

LARSEN DRAINAGE DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING OCTOBER 28, 2011

The Larsen Drainage District Meeting was called to order on October 28, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. at the Winchester Town Municipal Building by Chairman Abe Eckstein'

Those present: Abe Eckstein
Jerry Peterson

Also present: Stan Martensen, Martinson & Eisele
Mike Kinney, Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District
Gordon Ratzman, Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District
Mike Pfankuck, Larsen-Winchester Sanitary District
Richard Johnson, Town of Clayton Administrator
Kay Lettau, Town of Clayton Supervisor
Neil Kiebler, Resident Town of Winchestr

Members from representing the Sanitary District requested that their drainage assessment be lowered. Stan Martensen stated that in their previous meeting in May 2011 with the drainage board they feel they are being over charged and requested the State Drainage Board be contacted. Presently they are being assessed \$4500 per year. Drainage Board on the 2010 taxes had reduced individual taxpayer assessment and sanitary district feels that they should also get a reduction especially since they have installed meters in every home and the flow has been reduced. Mike Pfankuck questioned formula that the drainage board had used to reduce the assessment for the individual homeowners. Chairman Eckstein said the drainage board had worked with McMahon and Attorney Roger Clark in coming up with the original assessment to the homeowners.

Chairman Eckstein said that the sanitary district pumps 8700 gallons per day - 10,440,000 gallons per year and what it costs to pump individual homeowner tanks. Total flow for the sanitary district is 2% and must look at the benefit. Stan Martensen said the cost went from 7% to 16% over the years. Chairman Eckstein stated the cost is based on the benefit received from the drainage district and if they were not satisfied could truck out. Stan Martensen compared the sanitary district cost for their flow into the ditch to the cost of the farmland flow. He also questioned the amount of money in the drainage district treasury and feels the sanitary districts assessment should be \$1900 which would be fair.

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Chairman Eckstein discussed the cleaning of the ditch. He said they were at a . Dikscussed the water disadvantage because spreading of spoils on the farmland depends on the weather. All spoils south of County II needs to be hauled away because of trail and farmland. Discussed the flow by Northeast Astphal.

Discussed the trees in the ditch. Stan Martensen suggested to put tree cutting out for bid. Chairman Eckstein said he would look into it because there were veribles involved. Tree trunks will need to be ground out when ditch is cleaned,.

Discussed the budget for 2011 taxes. payable in 2012. Jerry Peterson said he thought the drainage district had sufficient funds to keep the assessment rate (\$8.50 per parcel without any buildings, \$25.50 per parcel with buildings and \$2.68 per acre) the same as in previous year to cover the costs of any cleanout of the ditch. The sanitary district would still have an assessment of \$4500 and Northeast Astphalt \$7500. Chairman Eckstein made this into a motion based on the benefits received, seconded by Jerry Peterson. Motion carried 2-0.

Discussed the need to replace Gary Rubbert who died. Chairman Eckstein asked for nominations from those present: Nominated were Mark Luebke, Romberg, Somebody from Cross farms, Jack Borchnert and Keith Salm. Abe asked Jerry to thin k of more individuals from which to choose and to be sure they are willing to serve as a commissioner.

Jerry Peterson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Abe Eckstein. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Sievert
Recording Secretary

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