

**AGENDA  
REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING  
JUNE 27, 2018  
8:30 A.M.**

1. Open Meeting
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes  
June 13, 2018 Regular Drainage Meeting
4. Approve Claims For Payment  
Pay Date of Friday, June 29, 2018

Documents:

[PAYABLES-DRAINAGE PUBLICATION.PDF](#)

5. DD 95 - Discuss, With Possible Action, Landowner Concerns Re: Current Project
6. DD 72 - Discuss, With Possible Action, Contractor Updates
7. DD 22 - Approve Plans And Specifications And Set Bid Letting Date
8. DD 1 - Approve Correspondence With Landowner

Documents:

[DD 1 LETTER TO RICKERT.PDF](#)

9. Discuss, With Possible Action, IDDA Invoice And Benefits

Documents:

[IDDA BENEFITS.PDF](#)

10. Other Business
11. Adjourn Meeting



# Hardin County

## Drainage Claims with Pay Date of 6/29/2018

Description	Vendor	Amount
DD 22 ENG SVCS 5/9-6/15	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	1,111.80
DD 1 WO 91 WATERWAY INVESTIGATION 10/1/17-6/15/18	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	640.55
DD 1 RECLASS COMMISSION	Walters, Chuck	205.20
DD 1 RECLASS COMMISSION	Prochaska, Dennis	205.20
DD 8 COMPLETION HRG NOTICE 6-27-2018	Mid-America Publishing Corp	17.25
DD 25 WO 48 REVISIONS TO UPRR TILE CROSSING 4/6-6/	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	582.00
DD 34 ANNEXATION COMMISSION	Walters, Chuck	111.00
DD 34 ANNEXATION COMMISSION	Prochaska, Dennis	111.00
DD 41 WO 194 ENG SVCS 10/1/17-6/1/18	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	1,786.10
DD 72 ENG SVCS & RECLASS OVERCHG CREDIT 5/9-6/1	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	522.40
DD 72 RECLASS COMMISSION	Prochaska, Dennis	273.60
DD 72 RECLASS COMMISSION	Walters, Chuck	273.60
DD 72 WO 71 PAY EST 5	M D Construction, inc	14,910.03
DD 122 COMPLETION HRG NOTICE 6-27-2018	Mid-America Publishing Corp	17.26
DD 143 RECLASS COMMISSION	Prochaska, Dennis	269.40
DD 143 RECLASS COMMISSION	Walters, Chuck	269.40
DD 55-3 LAT 9 RECLASS COMMISSION	Walters, Chuck	109.80
DD 55-3 LAT 9 RECLASS COMMISSION	Prochaska, Dennis	109.80
DD 55-3 LAT 9A RECLASS COMMISSION	Walters, Chuck	109.80
DD 55-3 LAT 9A RECLASS COMMISSION	Prochaska, Dennis	109.80
DD 55-3 LAT 9C RECLASS COMMISSION	Prochaska, Dennis	109.80
DD 55-3 LAT 9C RECLASS COMMISSION	Walters, Chuck	109.80



**HARDIN COUNTY**  
Board of Supervisors

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June 27, 2018

Michael W. Rickert  
407 Black Hawk St  
Reinbeck, IA 50669

Dear Mr. Rickert:

The Hardin County Board of Supervisors has received your letter regarding the assessment you received for DD 1. This district was just reclassified for the most recent project in which a hearing was held on March 7, 2018. Notice of hearing was mailed to you on January 31, 2018 and published in the Eldora Herald Index on February 13, 2018.

Unfortunately, as the notice stated, all objections needed to be filed with the Auditor at or before the hearing and failure to file objections would result in a waiver of any objections. No concerns were filed for this land, therefore, the classification was accepted and adopted for all current and future projects.

After looking at your parcels in the reclassification report, it appears your tracts do have a smaller percent of benefit than your neighbors. Below are your parcels and the adjacent parcels showing the benefit percentages and amounts assessed:

PARCEL #	OWNER	LEGAL DESCR	ACRES	% BENEFIT	ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	ASSESSMENT PER ACRE
881918200002	Rickert	NW NE ex Tract	31.46a	19.58%	\$2,629	\$ 83.57
881918200006	Rickert	NE NE Sec 18	39.83a	19.62%	\$3,334	\$ 83.71
881918200004	SWS Farms	SW NE Sec 18	38.20a	38.12%	\$6,215	\$162.70
881918200007	SWS Farms	SE NE Sec 18	39.00a	26.82%	\$4,465	\$114.49
881917100001	Taylor Trust	NW NW Sec 17	23.61a	21.82%	\$2,199	\$100.78

Thank you for corresponding your concerns. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board of Supervisors, acting as Trustees for DD 1, by mail at the address above, by phone at (641) 939-8219, or by email at supervisors@hardincountyia.gov.

Sincerely,

BJ Hoffman  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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June 19, 2018

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**JUN 20 2018**

**HARDIN COUNTY AUDITOR**

Re: Parcel #88191800002  
Parcel#881918200006  
Drainage District

To the Hardin County Board of Supervisors:

I received the Drainage District assessment for 71.290 acres.

Please note that a portion of my land drains to the north and is not in the District. I enclose a topographical map with the yellow highlight showing that the land drains north to the land formerly owned by Ralph Reed.

I also enclose an aerial photo of the farm with about one-half in timber.

My assessment is \$5963.00. Why am I paying an assessment for the land that drains to the north?

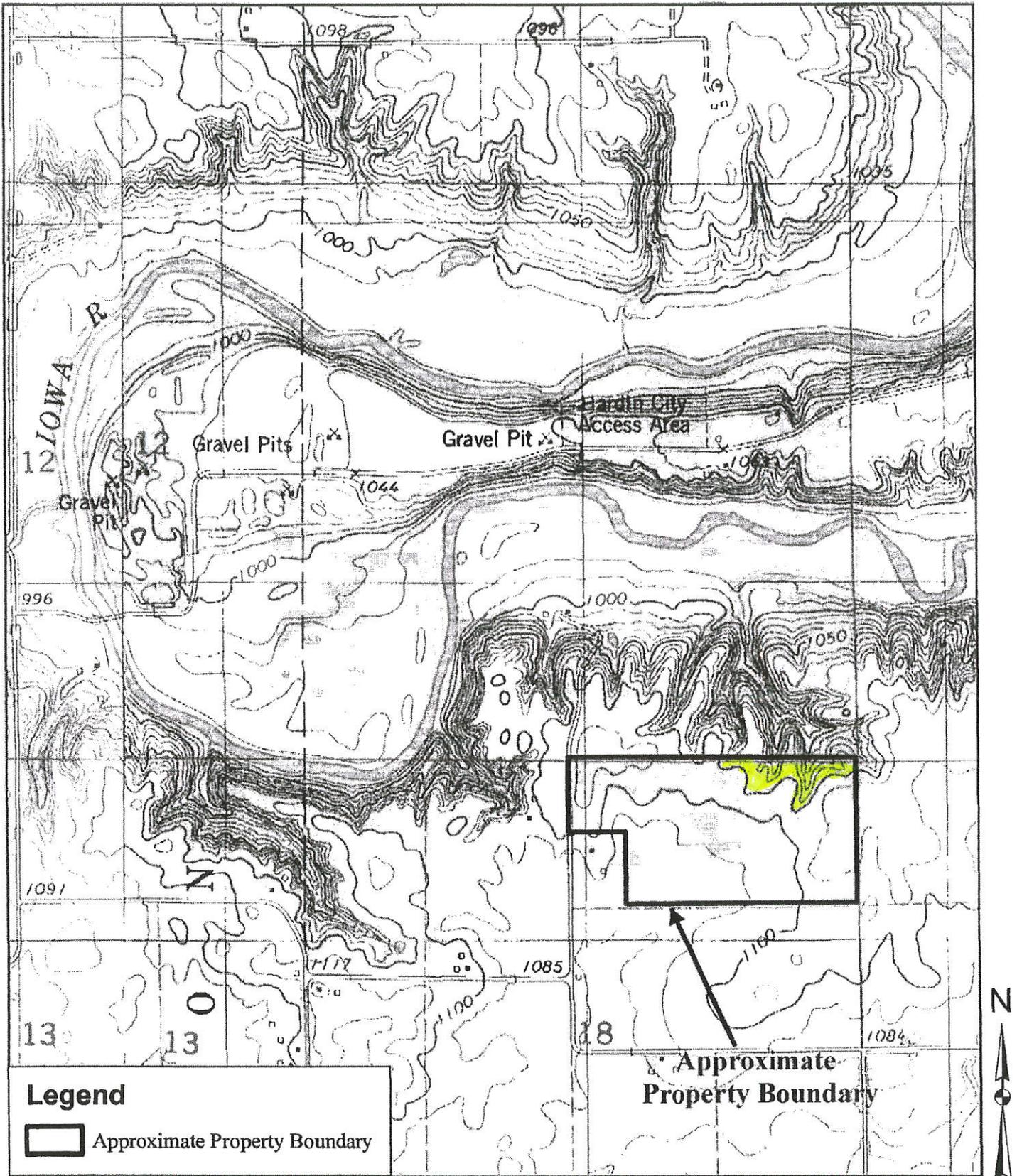
Sincerely,



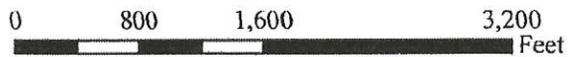
Michael W. Rickert for Linda D. Rickert Revocable Trust.

Part of Exhibit B

1: 24,000 Topographic Map Showing the Approximate Property Boundary



Source of 1:24,000 Topographic Map:  
ISU's Iowa Geographic Map Server



Part of Exhibit B  
 2010 Aerial Photograph Showing the Approximate Property Boundary  
 and Photo Point Locations for Baseline Photographs

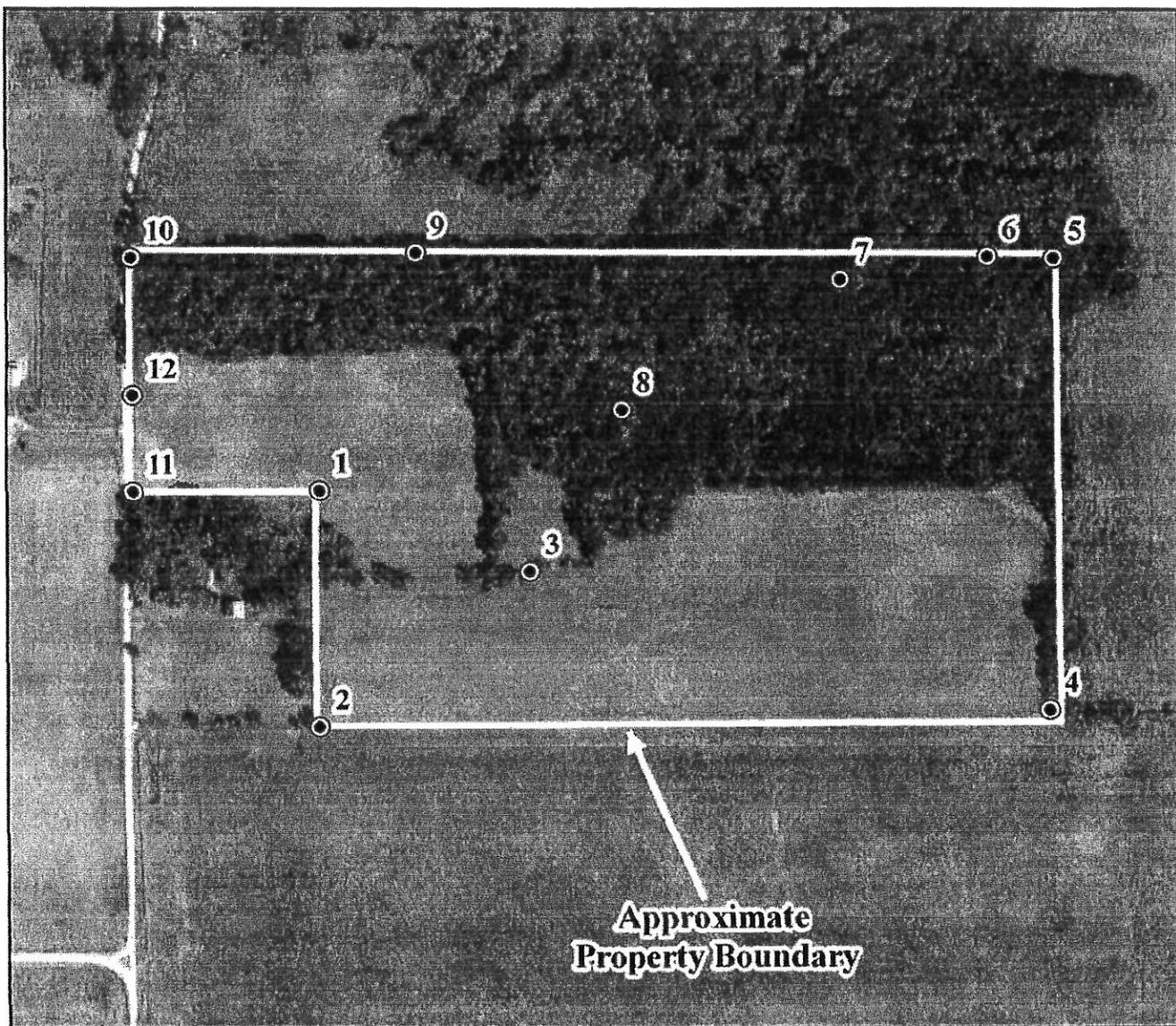
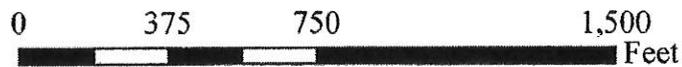


Photo Point	x-coordinate	y-coordinate
1	491099	4698510
2	491098	4698306
3	491279	4698440
4	491724	4698320
5	491730	4698710
6	491673	4698711
7	491548	4698691
8	491359	4698579
9	491181	4698714
10	490938	4698709
11	490939	4698509
12	490939	4698591



UTM Coordinates  
 Zone 15 North  
 NAD 83  
 Units: Meters

**Legend**

-  Approximate Property Boundary
-  Photo Point

Good Morning - First lets deal with the acreage issue. The acreage being drained is the basis for the IDDA dues assessments. The information we have on acres drained in your county pre-dates my employment with IDDA so I really don't know how the number of 168,000 acres was obtained or what the source was. The acres reported are all on the honor system so if you say it is 110,000 acres, that is the number we will use. Based on that number, your membership dues would be \$2,750 and litigation fund contribution (which is voluntary) would be \$1,375. The dues are set by the IDDA Board of Directors so there is nothing I can do to change the dues amount without going to the board.

In terms of benefits, let me first say that IDDA is the ONLY organization in the state that represents drainage districts. It is our one and only focus. Of course we get assistance from other ag related organizations on some issues but no one else has our singular focus.

Benefits would include -

- 1) Lobbying - IDDA has two part-time contract lobbyists in addition to myself who work to represent our views in the legislature. With our representation, we have someone at the Capitol virtually every day the legislature is in session. Lobbying can include sponsoring bills supported by our membership to change drainage law or, stopping legislation that would be detrimental to drainage interests.
- 2) Relationships - IDDA maintains strong relations with state and federal agencies that could impact drainage. This includes the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Department of Natural Resources, the Natural Resource and Conservation Service, EPA and others. We also have strong ties to other ag groups such as the Iowa Farm Bureau, the Iowa Corn Growers Association and the Iowa Soybean Association. We also have strong ties to ISAC.
- 3) Annual Conference - IDDA sponsors an annual meeting held each December where current drainage topics are aired and discussed. We have a separate break out session for drainage clerks. This meeting is also an excellent networking opportunity.
- 4) Topical meetings - If an important issues merits it, we will pull together a meeting on that topic. For example, we were the only association in the state that put together a full one day conference on the Waters of the United States proposal by EPA.
- 5) Legal assistance - IDDA retains an attorney that can provide legal assistance on drainage issues on a limited basis.
- 6) Newsletter - IDDA publishes a quarterly newsletter highlighting current issues.
- 7) Website - This is regularly updated and contains information of importance to association members.
- 8) The mutual protection fund exists to protect drainage rights in the courts. Recently, that fund raised more than \$300,000 in the successful legal effort to stave off the Des Moines Waterworks lawsuit. As a member county, you would potentially have access to those funds should the need arise (disposition of the funds is decided by the IDDA board)
- 9) Drainage law book - Several years ago, IDDA published a drainage law book which is a complete and separate collection of state drainage law. These are free to our members. The book is updated as necessary

Back when IDDA initially was incorporated on March 16th, 1990, Hardin County was one of the counties that helped form the organization. We would love to have you back in the fold so to speak.

Please call or email if you have additional questions. thanks John

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