

Swift Coulee Open House
Marshall County Courthouse
November 18, 2021
4:00-6:00p.m

Administrator Maher gave a brief introduction then turned the meeting over to Tony Nordby for a Project overview.

Tony Nordby from Houston Engineering provided a power point presentation on the process that resulted in the current alternative being selected. Nordby also gave an update what the project will consist of and the design and reasoning behind it.

Some questions and concerns that were brought up are:

- Does the figure for land being saved (15%) take into account the land that would be in the easement? Answer-yes
- How many acres would be pulled out of production to make room for the coulee? Answer-
- How will squaring off affect the water flow? Answer- the easement would be squared off not the coulee. It would keep the meander
- How much higher would the new berm be from the current height? Answer 4ft
- Is there more information online so that people can do more research on their own? Answer- Yes on the Districts Website there is some information.
- If landowners are not in favor would the district use Eminent Domaine to take land for the Project? Answer- That is not something that the district wants to do or has any intention of currently.

John Voz from BWSR gave an overview of the RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota) program and how the easements would work. Property taxes, public access, and CRP contracts were topics that were discussed. A local contact for the RIM program would be Darrin Carlson at the Marshall County SWCD.

Administrator Maher stated that the deadline for the application for the Lessard Sam's funding is mid-May. He would like to have landowner agreements in place prior to applying for the funds as it is a requirement to have landowner buy in for the funding.

Presentations and comments were concluded around 5:30pm