

**NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
MCNEILL INTERCOUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, MAIN OPEN DITCH  
MONONA AND HARRISON COUNTIES, IOWA**

To: ALL LANDOWNERS AND PERSONS WITH INTEREST IN MCNEILL INTERCOUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, MAIN OPEN DITCH OF MONONA AND HARRISON COUNTIES, IOWA.

The Joint Board of Supervisors of Monona and Harrison Counties acting as Trustees for McNeill Intercounty Drainage District are seeking landowner input and presence at an informational meeting regarding the McNeill Main Open Ditch crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR).

The McNeill Intercounty Drainage District is undergoing repairs of the Main Open Ditch. Phase I of the project, which encompasses the open ditch from the outlet in Harrison County up to the Union Pacific Railroad crossing south of 280<sup>th</sup> Street, between Holly Ave and County Highway K45. This portion of the project was constructed and completed in 2023. Phase II of the project encompasses the UPRR crossing described previously up to the terminus of the Main Open Ditch, near the City of Onawa Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current alignment of the ditch through this phase crosses the UPRR two (2) times. Original plans filed in the 2010 Engineer's Report called for traditional replacement and lowering of the UPRR crossing culverts. Due to the complexity of UPRR policy, alternative crossing options have been provided to the Joint Board of Supervisors for consideration to allow the project to continue in a cost-effective and timely manner. The Joint Board is now seeking input from landowners of the District.

**THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the Joint Board of Supervisors of Monona and Harrison Counties, Iowa, acting as Trustees for the McNeill Intercounty Drainage District have set Tuesday, December 17, at 10:00 AM in the Onawa Public Library, 707 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, Iowa, as the date, time and place for an informational meeting to discuss options and receive landowner input for the railroad crossing.

This is NOT a formal public hearing and the Joint Board will NOT be taking any official action other than to receive input from the landowners of the District and direct the appointed Engineer regarding final plans. Please take notice and plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, you are highly encouraged to submit comments or input in writing to the Monona or Harrison County Auditor prior to the meeting.

This notice is mailed at the direction of the Joint Board of Supervisors of Monona and Harrison Counties, acting as Trustees for the McNeill Intercounty Drainage District.

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Peggy Rolph,  
Monona County Auditor

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