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**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) R**

Date: September 24, 2015

Weekly Agenda Date: September 29, 2015

DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Board of Supervisors as Drainage District Trustees.

SUBJECT: **Discussion of Orton Slough Ditch Tax Levy – Allow installment payments of assessments**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

**Consideration X**

**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion of Orton Slough Ditch tax assessment-Approve installment payments

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The county board of supervisors has heard concerns from landowners in the Orton Slough Drainage District concerning the FY 2015-16 drainage district taxes. The taxes as assessed cover expenses already accrued on behalf of the district. Warrants for engineering work were issued in FY 2014-15 and are due for payment. A contract for improvements to the existing 20" tile system has been let to contract and is underway. A contract for engineering work to acquire a drainage ditch easement and improve the ditch from the RR right of way to the main Orton Slough intake is also underway. The drainage taxes are higher than in years past and the Board of Supervisors has the option of allowing assessments in excess of \$500.00 to be paid in installments.

**BACKGROUND:** The Woodbury Board of Supervisors serves as trustee for the Orton Slough Drainage District. The Board approved drainage district levies for the Orton Slough Drainage District on June 2, 2015. The total levied against the district was \$61,000 for FY 2015-16. The total covers the following expenses:

\$24,320.39 - outstanding warrants for engineering of district improvement project \*  
\$32,250.00 – contract work for tile system maintenance by L. A. Carlson  
\$ 3,929.61 - Engineering work for ditch cleaning project from RR to main intake.  
\$60,500.00 total

\*Project dropped at request of landowners.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The drainage district taxes assessed are a pass through the county budget. Drainage district taxes are levied against land within the district and due from those landowners. Warrants do accrue interest for the warrant holder at a simple 5% interest rate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a motion to allow installment payments of drainage district assessments.

**ACTION REQUIRED/MOTION PROPOSED:** Motion to approve allowing Orton Slough Drainage District landowners to pay their drainage district taxes in installments as allowed in Chapter 468.57(1), 468.57(1b) and 468.57(2) of the Code of Iowa.