

DRAINAGE NOTES  
DISTRICT MARSHALL-STORY #1  
JULY 22, 2014

Bill Papenburg presented some materials at the regular Story County Board of Supervisors meeting on the area in Marshall County which has been proposed for annexation into Joint Drainage District Marshall-Story #1, Story County controlling.

ISG, the consulting engineer on the proposed tile replacement in Marshall-Story #1, has photographic evidence that the open ditch outside the district boundaries was straightened in the late 1950's/early 1960's. The engineer believes the district may have played a part in the straightening in which case the lands that drain into the straightened portion should be annexed into the district. The engineer has no proof that the district was involved.

Papenburg spent part of two days going through the drainage district minutes from 1950 to the present and did not find anything about district involvement in straightening the ditch. He thinks the land owners along the ditch did the work on their own and that the district was not involved. This means that portion of the ditch is not a district facility and the lands in question should not be annexed.

The board thanked Papenburg for his information and reminded him they could do nothing at this meeting as they were acting as County Supervisors, not as Drainage District Trustees. They encouraged him to bring his information to the July 29 meeting in State Center, IA and present it to the trustees there.

I looked through the old minutes of Marshall-Story #1 last week (July 16 & 17) from 1950 through the 1970's and concur with Papenburg. I also found no evidence of the district being involved in work on any open ditch, either inside or outside the district boundaries. The only relatively large assessment I could find was for 20% in 1963 to pay for work done to repair the main district tile in, presumably, the fall of 1962.

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