

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING
MAY 6, 2014

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 the recess of the regular session on May 6, 2014. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young Commissioners. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson, Drainage Engineer Joe Mutschler and Drainage Inspector Merissa Lore and Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning Program Administrator Michele Stindtman were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loveall.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the May 6, 2014 agenda with the addition of discussion on beaver bounty policy.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the synopsis and official proceedings from the April 1, 2014 drainage authority meeting.

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Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the following project list:

System	Repair	Order#	Branch	Comm Dis	Twp	Section	Landowner	Problem/Proposed Work	Staff Estimate	Staff Notes	Contractor	Contractor Estimate
CD14	14-042		Branch B	1	Blue Earth City	3	Multiple	Multiple Repairs: Clean out waterway & surface inlet into start of open ditch, riprap crossing, fix 4 sloughs				
CD14	14-043		Main Trunk	1	Blue Earth City	11	Multiple	Multiple outlet repairs (4). Surface water issue where the water goes under I-90 & tile holes.				
CD14	14-044		Main Trunk	1	Blue Earth City	1	Marvin Manske	Two tile outlet issues				
CD25	14-019	1	A	1	Emerald	1	Wesley & Irene Nelson	Tile hole			Gregor Tiling Co. Inc	
CD44	14-018		Main Trunk	1	Rome	1	Todd Fenske	Slough on ditch & ravine cutting by culvert				
CD44	14-038		Main Trunk	1	Rome	1	Todd Fenske	Some cutting is present around the culvert - needs filled and riprap to protect the box culvert & road. Large slough on the ditch bank.				
CD46	14-012	1	34 & main trunk	1	Emerald	34	Warren Long	Broken tile			Amundson Tiling	
CD46	14-016	1	58	1	Emerald	35	Theodore Oswald	Tile hole			Amundson Tiling	
CD46	14-017	1	47	1	Emerald	34	Danny Amundson	Tile froze & shatter for 200 feet			Amundson Tiling	
CD32	14-024		Drainage Outlet	2	Pilot Grove	35	Kenneth Naumann	Large washout on private main. The private main provides an outlet to the county system (only outlet). Outlet appears to be under sediment in the West Branch Blue Earth River.				
CD50	14-037		Main Trunk, Branch 41	2	Verona	29	Multiple - in road ROW	4 broken surface inlets in the road ditch. One on the Main Trunk off 330th Ave. Two (one on each side of the road) on Branch D. One on Branch 41.				
JD7MF	14-014		GG	2	Pilot Grove	14		Original tile needs repair (16"). Was it abandoned with Branch GG Improvement				
JD8MF	13-220		K	2	Verona	8		Surface inlet failure				
CD14	14-008		A	4	Prescott	34		Surface intake in the road ditch that needs to be moved. Surface water coming under the road is causing erosion at the start of the waterway. Surface intake should be moved to lower point in the ditch and some soil moved to direct water into the waterway. NRCS can help with some of the costs.				
CD14	14-025		A	4	Prescott	35		Broken tile in road ditch				
CD20	14-039		K	4	Barber	18	Loraine Smith	Broken tile, surface inlet erosion, & exposed tile				
CD24	14-033	1	Main	4	Winnebago City	9	Charles Carlson	Broken Tile			Osmundson Construction	
CD56	14-026		Main	4	Barber	8	Larry Paul	broken tile				
JCD20IM	14-036		Main Trunk	4	Winnebago City	29	Brian Jacobsen	Broken tile				
JCD23FM	14-034	1	Main	4	Winnebago City	7		ditch bank washout			Osmundson Construction	
JCD23FM	14-035	1	Main	4	Winnebago City	5		broken tile,			Osmundson Construction	
JD1F	14-011	1	Open Ditch	4	Delavan	36	Herb Whitney	erosion at surface inlet			Swehla Trucking, Excavating and Pumping	
JD2F	14-039		K	4	Barber	18	Loraine Smith	Broken tile, surface inlet erosion, & exposed tile				
JD9FBE	14-015		B	4	Lura	6	Jerome Hansen	2 Tile holes in waterway				
CD102	14-023	2	Main Trunk	5	Seely	33	Jerald Goette	Jerry would like the ditch cleaned out. Culvert at the head wall where the 2 county tile lines dump into the start of the open ditch is rusted out - causing holes & scour pool in the ditch. Small wash out at the head wall as well.	12000	Ditch cleaning and spoil spreading, outlet repair	Helgeson Drainage Co	\$12,000.00
CD20	14-040		Main	5	Walnut Lake	16	Lincoln Wach	Broken Tile, Shallow				
CD25	14-027		Main and Branch A Ou	5	Brush Creek	6	John Brooks	Old tile outlet is broken, Slough in pete soil on Branch A				
CD44	14-028		Main Trunk	5	Seely	15	Bonnie Risius	Tile hole off of the old main.				
CD55	14-010	1	Branch A	5	Brush Creek	30	Earl & Barb Brandsoy	2 tile holes			Sonneks Backhoe Service	
CD64	14-020	1		5	Kiester	8	Norma Hummer	tile hole			Sonneks Backhoe Service	
CD64	14-021		Main Trunk	5	Kiester	7	Scott Lorenz	Large washout at field crossing. Needs to be fixed before the culvert gets washed out. Two more sloughs on the east & west side of 560th Ave.				
CD78	14-022		Main Trunk	5	Seely	34	Alton Jacobson	3 ditch bank sloughs & two tile outlets that need fixed behind Alton's house. 2 addition tile outlets are broke off causing sloughs in the ditch bank off of hwy 23.				

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the following bills totaling \$13,475.17:

System	Repair	Order#	Branch	Comm Dist	Twp	Section	Landowner	Repair Type	Vendor	Contractor	Percentage	Cost
JCD514M	13-047	7	Main	2	Jo Daviess	26	Loren Benz	Large Trees and old spoil	6778	Snyder Tree Service	99%	\$2,000.00
JCD514M	13-047	5	Main	2	Jo Daviess	26	Loren Benz	Large Trees and old spoil	6778	Snyder Tree Service	95%	\$2,000.00
CD24	14-033	2	Main	4	Winnebago City	9	Charles Carlson		4299	Osmundson Construction	100%	\$1,886.87
JCD23FM	14-034	1	Main	4	Winnebago City	7			4299	Osmundson Construction	100%	\$765.00
JCD23FM	14-035	1	Main	4	Winnebago City	5			4299	Osmundson Construction	100%	\$1,071.30
CD72	13-010	2	Main	5	Seely	12	Kevin Steinhauer	Tree Removal	4299	Osmundson Construction	100%	\$5,752.00
											Total:	\$13,475.17

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Discussion was held regarding developing agreements with landowners that provide a private outlet to a county system. The agreement would include a maintenance breakout.

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Groskreutz informed the staff that road postings will be removed Friday, May 9, 2014.

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Loveall reported a concern that Mike Butler has regarding the spraying program on JCD23. The trees on JCD23 did not have a good kill rate. JCD23 will be added to the spray list for this year.

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Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to appoint Chris Christianson as a viewer to determine the damages to be paid to Joseph Sanders for an easement that allows Elton Rhoda access to his field that was previously provided by a bridge across the drainage ditch that is failing and is no longer a safe access.

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Discussion was held regarding CD 3 buffer strip meeting with Leon Schultz. Loveall will set up the meeting and staff will be present.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Teryjon Aviation to complete the Faribault County spray program at the 2013 price.

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Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to change the proposed buffer strip seed mix from using oats as a companion crop to using winter rye. The seed mix change was against staff and seeding contractor's recommendations.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to accept the low bid on the buffer strip seed distributor from Weerts Construction.

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Discussion was held regarding developing a policy and opt out form to allow landowners to seed their own buffer strip without payment.

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Discussion was held regarding the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers letter clarifying the Waters of the United States. Kurt Deter is drafting a letter on behalf of several counties in response to the proposed rule.

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Discussion was held regarding the 50-foot buffer strip statute and DNR's stance is getting stronger on requiring the 50-foot buffer on public waters.

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Discussion was held regarding an ITC Development agreement which will be completed in order to charge for maps and time allocated to locating county tile during construction. Loveall recused himself from the discussion because he sold land to them.

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JCD514 tree removal and buffer strip establishment was tabled until the next meeting.

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The setting of a hearing on CD 41 repair report was tabled until the next meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding CD32 outlet work. The DNR gave verbal approval that no public water works permit is needed and that drainage tile maintenance is exempt.

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Discussion was held regarding the Joint County Meeting. In general the meeting was thought of as positive and the board would like more elected officials at the next one and conduct round table discussion on joint policies.

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Drainage Program structure discussion was tabled due to time.

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Discussion was held regarding the beaver tail policy. Roper received 47 beaver tails from a trapper who received his license from the DNR the day before turning in the tails. The trapper was prohibited from trapping for 6 months by the DNR for violations.

Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to pay Robert Greely the bounty for 47 beaver tails.

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The Faribault County Drainage Authority was adjourned for May 2014.

Tom Loveall, Chair

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator