

Joint Drainage Authority Public Hearing
March 7, 2017
Springfield Area Community Center

Commissioner Dennis Potter convened the Public Hearing at 2:08 to consider the petition of Bruce Moe to outlet 30 acres into JD12 B&R. Present at the public hearing were: Commissioners Potter, Windschitl and Simonsen from Brown County and Commissioners Walling and Groebner from Redwood County. Brown County was represented by Jean Prochniak, Auditor-Treasurer, Wayne Stevens, Drainage Inspector and Charles Hanson, County Attorney. Jean Price, Auditor-Treasurer from Redwood County was also present. 5 landowners on JD 12 R&B were in attendance for the presentation.

Jean Prochniak indicated that the notices of the public hearing were published for three consecutive weeks in the official newspaper, posted on the county website and on the bulletin board outside the A-T office. All landowners were provided a mailed notification of the public hearing as well. Jean Price, Auditor-Treasurer from Redwood County informed attendees that their notice was published in the Redwood Gazette, Wabasso Standard and the Standard-Gazette & Messenger in accordance with Statute requirements. The mailed and posted notifications were also completed by the Redwood County offices.

Bill Helget, Engineer with Bolton & Menk, summarized the impact on the capacity of the system if these 31 acres were approved to outlet. His report stated that the proposed petition to add an additional 31 acres to the JD12 system is feasible and practical and is necessary for the petitioned acres to be productive agricultural land. Adding the proposed land to the JD 12 system will have minimal impact on the outlet capacity of the drainage system.

M.S. 103E.401 requires the viewers to assign benefits to the property and determine an outlet fee. Mark Behrends spoke on behalf of the viewers and indicated that they determined the benefits to be \$3,270 which would be added to parcel 120.004.003.11.040 in Burnstown Township. The viewers also made that determination that a one-time outlet fee of \$1,500 be billed to the landowner.

The joint drainage authority then accepted public testimony. All questions posed were answered to the satisfaction of the landowners present. Chairman Potter called for further comments three times. Commissioner Windschitl made a motion to close the hearing to public comment, second by Dean Simonsen. Motion carried.

Jean Prochniak then reviewed the requirements of the petitioner to pay the outlet fee of \$1,500 to Brown County prior to commencement of tiling. Petitioner will be responsible for the costs incurred for this outlet petition and will be billed at a later date. It was also noted that the benefits of JD 12 B&R would increase by the \$3,270 and that future assessments would be paid based on this benefit.

A motion was made by Scott Windschitl and seconded by Lon Walling to approve the petition to outlet into JD12 B&R. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The Drainage Authority scheduled a teleconference for March 21st at 8:15 to consider the Findings of Fact and Order.

Meeting was declared adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Jean Prochniak, Auditor-Treasurer
Brown County