

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 74 Reclassification Hearing  
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 74, Worth County, Iowa met at the Worth County courthouse at 11:45 A.M. CST, January 5, 2026.

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

Also present: Jacki Backhaus, Auditor  
Chesley Doty, Drainage Clerk  
Jacob Hagan, AgriVia Engineer  
Tyler Bauman, AgriVia Engineer

Landowners present: John Shurtz, Crescent Swamp Lodge, LLC  
Ronald & Marion Helgeson

Via Zoom: Ryan Buske, Drainage Attorney  
Nathaniel Julseth, DD 74 Commissioner

Enos Loberg called the meeting to order and determine a quorum.

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

Enos recessed the meeting and took a motion to open the public hearing on the reclassification for DD 74.

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second A.J.

Roll Call	Smeby	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay ____
	Stone	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay ____
	Loberg	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay ____

Jacob Hagan started the meeting off by saying reclassification is talking about parcels that are already in the district. He said this district was established in 1955 and is serving approximately 533 acres. This district includes a Main Tile and Lateral No. 1. He showed the flow map of the main tile and then the other lines would be where the water would flow.

Jacob explained how relieving the lands of from overflow they use five factors. soil Class is 40% which is all of your soil types, Ksat is 25% where your sand comes into play, Depth of water table is 25% where soil maps tell you the depth of water table, K Factor is 5% how easily your soils can erode and then CSR2 at 5% which if your soil has poor productivity index additional drainage doesn't really benefit them as

opposed to a really good soil that good drainage.

Jacob showed how they determine affording an outlet with Slope at 50%, infrastructure use at 30% and proximity to facility at 20%.

Jacob said that on a \$100,000 assessment the average cost would be \$188/acre. The assessments are calculated based on benefit and cost is not the same for each landowner.

There were two written objections. Crescent Swamp Lodge and Ronald and Marion Helgeson. Jacob stated that Helgeson's could not be removed since they have already been in that district. Once you are in a district you cannot get out. He said there could be a minimum assessment. If Helgeson did tile an adjustment could be made at that time when they bring in the new tile maps. Jacob found from the Helgeson objection that they still benefit. He said if there wasn't a tile or the drainage district didn't exist, they would have to take all of those landowner's water. Jacob said there would be two options. All of that water would go over that land surface flow, or they would put in a tile underground and their tile at their expense. Because the drainage district exists everyone helps pay for that tile that goes through their property.

Enos took a motion to close the public hearing

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second A.J. Stone

Roll Call	Smeby	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay <u>   </u>
	Stone	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay <u>   </u>
	Loberg	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay <u>   </u>

Enos reconvened the regular meeting and considered actions on the Reclassification of DD74.

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

Roll Call	Smeby	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay <u>   </u>
	Stone	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay <u>   </u>
	Loberg	Yea <u>x</u>	Nay <u>   </u>

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

Hearing adjourned at 12:00 P.m.

  
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Enos Loberg  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Chelsey Doty  
Drainage Clerk