

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING  
July 1, 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 July 1, 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 were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loveall.

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Roper/Warmka motion carried unanimously to approve the July 1, 2014 agenda.

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

| System  | Repair | Order# | Branch               | Comm Dis | Twp         | Section | Landowner                     | Problem/Proposed Work  | Contractor                        | Contractor Estimat |
|---------|--------|--------|----------------------|----------|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| CD22    | 14-072 |        | Main Trunk           | 1        | Rome        | 32      | Eldon (Gene is contact) Huber | Broke tile - 2 blowouts  | Osmundson                         | Complete           |
| CD26    | 14-117 |        | Old Main or Branch B | 1        | Emerald     | 30      |                               | large hole formed in the field next to headwall- Jeff Moore removed debris to allow water to flow  | Bob Moore Drainage and Excavating |                    |
| CD8     | 14-110 |        | Branch H             | 1        | Rome        | 6       |                               | 80 feet of 15" tile replacement  | Amundson                          | Complete           |
| JD13F   | 14-070 |        | Main Trunk           | 1        | Elmore      | 11      | Duane Ehrich                  | Washout  |                                   |                    |
| JD13F   | 14-102 |        | Branch A + 329       | 1        | Rome        | 33      | Esther Hanson                 | Broken Tile about 80' north of south fence line  |                                   |                    |
| CD12    | 14-095 |        | Branch 1 or 4        | 2        | Pilot Grove | 11      |                               | Field is wetter than normal and would like to investigate. The area around the main line is dry.   |                                   |                    |
| JCD414M | 14-106 |        | Main                 | 2        | Pilot Grove | 4       |                               | Bank Slough, FEMA 2014   |                                   |                    |
| JCD514M | 14-053 |        | Main                 | 2        | Jo Daviess  | 35      | Dave Rosenau                  | Fallen trees in the ditch  | G&S                               |                    |
| JD19F   | 14-108 |        | Branch 65-20-8       | 2        | Jo Daviess  | 29      |                               | hole around surface inlet on west side of the road, in the road ditch  |                                   |                    |
| JD19F   | 14-109 |        | Branch 65            | 2        | Jo Daviess  | 28      |                               | Surface inlet needs a trash guard, will need to be fixed after corn harvest  |                                   |                    |
| CD20    | 14-116 |        | Main                 | 4        | Barber      | 1       |                               | Large Bank Washout   |                                   |                    |
| CD7     | 14-088 |        |                      | 8        | 4           | Lura    | 35                            | Russ Sonnek  | Broken tile                       |                    |
| JD10F   | 14-086 |        | Main Trunk           | 4        | Delavan     | 32      | Michael Willette              | Broken tile  |                                   |                    |
| JD1F    | 14-087 |        | Main Trunk           | 4        | Barber      | 7       | Arnold Prescher               | Broken surface inlet & tile  |                                   |                    |
| JD1F    | 14-112 |        | Branch 3, Lat D      | 4        | Lura        | 31      |                               | Tile Repair  | Osmundson                         | Complete           |
| JD6F    | 14-114 |        | Main, Open Ditch     | 4        | Barber      | 32      |                               | Private tile outlet eroding ditch bank   | Osmundson                         | Complete           |
| CD18    | 14-103 |        | Main Trunk           | 5        | Kiester     | 29      | Al Prestegard                 | Tile hole  | Helgeson                          |                    |
| CD20    | 14-094 |        | Branch B             | 5        | Walnut Lake | 29      | Jeff Overbo                   | Remove Inlet, it is higher than surrounding field. Actually is functioning as a vent/relief valve. Landowner would like the system to install a blind inlet. |                                   |                    |
| CD20    | 14-111 |        | Branch E             | 5        | Walnut Lake | 9       | Troy Kalis                    | replace 100' of 12" tile   | Sonneks Backhoe Service           | Complete           |
| CD25    | 14-096 |        | E                    | 5        | Brush Creek | 7       | Thilmer Legred                | Multiple tile holes  | Sonneks Backhoe Service           | Complete           |
| CD37    | 14-100 | 1      | J                    | 5        | Brush Creek | 28      | Lorraine Nordass              | Broken tile  | Sonneks Backhoe Service           |                    |
| CD44    | 14-118 |        | Main                 | 5        | Seely       | 8       |                               | Tree fallen into ditch.. FEMA  |                                   |                    |
| CD58    | 14-097 | 1      | Main                 | 5        | Brush Creek | 22      | Sonjia Wilmert                | 150' of broken tile  | Bob Moore Drainage and Excavating |                    |

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Roper/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the following bills totaling \$60,918.08:

| System | Repair | Order# | Branch           | Comm Dist | Twp               | Section | Landowner                     | Repair Type                         | Vendor | Contractor                               | Percentage | Cost        |
|--------|--------|--------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--|------------|-------------|
| CD14   | 14-042 | 1      | Branch B         |           | 1 Blue Earth City | 3       | Multiple                      | Clean Out, Culvert/Crossing, Slough | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 20%        | \$375.00    |
| CD17   | 14-078 | 1      | Branch C         |           | 1 Blue Earth City | 9       | Daniel Humburg                |                                     | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$1,276.14  |
| CD22   | 14-072 | 1      | Main Trunk       |           | 1 Rome            | 32      | Eldon (Gene is contact) Huber | Blowout                             | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$1,125.12  |
| CD25   | 13-207 | 1      | Main Trunk       |           | 1 Emerald         | 2       | Wesley Nelson                 | Slough                              | 6573   | South Central Excavating and Septic, LLC | 100%       | \$378.50    |
| CD35   | 14-061 | 2      |                  | 48        | 1 Rome            | 24      | Joanne Wertjes                | Blowout                             | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$811.20    |
| CD8    | 14-110 | 1      | Branch H         |           | 1 Rome            | 6       |                               | Replacement                         | 1389   | Amundson Tiling                          | 100%       | \$1,638.86  |
| JD22F  | 14-083 | 1      | Main Trunk       |           | 2 Verona          | 27      | Arlan Iliff                   | Blowout, Replacement                | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$1,724.72  |
| JD4FM  | 14-060 | 1      | Main Trunk       |           | 2 Jo Daviess      | 7       | Craig Diegnau                 | Blowout                             | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$903.69    |
| JD8MF  | 13-220 | 3      | K                |           | 2 Verona          | 8       |                               | Blowout                             | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$380.00    |
| CD14   | 14-075 | 1      | B31              |           | 4 Prescott        | 34      | Joel Humburg                  |                                     | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$805.65    |
| CD17   | 14-071 | 1      | B                |           | 4 Prescott        | 28      | Ray Holland                   |                                     | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$1,975.11  |
| CD43   | 14-113 | 1      | Main             |           | 4 Lura            | 16      |                               |                                     | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$1,997.59  |
| CD7    | 13-051 | 3      | main             |           | 4 Lura            | 34      | Kurt Schuster                 | Culvert/Crossing                    | 6573   | South Central Excavating and Septic, LLC | 90%        | \$10,940.94 |
| CD9    | 14-066 | 1      | F                |           | 4 Delavan         | 24      | Chuck Schiable                |                                     | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$592.56    |
| JD10F  | 14-068 | 1      | Main Trunk       |           | 4 Prescott        | 16      | Nancy Cole                    | Blowout                             | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$474.60    |
| JD1F   | 14-011 | 1      | Open Ditch       |           | 4 Delavan         | 36      | Herb Whitney                  | Culvert/Crossing                    | 2843   | Swehla Trucking, Excavating and Pumping  | 100%       | \$11,368.07 |
| JD1F   | 14-112 | 1      | Branch 3, Lat D  |           | 4 Lura            | 31      |                               | Surface Intake                      | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$617.60    |
| JD6F   | 14-114 | 1      | Main, Open Ditch |           | 4 Barber          | 32      |                               | Tile Outlet                         | 4299   | Osmundson Construction                   | 100%       | \$1,308.80  |
| JD9FBE | 14-115 | 1      | Branch C         |           | 4 Lura            | 8       | Joyce Halbe                   | Replacement                         | 594    | Krengel Bros. Inc.                       | 100%       | \$8,158.50  |
| CD20   | 13-142 | 2      | Br G             |           | 5 Walnut Lake     | 16      | Charlie Kalis                 | Replacement                         | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$896.88    |
| CD20   | 14-055 | 1      | B                |           | 5 Walnut Lake     | 20      |                               | Blowout                             | 6573   | South Central Excavating and Septic, LLC | 100%       | \$1,032.00  |
| CD20   | 14-111 | 1      | Branch E         |           | 5 Walnut Lake     | 9       | Troy Kalis                    | Replacement                         | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$1,340.00  |
| CD25   | 13-176 | 1      | main             |           | 5 Brush Creek     | 7       | Mike Verdom                   |                                     | 6573   | South Central Excavating and Septic, LLC | 100%       | \$1,625.00  |
| CD25   | 14-052 | 1      | Main             |           | 5 Brush Creek     | 4       | Jeff Overbo                   | Blowout                             | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$375.00    |
| CD25   | 14-096 | 1      | E                |           | 5 Brush Creek     | 7       | Thilmer Legred                | Replacement                         | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$1,659.00  |
| CD37   | 14-100 | 1      | J                |           | 5 Brush Creek     | 28      | Lorraine Nordass              | Blowout                             | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$342.60    |
| CD55   | 14-067 | 1      | Main             |           | 5 Brush Creek     | 20      | Arlen Legred                  | Blowout                             | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$457.20    |
| CD64   | 14-020 | 2      |                  |           | 5 Kiester         | 8       | Norma Hummer                  | Blowout                             | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$47.25     |
| CD64   | 14-021 | 1      | Main Trunk       |           | 5 Kiester         | 7       | Scott Lorenz                  | Slough                              | 2843   | Swehla Trucking, Excavating and Pumping  | 100%       | \$3,505.00  |
| CD70   | 14-080 | 1      | Main Trunk       |           | 5 Walnut Lake     | 30      | Shirlee Jelle                 | Blowout                             | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$160.00    |
| CD70   | 14-081 | 1      | Main Trunk       |           | 5 Walnut Lake     | 29      | Martin Dylla                  | Blowout                             | 679    | Sonneks Backhoe Service                  | 100%       | \$409.50    |
| CD85   | 13-202 | 1      | Main             |           | 5 Minnesota Lake  | 11      | Lembke Trust                  | Clean Out                           | 6573   | South Central Excavating and Septic, LLC | 100%       | \$120.00    |
| CD86   | 13-166 | 1      | Main             |           | 5 Minnesota Lake  | 12      | Bill Rauenhorst               | Culvert/Crossing                    | 6573   | South Central Excavating and Septic, LLC | 90%        | \$2,096.00  |
|        |        |        |                  |           |                   |         |                               |                                     |        |  | Total:     | \$60,918.08 |

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve payment to Weerts Construction Co. for buffer strip seeding in the amount of \$1521.00 for JD6F, \$843.65 for CD14, and \$1,691.35 for CD5; and payment to Agassiz Seed & Supply Company for seed for buffer strips in the amount of \$622.77 for CD14, \$1,250.23 for CD, \$1,123.80 for JD6F, \$622.77 for JCD23, \$561.90 for CD24, and \$501.03 to the general fund to be charged back to individual ditches for future projects.

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John Plocker, a landowner in CD52, met to discuss his belief that a line of tile should be maintained by the drainage system on a parcel he owns in Section 36 of Jo Daviess Township. Staff presented maps and research that the tile line is not part of the system. Consensus of the Drainage Authority was that system funds could not be spent on private tile even if commissioners in the past had paid for repairs on the line after incorrectly determining that the tile was part of the public system.

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Ruth Sonnek and Nikki Meranowski of Faribault County Farm Service Agency (FSA) met with the board to discuss concerns they had with the unrecorded easements for buffer strips and the timing of the planting of the grass strips. Sonnek voiced concerns that producers eligibility in farm programs could be at risk due to the drainage authority's decisions on planting grass strips. She was also concerned about the FSA inability to determine if buffer strip easements pursuant to MS103E were in place.

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Discussion was held on the use of perforated or non-perforated tile when repairing main tile lines. The Drainage Authority policy is to use non-perforated tile. The consensus of the drainage authority was to allow for the use of perforated tile with a sock when conditions dictated such use and the reasons were documented by staff for said use.

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Issue on CD24 and JCD23 were discussed. Planting of buffer strips was delayed for several reasons. Staff reported that some parcels had planted crop in the buffer strip area. The consensus of the drainage authority was to send violation letters to the affected parcel landowners pursuant to the drainage policy and 103E.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to support grant application for a MPCA Section 319 grant for funding the drainage engineer position along with funding for projects on drainage systems.

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Updates were given on upcoming drainage meetings.

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The Faribault County Drainage Authority was adjourned for the month of July.

The regular meeting recessed to July 22, 2014.

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Tom Loveall, Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator