

**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM**

Date: 12/13/2023

Weekly Agenda Date: 12/19/2023

**ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN:** Supervisor Jeremy Taylor

**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Motion to Delay the Public Hearing for the Salix Drainage District from February 20, 2024 to March 19, 2024

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Public Hearing

Other: Informational

Attachments

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

During the December 5 board meeting, we had around 40 Salix residents attend a public hearing in which every person spoke in favor of a Salix Drainage District, which would establish its own drainage district trustees rather than the Board of Supervisors; however, what many found objection to was the current plan. This hasn't been done in nearly a century, and residents expressed many concerns about the current plan that was being proposed by V&K. Rather than approve the plan as submitted, the BOS "tapped the brakes," asked for further public input to be given, and asked for a draft proposal during a subsequent public hearing to be brought back on February 20, 2024.

This items gives more time for public input with a meeting to be scheduled after the first of the year and V&K to publicly divulge details of possible options and proposals.

**BACKGROUND:**

I have had two concerns: public input akin to what we were hearing bandied about on December 5 and the dissemination of how taxing would be allocated/apportioned, which would seem that upon the request of a single affected party could trigger that determination.

At the December 12 meeting, I shared my desire to help facilitate a public meeting in concert with Salix Mayor Kevin Nelson. On December 13, Patrick Mouw let me know that the statutory provisions require a 40 day notice to any affected party before the February 20 meeting, which would mean everything would need to be done and reconfigured by January 10. Given the holidays, this doesn't seem to fit well with a public meeting and drafting based on holding a meeting and amending the current plan (less than a month). When I asked Patrick about delaying it a month to give him time, e.g. holding a public meeting first, March 19 is much better and would give the space and time to take further public input, an extension of what we started in an over-hour-long discussion on December 12.

If there were ever a time to "measure twice, cut once," this is it. Plus, the up to two-year extension of the Farmer's Drainage District which Salix can utilize underscores that there is no reason to artificially rush this. If the BOS extends this, my intention would be to work with the Mayor of Salix to have an informational meeting at 5 pm on Thursday, January 11.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?**

Yes  No

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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