

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 18
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 18, Worth County, Iowa, met at the Worth County courthouse at 9:30 A.M. CST, June 29, 2026.

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

Also present: Jacki Backhaus, Auditor
Chelsey Doty, Drainage Clerk
Jon Rosengren, Bolton & Menk Engineer
Landowners: Eliot Evans, Andy Tenold,
Paul Tenold, Carol J. Abbey, Richard
Bruns, Dwight Bruns, Rich Lindflott,
Mark Hanna, Jason Woods representing
Beverly Land Co, Eric A. Evans (via
Zoom), Logan Lloyd (via Zoom), Kris
Kenison (via Zoom)

Continued hearing was held to discuss repairs and or improvements that are needed for DD No. 18.

Enos Loberg called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and determine a quorum.

Enos Loberg took a motion by Mark Smeby/Second by A.J. Stone to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.

Jon started off the meeting by introducing himself and said that there were four options presented previously at the last meeting in 2024. As part of that work, Bolton & Menk was asked to go back and see what permitting was needed to do the open ditch. Jon stated that there will be no permitting required for any of the options that the landowners choose.

Bolton and Menk came back with a modified proposal of the ditch based on the last meeting. The option would be to stop short of Cardinal Ave to avoid severance payment on the Beverly Land Company, Jon stated that this would be the most cost-effective plan for the district by using a 1/2" DC for the main through the rest of the district. Jon said the laterals could benefit from being upsized, but they have pretty good grade and surface flow. He would recommend just doing the main at this time.

There was a question raised about the pipeline and Jon said that DD 18 predates all the gas pipelines and the easements are superior. Jon said that the pipeline will have to move those at their expense.

Jon said another difference from the 2016 and 2024 meeting was the railroad crossing. Jon said in 2016 DD 18 was responsible for the boring of the tile through the railroad. Within the last year and a half Jon said that has been changed. The railroad is responsible for that crossing cost.

Landowners said if they did an open ditch, would they go to pothole three as in the amendment and stop there? The landowner said since that is wetland, would they have to do anything with that by stopping the ditch short. Jon said with the NRCS yes, they would still have to deal with wetland mitigation.

Jon said that stopping short of Cardinal and leaving access around the ditch doesn't guarantee eliminating severance, but it would remove a lot of that argument.

Another landowner stated that his 40 takes the most damage. He said if they get a lot of rain it will run for a week.

The representative from Beverly Land Company said that they are one of the larger parts that would be affected by the ditch and their preference isn't to have a ditch on their farm. Their preference is to just have a 36" tile.

Jon said in amendment 2 back in 2024 the right-of-way and severance by taking it up to pothole three was estimated at \$810,000. With the shortened proposal to Cardinal Ave, they are still considering paying severance on the Beverly Land Company because it is largely being severed and that would bring it down to \$560,000. So, Jon said the \$560,000 for right-of-way and severance would come off the top.

A.J. asked the landowner if they put a tile on his land and he said it won't drain fast enough so he will still have that problem.

Jon said part of doing the open ditch would have larger culverts put in at Cardinal and 410th. That will help move surface water more quickly.

Mark Smeby asked for a time frame of the open ditch if approved. Jon said that they have the plans drawn with a few modifications needed. Jon said they would hope to hear something by the end of the summer and take bids this fall but that might be pushing it.

Enos Loberg took a motion by A.J. Stone/Second by Mark Smeby to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

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 Loberg reconvened the regular meeting and took recommendations on what they wanted to do.

Motion by Mark Smeby to proceed with the open ditch/Second by A.J. stone. Motion carried.

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 adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Hearing adjourned at 10:06 a.m.



Enos Loberg
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Chelsey Doty
Drainage Clerk