

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 10:30 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 10:30 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 annexation for DD 6.

Motion by A.J. Stone/Second Mark Smeby

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

Nathan Schmidt stated we were there for annexation of DD 6 and reclassification would come after. Nathan said that annexation is bringing in the lands that drain through the district by surface flow or by subsurface tiles in DD 6. Nathan showed a map of the current lands in the district and then also what Bolton & Menk came up with as far as annexation of lands that they believe benefit from the district. Nathan said in total is about 236.84 acres that they are proposing to annex into the current schedule.

Gordon Hagen brought up how do they establish where that Open Ditch No. 6 starts. Nathan explained that they found that information while looking into past drainage district records in the auditor's office.

Another question was brought up about where the water goes at the end of DD 6 and the highway. The landowners are wondering who's issue it is because it backs up and flows over the banks. Doug Kingland brought up another question about trees and Nathan said that they didn't look at overall condition of the ditch. Jon stated that is a different meeting as we were there to discuss annexation. Bolton and Menk just looked at where the district started and where it ended.

Mike Gaskill asked about the blue area on the map that Bolton & Menk showed that is being drained outside of DD 6 and said because of the backup with DD 6 where it doesn't begin way North of the woods. Mike asked if they were in the district then they have the right to go in and straighten the ditch even though it isn't part of the district now. Jon stated that they can go downstream and clean it out. They cannot straighten it without different procedures. Jon said that is more involved process. Jon stated that drainage districts only have a limited responsibility for lands downstream, they cannot create new hazards but if it has already been eroding, their water going there isn't considered a damage. Jon said there

are procedures if the district wants to extend the district but that isn't why we were there.

Mike Gaskill feels that there needs to be more lands annexed or not include some parcels as he would like to know where DD 6 ends. Jon said that they can look into it.

Enos stated that the landowners to the North are ok with the annexation, but they just want to see it go farther. The landowners also want to know where DD 6 starts and stops. Enos suggested that since there were questions, we will need to continue this hearing while Bolton & Menk looks into this. Jon said they can go upstairs and do the research and put together this information. Enos said that we will continue this hearing on Monday, August 24th at 9:45 a.m. Enos said that there won't be any other official information sent out as notification of this.


Enos Loberg
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Chelsey Doty
Drainage Clerk