

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 14
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 14, Worth County, Iowa met at the Worth County courthouse at 9:30 A.M. CST, May 4, 2026.

Members present: A.J. Stone, Vice-Chairperson
 Mark Smeby, Supervisor

Also present: Jacki Backhaus, Auditor
 Chelsey Doty, Drainage Clerk
 Jon Rosengren, Engineer

Landowners: None present

Via Zoom: Angela Wilkins

A.J. Stone called the meeting to order and determine a quorum.

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second by A.J. Stone to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.

A.J. Stone recessed the meeting

Jon introduced himself and explained that we were meeting to wrap up the DD 14 project. Jon said that this should be the final meeting. He gave a summary that the project was wrapped up last fall and the original estimate cost was \$1,104,303. Rognes Brothers out of Lake Mills submitted a bid of \$926,008.50 for the original contract. Jon stated that they did have \$238,884.55 in change orders with a final construction cost of \$1,164,893.05. Jon said we are currently holding 10% retainage of \$116,489.31 from Rognes Brothers to fix any deficiencies but Jon stated that he wasn't aware of any at the moment. Jon said 30 days after this hearing Rognes Brothers can receive their 10%. Jon said that there were three change orders. The first and second were upsizing the boring under the DOT Highway 65 crossing and with that crossing and they had to shift further North to get away from two gas lines that crossed over the road and the cost of that change order was \$83,365. The final change order was for the Railroad boring due to water issues and added an expense of \$39,346.50. Jon said that they prepared an invoice for the Railroad, but they have not paid yet but we are working with our drainage attorney on that.

Jon went over crop damages from the project. Bolton & Menk broke it down into three different types and found cost from looking at the Ag Decision Maker website that shows the 10-year average. They found corn at \$959/acre damage, soybeans at \$644/acre damage, rock picking and soil finishing at \$77/acre damage. Jon said that those numbers were recommendations. There were four landowners that were impacted during the project and proposed damages in the amount of \$10,766. Jon said that payment must go to the landowner.

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second by A.J. Stone to approve the damages.

Motion to by Mark Smeby/Second by A.J. Stone to approve the completion of the contract and payment of the retainage after 30 days.

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second by A.J. Stone to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried.



A.J. Stone
Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:



Chelsey Doty
Drainage Clerk