

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 1 Annexation Hearing
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 1, Worth County, Iowa met at the Worth County courthouse at 9:30 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
Jesse Luther, Sheriff
Jim Hanson, Conservation Director

Landowners present: John Shurtz, Crescent Swamp Lodge, LLC
Ronald & Marion Helgeson
Gene Severson
Lynn Butler
MaryAnn Christianson
Cindy Thompson
Erik Butler
Brenda Tenold-Moretz
Dan Tenold
Greg Thompson
Dave Irons

Via Zoom: Ryan Buske, Drainage Attorney
Nathaniel Julseth, DD 1 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 annexation for DD 1.

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second A.J. Stone

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 introducing himself and explained a little why we are here for an annexation hearing. He said that Drainage District 1 is the oldest district in Worth County that was established in 1905 serving approximately 1,841 acres. This district includes a main open ditch that ends at Mockingbird Ave. Mark Smeby stated that the original schedule was found to be outdated and AgriVia found that additional lands benefit that were not in the original schedule. They found about 800 acres of additional land that was not being assessed from the district.

Jacob stated that about half of the land is considered poorly drained, somewhat poorly drained or very poorly drained but said some of the land was well drained and moderately drained and those lands would still benefit.

Jacob explained how they determine the condition of drainage when looking at the soil parameters. He said they use three categories. The first was Drain Class that is broken down between seven categories. The

second was Ksat which means your soil is either clay, sand or silt. The third was water table depth.

Jacob explained that landowner rights are that any landowner can object to the annexation schedule. All objections must be put in writing before the meeting is over.

Jacob read the one objection from Ronald and Marion Helgeson and Andrew Helgeson. Jacob went on explaining how they would benefit from this and showed with the flow and elevation maps where their water flows.

John Shurtz said that his land is north of Ronald and Marion Helgeson's land and had a concern because he said his land was all permanent wetlands.

Erik Buter asked if people object to this do they have to provide you with a tile map right now or can they write their objection and later get you a tile map showing where their water is going? Jacob stated that the only thing they officially need to have today was the objection and later could bring in the tile maps.

Brenda Tenold-Moretz raised some concerns which way their water flows.

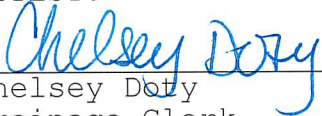
Mark Smeby said that they will give a month for people to provide the tile maps for further investigation and make adjustments from there.

Enos said that we will continue this hearing until Monday, February 2nd at 9:30 a.m. He said that there won't be any other official information sent out as notification for this.

Motion by A.J. Stone/Second by Mark Smeby to continue this until February 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Motion Carried

Hearing adjourned at 10:00 a.m.


Enos Loberg
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Chelsey Doty
Drainage Clerk