

JOINT DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
JUDICIAL DITCH 7 F&M
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
REPAIR HEARING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

The Joint Drainage Authority of Faribault and Martin County acting as drainage authority for Judicial Ditch 7 met for a repair hearing on a petition from David Hacklander for the repair of Branch GG of Ditch 7 F&M on September 10, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Faribault County Ag Center Meeting Room, in the City of Blue Earth. Present were Faribault County Commissioners Greg Young, Tom Loveall, and John Roper. Also attending were Faribault County Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator John Thompson and Martin County Auditor-Treasurer James Forshee.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

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Auditor Thompson presented an affidavit of mailing and an affidavit of publication for the repair hearing.

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Project Engineer Chuck Brandel of I&S Engineer Group reviewed the project and stated the issue was out of repair. The sloughing was present in several areas thus reducing capacity. Cleaning was necessary to return ditch to normal capacity. The poor soils in the area have resulted in many repairs in the area including in 2003, 2012, and 2013. Poor soils and seepage appear to be the issue

Brandel presented five options for possible long term solutions to correct issues within the open ditch as stated in the repair report. Costs ranged from \$77,762 to \$344,346. The engineer also provided estimates on future repair costs based on the option of repair chosen.

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The public hearing portion of the meeting was opened. Mary Muir felt rip-rap would work. David Hacklander stated that something needed to be done as he was losing land that was sloughing into the bottom of the ditch. Wayne Johnston questioned if grass strips were in place. Derald Loge asked if quicksand was in issue. Milton Steele stated that it appeared that quick sand was present in that area. The engineer stated that both peat and/or quicksand are issues that present problems.

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Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously approving the following Order to Repair Branch GG of Judicial Ditch 7 Faribault and Martin Counties per Minnesota Statutes 103E.715 using Option

4 as stated in the Engineer's Repair Report dated August 21, 2013. Commissioners Loveall, Roper, and Young voted yes.

ORDER TO REPAIR

WHEREAS, A petition was filed for the repair of Branch GG of Judicial Ditch 7 Faribault and Martin County by David Hacklander on March 19, 2013 for repair of Branch GG in section 11 of Pilot Grove Township, and

WHEREAS, The County Board appointed Chuck Brandel, I&S Engineer Group to prepare a repair report on said petition,

WHEREAS, the Project Engineer submitted his report dated August 13, 2013 and recommended repair of said Branch GG as stated in the report, and

WHEREAS, A hearing was held pursuant to Minnesota Statute 103E.715 Subdivision 4 following proper notice, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Drainage Authority hereby determines that the repair report presented evidence that the repair is needed and are necessary for the best interests of the affected property owners pursuant to Minnesota Statute 103E.715 Subdivision 4(1),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Drainage Authority hereby orders the repair of Branch GG of Judicial Ditch 7 F&M as presented in the repair report as option 4 and hereby directs the engineer to prepare bidding documents for said projects.

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Martin County Drainage Administrator Deb Mosloski presented a repair request for maintenance under Minnesota Statute 103E.701 for replacing 2,200 feet of tile on Branch H in section 36 of East Chain Township in Martin County.

Roper/Loveall motion carried unanimously to accept the quote for repair of Branch H in Section 36 of East Chain Township from Smith Farms Drainage for \$36,175. One other quote was received from Kellander Farm Drainage Inc. for \$44,980.

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The hearing was adjourned.

Greg Young, Chair of Joint Board

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator