

Approved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes

May 17, 2018

Special Meeting –Set hearing dates for Drainage District #40 Annexation & Reclassification

Board Room, Courthouse

Present: Bev Juhl, Chair
John Pluth, Vice-Chair
Jeff Quastad
Roger Hash
Tim Schumacher

Absent:

At 2:00 p.m., Juhl, Chair, called the meeting to order with all Board members present.

Chair Juhl, then turned the meeting over to Rick Hopper, Drainage Engineer, Jacobson-Westergard & Associates Inc. Also present for the meeting was the County's Drainage Attorney, Rich Meyer. Hopper presented to the Board the completed reclassification schedule for drainage district 40 and the annexation schedule for district 40.

Rick Hopper further discussed with the Board the process of reclassifying Drainage District #40. He stated that district #40 now has two mains, with many branches. He stated this drainage district covers a lot of area. The purpose of this meeting is to review the reclassification with the Board of Supervisors, answer any questions and set two public hearing dates. The Commissioners that were appointed for reviewing this drainage district's annexation and reclassification were Mark Olson and Alan Madden along with Engineer Hopper.

Hopper went on to say that in a reclassification, they use soil types as a starting basis. The other factor that they use is the proximity of the land and how close is that land/parcel to the county's drainage system. Each forty-acre tract of land is assigned units. The further away, the more reduction on the land for assigning units per forty-acre parcel. Some tracts/parcels will be less than the forty acres. Hopper stated that the Lower Main A Open Ditch makes up about 87.84% of the reclassification costs and the Main B Open Ditch makes up about 12.16% of the reclassification costs. Main A Open Ditch is comprised of 12,592.822 acres and Main B Open Ditch has 1,743.37 acres.

Hopper stated that the Board needs to set a public hearing for the annexation of land first and then set a public hearing on the reclassification. Every owner within the reclassification will be sent a notice and the entire reclassification schedule through the mail. Landowners must have this notification at least 20 days prior to the scheduled hearing. Hopper stated that during this time, landowners receiving this notice and reclassification schedule could file objections to the reclassification with the Emmet County Auditor's Office. The reclassification hearing has to be held at least a minimum of 40 days out from the date of today's meeting.

It was moved by Pluth, seconded by Hash to set the annexation hearing for drainage district 40 reclassification for July 17, 2018, at 9:15 a.m. and set the hearing for reclassification of drainage district 40 for 9:30 on that same day, July 17, 2018. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Pluth, seconded by Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Colleen Anderson, Assistant to the Auditor

Bev Juhl, Chair