

**NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 90 LAT 1
KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA**

To: ALL LANDOWNERS AND PERSONS WITH INTEREST IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 90 LATERAL 1 OF KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA.

The Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 90 received a request from a District landowner to investigate the condition of the Lateral 1 Tile at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing. 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 4, 2021, ISG met with the Board and presented their preliminary evaluation of existing conditions. Attached is a copy of the District Plat showing the watershed and facilities of the District. In general, the existing Lateral 1 Tile has less than 25% of the recommended drainage capacity for agricultural production. The Board, based on this information, directed ISG to move forward with a preliminary report and evaluate a proposed improvement for the Lateral 1 Tile. Said report was filed on June 22, 2021. Part of this proposed improvement would involve replacing the lower 2,190 feet of the Lateral 1 Tile, with an open ditch (Solid blue line on District Plat). The Engineer's opinion of cost for full improvement of the Lateral is approximately \$2,235,000.00. The portion of the cost assessed to the Drainage District for the complete improvement would be approximately \$1,999,000.00. The report with the cost estimate is on file at the Kossuth County Auditor's Office and can be viewed on the Kossuth County Website at kossuthcounty.iowa.gov.

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. 90 Lateral 1. The landowners or their tenants are the only individuals that can request these determinations. If the proposed improvements are pursued after this informational meeting, all landowners will be asked to provide a certified wetland determination for their land at the time of formal hearing on the project. 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. 90 Lateral 1, have set Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room at the Kossuth County Courthouse, Algona, IA, 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.

This notice is mailed at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, acting on behalf of Drainage District No. 90. Please review the written report at kossuthcounty.iowa.gov prior to attending the informational meeting.

Tammy Eden,
Kossuth County Auditor