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To: Landowners in Joint Drainage District Marshall-Story #1 & Landowners Who Benefit from the District

You should have received a letter dated May 12, 2014 notifying you of a hearing to be held in State Center on June 24, 2014. This letter is a reminder for that meeting.

On December 10, 2013 the Marshall and Story County Boards of Supervisors, acting as Drainage District Trustees, held a public hearing in State Center, IA to gather input from landowners in Marshall-Story #1 on what should be done about the deteriorating 30" main tile. The end result of that meeting was the hiring of engineering firm ISG to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report on the condition of the tile and to recommend options for repair.

The completed report was presented to the Trustees on Thursday, May 1. The report recommends that the open ditch below the main tile be cleaned and stabilized and that the 30" tile be replaced. The tile can be replaced as is (Option 1) or improved by expanding it to a 42" tile (Option 2). The estimated cost of Option 1 is \$553,152 and the estimated cost for Option 2 is \$697,852.

The history of Marshall-Story #1 indicates that the 30" tile was undersized from the time it was installed. For this reason the report recommends that the trustees adopt Option 2. The report also found that several properties immediately to the east of the existing district amounting to 225 acres benefit from the open ditch and it recommends that these lands be annexed into the district. This notice is being sent to those land owners as well as the current land owners.

Because drainage district facilities are held by the land owners in the district it is the land owners who pay all expenses incurred by the district. The trustees manage the district for the benefit of the land owners.

The trustees have scheduled a public hearing to present the report to the land owners on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Marshall High School Auditorium at 601 3rd Street NW in State Center, IA. This is your chance to hear from the engineer who prepared the report and to let the trustees know your concerns. While the trustees are bound by the Code of Iowa to maintain the district to its original design capacity they value your input. Please attend the meeting or submit written comments if you are unable to attend.

The report is available on the Marshall county website at www.co.marshall.ia.us under the Miscellaneous Services banner and hard copies can be viewed at the Story and Marshall County Auditor's Offices. If you have questions you can reach Scott Wall, the Story county Drainage District Clerk at 515-382-7216 or swall@storycounty.com or me at 641-844-2715 or whunt@co.marshall.ia.us.

Sincerely,

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