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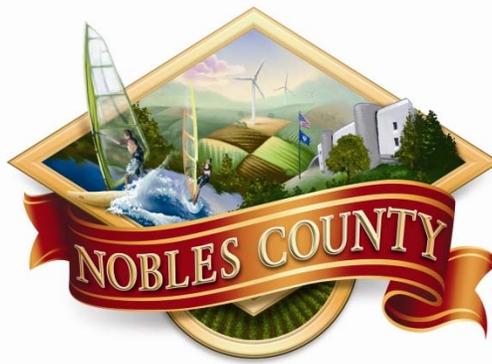
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COUNTY BOARD – PROPOSED ADDENDUM
TUESDAY, APRIL 06, 2021, 9:00 A.M.
NOBLES COUNTY BOARD ROOM

7.0 Department Presentations

7.1 Highway Department – Stephen Schnieder

B. JD 8 Tile Repair *(Action)*



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COMMISSIONER BRIEFING

**JD 8 Tile Repair
Public Works
Stephen Schnieder
Time needed: 5 Minutes**

Issue:

Tile on Judicial Ditch #8 does not have the needed cover to protect the tile line from damage when farm equipment goes over it. Erosion in the field has washed away soil needed to protect the tile. It was determined that the tile needs to be protected. It was also determined that placing cover over the tile is a maintenance operation that can be done with ditch system maintenance funding. The original project scope and resulting estimated cost was around \$50,000 to \$60,000. The current conditions in the field does not fit the original project scope. The estimated cost to cover the new conditions is around twice as much.

Discussion:

Work to protect of the tile still needs to be done.

The options available are to move the tile to a new location away from the erosion area where there is more cover, or, haul in material to cover the tile in the current location, or, to take material out of the field to cover the tile.

Moving the tile line or hauling in material to cover the tile in place are significantly more expensive than getting material out of the field and covering the tile.

A project of this scope would normally involve site surveying, designing the project, calculation of the quantities and solicitation for quotes to have the work done. Since this was intended to be a simple project, this was not done.

The conditions to do the work are good at this time.

Only one contractor expressed interest in doing the work as originally proposed.

Doing a new solicitation for quotes and providing a plan and estimated quantities will delay the project until this summer or fall.

The project still needs to be done to project the tile line.

The property owner is willing to have the work done as proposed instead of requiring the tile line to be moved at a much higher cost. This is a good option for the owner and the ditch system.

Options:

Move ahead with the project at this time with the contractor being compensated based on actual costs to complete the work.

Or,

Postpone the project to have a plan prepared and quantities determined and then request new quotes for the work to be done.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation that the contractor be authorized to do the project now with compensation to be for actual costs incurred to do the work.

