

Drainage District #37 Meeting
April 10, 2018

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met as trustees of Drainage District # 37 at 10:13 a.m. Members present: Anderson, Matthews, Skelton, Skow, Swanson, Clay County Auditor-Marjorie Pitts and Jon Rosengren and Don Etler.

Motion by Skow, seconded by Swanson to appoint Supervisor Anderson as Chairperson for this meeting, and to appoint Marjorie Pitts as Secretary for this meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Bolton & Menk Engineering representative Jon Rosengren gave the Board background on the D.D. #37 proposed Main Open Ditch improvements. The investigation confirmed the need for drainage relief to remove the trees on the spoil banks, repair the ditch side slopes, and to level the existing spoil. Seventy-five (75) surface drain pipes and forty-four (44) tile outlet extensions which will need to be replaced as the ditch will be made wider than it is currently. If ditch improvement is not selected a repair to clean out the open ditch to the grade and cross sections of the 1916 plans is recommended. This would restore the ditch to its original capacity and efficiency. This repair work would cost approximately \$2,412,000 or \$38/ benefitted acre.

The improvement would have a staged design to widen the base which will lower the water elevation, providing free flowing outlets and will also have a greater capacity relieving the lands that experience flooding. The spoil material would be deposited within the right-of-way and would not be able to be farmed, but would be seeded to native grasses and will serve as a mitigation offset. The improvement work is essentially an expansion of the repair work to provide significant relief to the district for a total estimated cost of \$3,678,000 or \$57 / benefitted acre.

There are approximately 100 square miles in the District of which only 7,983 acres have been assessed for benefits. Annexation of approximately 56,960 acres of benefitted lands not in the district. The decision to annex would be after the district makes the decision at public hearing to construct the necessary repair, the recommended improvement, or nothing. Annexation should be completed prior to levying the cost of the major repair or improvement. Drainage District 37 has never been reclassified and the original assessment schedule dates from 1919.

Motion by Matthews, seconded by Skow accept the Engineers Report. Motion carried.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting for Drainage District #37 at 10:31 a.m.

/s/Marjorie A. Pitts, County Auditor

/s/Barry Anderson, Chairperson