

Buena Vista County: Supv Herb Crampton, Supv Lorna Burnside, Supv Jim Gustafson, Supv Bill Lanphere, Auditor Karen Strawn

Interested Public: Mr & Mrs Leo Alexander, Spencer; Les Alexander, Spirit Lake; Robert Rust, Webb; Carl Simons, Webb; and Dean Gronemeyer, NRCS.

Motion by Lorna Burnside, Buena Vista Supervisor, seconded by Joel Sorenson, Clay County Supervisor to appoint Kenneth Chalstrom, Clay County Supervisor as Chairperson for this meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gustafson, Buena Vista Supervisor, seconded by Del Brockshus, Clay County Supervisor to appoint Marjorie Pitts, Clay County Auditor as Secretary for this meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

An explanation of the proposed project was given by Dean Gronemeyer and Frank Rouse to block two 6" drainage district tile lines and to replace the existing drainage district tile lines in five places with non-perforated tile to create wetlands. Resolution #2003-12, adopted March 17, 2003 by the Clay County Board of Supervisors, was used as procedural guideline for the request. The Statement of Intent has been filed with Clay County. The following questions and answers were posed by those in attendance:

1. Who pays for the tiling? The land owners requesting the wetlands and NCRS. There is no cost to neighboring landowners.
2. Is there a guarantee that adjoining landowners would not be harmed by the project? Although it can not be guaranteed, the proposed wetland creation is not expected to adversely affect the drainage of adjoining lands within the drainage district.
3. How many acres are involved? Less than 10 acres of a 120 acre farm.
4. Will there be a major pooling area on the farm? There will be no main pool but instead several smaller areas.
5. How many feet of non-perforated tile to be used? 2500 feet in four different areas.
6. Is this drainage district overloaded now? All drainage districts are overloaded to a certain extent.
7. Does this project follow the Iowa Drainage District Association guidelines? Yes.
8. Is this a CRP ten year plan? Yes.

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Discussion continued on future ownership and maintenance issues which will be addressed in an agreement between the joint counties and landowners.

Motion by Del Brockshus, Clay County Supervisor, second by Lanny Miller, Palo Alto County Supervisor to approve the establishment and construction of a wetlands in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23 of Garfield Township, Clay County and that an agreement be drawn between the joint counties and landowners. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairperson Chalstrom adjourned the Drainage public meeting at 10:30 a.m.

/s/Kenneth Chalstrom, Chairperson

ATTEST: /s/Marjorie A. Pitts, Secretary