

**CITY OF STORM LAKE
DRAINAGE DISTRICT TRUSTEES
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
5:45 PM**



City of Storm Lake
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AGENDA

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Open the Meeting

- **Call to Order**

A. Hear the Public

B. New Business

1. **Appoint New Attorney**

C. Adjourn

Meeting Protocol

If you wish to speak today, please:

1. To speak on an agenda item, please approach the podium when that agenda item is called, and upon recognition by the Chair, identify yourself by stating your name and address.
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3. Please keep your remarks to three (3) minutes or less.
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Staff Summary

9/15/2025

Agenda Item # B.1.



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REPORT TO: Trustees

FROM: Kim Woltman, Program Manager

SUBJECT: **Appoint New Attorney**

BACKGROUND: James Hudson, attorney for the drainage district is retiring therefore, the trustees must appoint a new attorney. Ryan Buske, attorney from McMahon, Stowater, Laddusaw & Buske Law Firm out of Algona and Pocahontas Iowa has requested to be appointed for the drainage district.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$350.00 per hour plus mileage from Pocahontas Iowa

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Mr. Buske

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [2025.09.09 - Letter Re Legal Counsel - Storm Lake Drainage Dist_](#)

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Mark J. Laddusaw
Ryan C. Buske

E.C. McMahon (1901-1985)
Leo J. Cassel (1918-1993)
Joseph E. Lynch (1922-2006)
Ryan J. Lynch (1952-2021)

September 9, 2025

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Regarding: Legal Counsel for Storm Lake Drainage District
Delivered Via: E-mail to woltman@stormlake.org

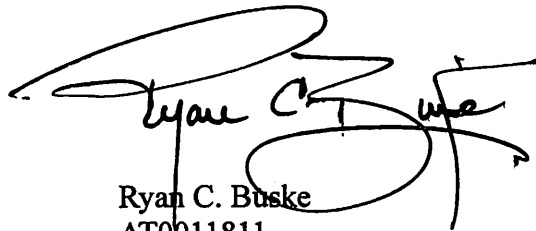
Dear City of Storm Lake:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding obtaining my legal services for the City of Storm Lake's Drainage District. I am interested in the position and taking the Drainage District on as a client. I charge \$350.00 per hour for legal services plus mileage from Pocahontas, Iowa.

Should anyone have questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely

McMahon, Stowater, Laddusaw & Buske



Ryan C. Buske
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