

IN THE MATTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. 6
WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa, acting for and on behalf of Drainage District No. 6, Worth County, Iowa, met at the Worth County courthouse at 10:45 A.M. CST, August 3, 2026.

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

Also present: Jacki Backhaus, Auditor
Chelsey Doty, Clerk

Engineer: Jon Rosengren and Nathan Schmidt

Landowners: Gordon Hagen, Joseph Holt, Lee Halvorson, Doug
Kingland, Hunter Kingland, Ryan Knudtson, Mike
Gaskill and Bruce Helgeson

Enos Loberg called the meeting to order AT 10:53 A.M. 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 6.

Motion by A.J. Stone/Second Mark Smeby

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>

Nathan Schmidt stated we were there for reclassification of DD 6. Nathan showed a map of how water flows through the system and explained the five factors they use. First is the number of acres per parcel - the larger the parcel the more benefited acres the landowner has; second is proximity to the facility-the parcels that are closer to the open ditch have more benefit; third is use factor-how much of the open ditch you use; fourth is wetness factor-this is determined by the USGS web soil survey data; fifth is land use factor which they compare everything to agriculture land because Nathan said that is what the majority of the district is. Nathan said that on a hog confinement they give higher runoff factor because they shed water faster. Nathan said that they take those five factors and multiply them and determine which parcel has the highest benefited acre and give that a class of 100. The 100 class is what they consider the parcel to have the greatest amount of benefit and compare every other parcel to that class with 100%.

Doug Kingland brought up once it is reclassified now what. He wants to know now what will happen as a property owner. He wants to know what gets the process started on annexation and reclassification. Nathan explained that when a landowner on the schedule submits a petition to the auditor's office for work to be done. If the work is over a certain threshold the district has to hire an engineer. Nathan said what work has been done on the district will then be spread out over the assessment schedule. A.J. stated that this would be the new schedule for work going forward.

Gordon Hagen would like to know where they are at with how much the district is going to pay as far as bills.

Doug Kingland asked if the board was doing an annexation and reclassification because of the way the DD 6 schedule was. The board stated that it was out of date and now it will be updated to today's standards and

fair for the landowners.

Bruce Helgeson brought up who called for this meeting. Enos stated that Ron Levorson came in about a problem with trees in DD 6. Enos said that at that meeting the landowners were asked if there would be a problem with annexation and reclassification of DD 6 and none of the landowners said no.

Doug Kingland asked if there was anything stating that you need to pay everything right away if you cannot afford it and Mark Smeby stated that we have waivers that the landowner can sign. Mark Smeby stated since the county doesn't want to be the bank, the landowner will then go to their bank and get a loan to pay their bill. Doug also asked why the board is doing all of these at once and the board stated that they are doing annexation and reclassification as they come in.

Landowners had a question about billing. Mark Smeby stated if the work was done on the main, everyone pays but if the work was done on the lateral then only the people on that lateral will pay.

A.J. Stone left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Enos asked if there were any further questions and since there were none, the board took a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second by Enos Loberg. Motion carried.

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

Enos Loberg reconvened the regular meeting and considered action on approval of the reclassification report contingent on approval of annexation with they meet again on Monday, August 24th.

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second by Enos Loberg. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mark Smeby/Second by Enos Loberg to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



Enos Loberg
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Chelsey Doty
Drainage Clerk