

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST

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Date: 6/1/2016

Weekly Agenda Date: 6/7/2016

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Mark J. Nahra, County Engineer

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Consider approval of reclassification and annexation of lands draining to the Wolf Creek Drainage District

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Board of Supervisors acting as trustees for the Wolf Creek Drainage District directed ISG, the drainage engineer for the Wolf Creek Drainage District, to do a preliminary engineering study of the needs of the district following a series of complaints about non functioning drain outlets in the lower reaches of the district. The drainage engineer completed his study and presented the board with the results of the study. The study found clean out of the ditch and replacement of some drainage structures are necessary to restore the function of the drainage district. The drainage engineer also found errors and omissions in the taxation and distribution of benefit on lands within the district.

The drainage engineer also presented his results to landowners within the district. The consensus discussion from the landowners directed the board to pursue, as a first step pursue a study to determine the reclassification and annexation of lands served by the Wolf Creek drainage district.

BACKGROUND:

The board of supervisors acts as trustees for drainage districts that do not have a separate board of trustees. The Code of Iowa in Chapter 468 empowers the Board to make decisions in the best interests of drainage districts under its jurisdiction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Costs for work done within drainage districts is paid for by tax levy against district property.

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes No

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board direct the drainage engineer to prepare a reclassification and annexation study of the Wolf Creek Drainage District. The Board should direct the engineer to prepare a project agreement for board approval based on a time and material basis. The project agreement should include a not to exceed without Trustee authorization maximum cost.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

Motion to direct the drainage engineer to proceed with a reclassification and annexation study of the Wolf Creek Drainage District and to prepare a project agreement for Board approval for the drainage district work.