

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2013

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met at the Faribault County Ag Center in the City of Blue Earth as the Faribault County Drainage Authority pursuant to recess of regular session at 12:00 p.m. on April 2, 2013. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson, Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning Program Administrator Michele Stindtman and Drainage Inspector John Meyer were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Young.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the April 2, 2013 agenda.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve minutes from March 19, 2013 drainage authority meeting.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried to approve the following project list. Commissioner Warmka abstained on CD 20 project due to conflict of interest.

<b>Ditch</b>	<b>Twp</b>	<b>Sec</b>	<b>Qtr</b>	<b>Landowner</b>	<b>Problem</b>	<b>Project Summary</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Estimate Cost</b>	<b>Est. App Date</b>
CD 5	Emerald	7		Humberg	CREP after cleanout, bare ground	till and reseed, 1.6-2 ac	Customized Landscaping	350.00	4/2/2013
CD 50	Jo Daviess	32	NE4	Marc Bell-producer	slow drainage	camera	contractor/ Martin Co.	T/M	4/2/2013
CD 7	Lura	34		Schuster and others	crossing/install new	Hydro study	I/S	4,500.00	4/2/2013
CD 20	Walnut Lake	8/21		T.O'Rourke	In slope, bare ground	seed in slope, VICON	Customized Landscaping	1,474.88	4/2/2013
CD 20	Walnut Lake	8/21		T. O'Rourke	CRP reseeding after cleanout	reseed buffer strip	Customized Landscaping	350.02	4/2/2013
CD 20	Walnut Lake	21	SE4	Jim Warmka	CRP reseeding after tile repair	reseed CRP area	Customized Landscaping	352.69	4/2/2013
CD 3	Walnut Lake	19		multiple	collapsing culvert, poor field drive	remove field drive, culvert, install field drive	Sonnek Backhoe Service	2,480.00	4/2/2013

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve payment of \$12,145 to Pfeffer Tree Service for tree removal on County Ditch 8 in Section 35 of Blue Earth Township.

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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve quote from I&S Engineers for sizing and designing culvert on County Ditch 7 for field crossing not to exceed \$4,500.

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Ron Schmidt and Steve Schmidt met regarding an issue on County Ditch 10 in Barber Township. They are requesting that an unknown length of tile be rerouted around an installed pump that serves both county and private tile lines. It is believed to be a private pump. Staff was directed to research the circumstances of the installation of the tile, the status of the open ditch, legal requirements of the reroute, and a cost estimate for the next drainage authority meeting.

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Scott Legried, landowner, and Dan Hodgman, contractor, met regarding Legried's request to cross county tile lines on County Ditch 22 and to modify tile lines and cross watershed lines into Judicial Ditch 13 with a private tile in Section 28 of Rome Township. Staff is requested to research the matter and report back at the next meeting or as soon as possible.

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A repair petition requesting a reroute of County Ditch 13 main near its outlet from David Amundson was presented. The petition also requested that a tile detached from a section of tile line in Judicial Ditch 13. Staff has found no record of when the two tile lines were connected.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to accept the repair petition on County Ditch 13 from David Amundson, direct staff to prepare a report and to obtain legal advice from Kurt Deter to determine what the requirements would be and if a repair petition would be adequate.

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Meyer presented a report from Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Zone 10 engineers relating to a proposed project to install stream barbs near the outlet of Judicial Ditch 1 in Delavan Township.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to enter into a temporary easement for a one rod buffer on County Ditch 3 in Section 19 of Walnut Lake Township, including a new field

driveway, and the removal of a culvert per the plan on file with the Ditch Inspector at a cost of \$850.00 per acre for the easement. A permanent easement will be purchased when the buffer strip is implemented on County Ditch 3.

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Discussion was held regarding the upcoming meeting with Kossuth County to discuss interstate systems.

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Warmka/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 13-DA01-08 an order for the Redetermination of Benefits on County Ditch 3, County Ditch 7, County Ditch 10, County Ditch 11, County Ditch 16, County Ditch 19, County Ditch 20, County Ditch 56, County Ditch 70, and County Ditch 89 in Faribault County. Commissioners Groskreutz, Loveall, Roper, Warmka, and Young voted yes.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners acting as Drainage Authority of County Ditches 3, 7, 10, 11, 16, 19, 20, 56, 70, and 89 in Faribault County hereby determine that the original benefits or damages determined in drainage proceedings for the County Ditches listed above do not reflect the present day land values or the benefited or damaged areas that have changed.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, that the following disinterested residents of the State, are hereby appointed viewers to redetermine and report the benefits and damages and the benefited and damaged areas of above mentioned ditches;

Wes Tennis  
23086 820<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hayward, MN 56043

Mark Behrends  
20060 700<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Albert Lea MN 56007

Chris Christianson  
27258 810<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hollandale MN 56045

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the viewers after taking an oath to faithfully perform their duties as viewers, having received from the County Auditor-Treasurer copies of the order appointing them as viewers, and received the order designating the time

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and place of their first meeting proceed with their work, as such viewers pursuant to law and to file their report with the Auditor at the earliest possible date.

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Discussion was held regarding the process to receive Form 1026 from the NRCS.

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The Faribault County Drainage Authority was adjourned for April 2013.

The Faribault County regular meeting was recessed to April 16, 2013.

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Greg Young, Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator