

NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING OF UPDATED RECLASSIFICATION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO 49-79 IN WINNEBAGO AND HANCOCK COUNTIES, IOWA

TO: Landowners in Drainage District No 49-79 in Winnebago and Hancock Counties, Iowa

TO: All lienholders or encumbrancers of any land within said Drainage District No 49-79 and to all other persons whom it may concern, including actual occupants of the lands in and including Drainage District No 49-79, Winnebago and Hancock Counties, Iowa.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of Supervisors of Winnebago and Hancock Counties, Iowa, acting as Trustees for Drainage District No 49-79, appointed a Classification Commission, as provided by law, for the reclassification of Drainage District No 49-79, Winnebago and Hancock Counties, Iowa. A report was filed in May, 2019 and approved by the Winnebago and Hancock County Boards of Supervisors. For several schedules, Winnebago and Hancock County Secondary Road parcels were given disproportionately high classification relative to their actual benefit. This reclassification is being completed in order to correct the inequity in the County Secondary Roads classifications. There is a copy of this updated report in its entirety in the office of the County Auditor or on the county website at www.winnebagoiowa.gov.

RECLASSIFICATION of the County Secondary Roads lands is shown in the Classification Commissioners' Report on Reclassification of benefits for Drainage District No 49-79. The classification for each remaining tract is either shown in the Classification Commissioners' Report on Reclassification or the May, 2019 report.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the assessment schedule sets out a classification and assessment which shall be the basis for future repairs and improvements made in this District. The Winnebago and Hancock County Boards of Supervisors have tentatively approved the report as filed and has fixed the time for hearing on said report for **May 16, 2023 at 9:15 A.M.** at the Winnebago County Courthouse, in Forest City, Iowa.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all objections to the Reclassification Report must be in writing and filed with the Winnebago County Auditor at or before the time set for the hearing. At said hearing the Winnebago and Hancock County Boards of Supervisors shall hear and determine all written objections to the report, and may affirm, increase or decrease the percentage of benefits or apportionment of costs and expenses made in the report against any tract of land in the District, as may appear to the Board to be just and equitable.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at such hearing, the Board may hear evidence both for and against the approval of the report or any portion thereof, but it shall not be competent to show that any of the land in the district assessed for benefits will not be benefited by such repairs or improvements to some degree. Any interested party may be heard in argument by himself or counsel.

YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED that your failure to file a written objection may result in the consequence of waiving your right to appeal any decision to the District Court.

THIS NOTICE is published and mailed as provided by law at the direction of the Boards of Supervisors of Winnebago and Hancock Counties, Iowa, acting as Trustees of Drainage District No 49-79.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2023

Karla Weiss
Winnebago County Auditor