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Wilkin County Ditch No. 13 Use as Outlet Hearing Minutes

Monday April 11, 2022

Managers Present: Peter Fjestad; Catherine Affield; John Hanson; Paul Krabbenhoft; Troy Larson; Gerald Van Amburg; Mark Hanson.

Managers Absent:

Staff Present: Kristine Altrichter, Administrator; Lee Olson, Watershed Specialist; Matthew Schlauderaff, Watershed Specialist.

Consultants Present: Erik Jones, Engineer; Bennett Uhler, Engineer, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI).

Others Attending: John Thompson; Pete Thompson; Steve Thompson; Jay Nord; Jenny Mongeau, Clay County Commissioner (remote).

President Fjestad called meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

This meeting was held to discuss petition dated January 26, 2021, submitted by John Thompson to use Wilkin County Ditch No. 13 as an outlet for NE ¼, Section 24, Deerhorn Township, Wilkin County.

Benefits for Wilkin County Ditch No. 13 – Lateral 1 will not change because parcels adjacent to NE ¼, Section 24 pay for protection benefits from system. NE ¼, Section 24 will not receive protection benefits from Lateral 1.

Petition to use Wilkin County Ditch No. 13 as an outlet for subsurface water from proposed tile project in NE ¼, Section 24. Surface water will continue to flow north to South Branch Buffalo River. Uhler recommended assessing NE ¼, Section 24 half the benefits of adjacent parcel, as has been done for similar requests in the past. Adjacent parcel assessed \$18 per acre, so proposed \$9 per acre for NE ¼, Section 24. Parcel is 160 acres, so total benefit for parcel would be \$1,440.00 increasing total benefits for Wilkin County Ditch No. 13 to \$289,085.00.

Petition to use Wilkin County Ditch No. 13 as an outlet for tile project. Downstream landowners approve of project as long as landowner helps maintain the ditch. N ½, Section 24 will be tiled with pumped outlet in NW ¼, Section 24. Water will flow a mile and a quarter to Wilkin County Ditch No. 13.

President Fjestad adjourned meeting at 6:38 PM.

/s/ John Hanson
Secretary