

**NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 75
KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA**

To: ALL LANDOWNERS AND PERSONS WITH INTEREST IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 75 OF KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA.

The Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 75 received a petition by a landowner of the District requesting the capacity of the Tile Main be investigated. Acting on this petition, the Board appointed ISG of Storm Lake as Engineer and directed them to evaluate the general conditions of the tile and the need for drainage relief and to report their preliminary findings to the Board.

On May 19, 2020, ISG met with the Board and presented their preliminary evaluation of existing conditions and proposed options for drainage relief. Attached is a copy of the District Plat showing the watershed and facilities of the District. In general, the existing Main Tile has less than 1/4 of the recommended drainage capacity for agricultural production. The Lateral No. 1 Tile has only about 34% of the recommended capacity. The preliminary report covers two options for improvement of the Main tile and also the replacement of Lateral No. 1. Part of this improvement will involve replacing the lower 1441 feet of the Main Tile with a Main Open Ditch (Solid blue line on District Plat). In addition, both improvement options will involve changing the alignment of the Main Tile to bypass the Federal Wildlife reserve in Section 5, Portland Township. The Engineer's opinion of cost for the overall improvements for the Main Tile is approximately \$1,045,000.00. In addition, the total project cost for improving Lateral No. 1 is estimated at \$367,000. The report with preliminary plans and cost estimates is on file at the Kossuth County Auditor's Office and can be viewed on the Kossuth County Website at co.kossuth.ia.us.

Because the proposed drainage improvements may impact wetlands or farmed wetlands, it will be necessary for landowners to have wetland determinations completed on their land contained within Drainage District No. 75. The landowners or their tenants are the only individuals that can request these determinations. If any of the options proposed are approved, all landowners will be asked to provide a certified wetland determination for their land. If landowner's do not have wetland determinations, a certified wetland determination can be requested by signing a 1026 form at the Kossuth County FSA office. Please provide a copy of this letter and map to your local NRCS office when making your request. In addition, provide the NRCS any private tile information you have including location and size, for this can change the outcome of the determination. Finally, please sign an "**Information Release Statement**". This will allow the NRCS to provide copies of your determinations to the Kossuth County Auditor's Office upon completion.

THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors for Kossuth County, Iowa, acting as Trustees for the Drainage District No. 75 have set Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in the Kossuth County Election Center, 108 S Hall St., Algona, Iowa, as the time, place and date for an informational meeting to discuss the proposed drainage improvements for the District.

This is NOT a formal public hearing and the Board will NOT be taking any official action other than to receive input from the landowners of the District. Please take notice and plan to attend via conference call.

This notice is mailed at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, acting on behalf of Drainage District No. 75. Please review the written report at co.kossuth.ia.us prior to the informational meeting.

Amber Garman,
Kossuth County Auditor