

June 23, 2009

To: Property Owners in Drainage District Boone #93B-Story #4

On September 24, 2007, the Trustees of Boone and Story Counties held a public hearing to receive land owner input and take action on a proposed repair/improvement to Joint Drainage District Boone #93B-Story #4. The trustees moved to accept the engineer's recommendation to reclassify the district after which they would solicit bids for Option #2 in said engineer's report.

The Classification and Annexation Report of Benefit Commissioners has been received and approved as a tentative plan by the trustees. The report recommends the annexation of an additional 19.73 acres in Boone County and 35.89 acres in Story County into the existing district. The tax parcels in these additional lands would be assessed for benefits from drainage for the first time while existing parcels will see significant changes to their assessments under the reclassification. The reclassification is based on a \$100,000 original assessed value for the entire district. This means a \$100,000 project would cost each property the full amount of its assessment. The project under consideration had an estimated cost of \$131,000 in 2007 not including the cost of reclassification. The Schedule of Benefits under reclassification and the original Engineer's Report from 2007 are available at www.storycounty.com and <ftp://ftp.foxeng.com/> respectively. All materials are also on file in the offices of the Boone and Story County Auditors. You can also contact me at swall@storycounty.com or 515-382-7216 with any questions.

A hearing on the tentative plan for reclassification and annexation will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 20, 2009 at the United Community School. Any person, company, or other entity failing to file a WRITTEN claim for damages or objections to the establishment of said district in the offices of the Boone or Story County Auditors at or before the time fixed for the hearing, except claims for land required for right of way, or for settling basins, shall be held to have waived all objections and claims for damages (IA Code 468.19). The trustees shall hear and determine all objections made and filed to said report and may increase, diminish, annul, or affirm the apportionment made in said reclassification and annexation, or any part thereof as may appear to the trustees to be just and equitable prior to final adoption of said report.

Sincerely,

Scott T. Wall
Story County Drainage Clerk