

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
COUNTY DITCH 21 REDTERMINATION OF BENEFITS HEARING  
JULY 18, 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 for a Redetermination of Benefits Hearing for County Ditch 21 at 11:00 a.m. on July 18, 2014. The following members were present: Commissioners Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, John Roper, Tom Warmka, and Greg Young. County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson, Drainage Engineer Joe Mutschler, Drainage Inspector Merissa Lore, Viewer Ron Ringquist, Viewer Tom Mahoney, and Attorney Kurt Deter were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loveall.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to accept the affidavits of mailing and of publication for the hearing as presented by County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson.

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Viewer Ron Ringquist presented the viewer's report and the benefit and damages statement. The viewers found that County Ditch 21 consists of 3,001 benefitted acres with a total amount of benefits of \$4,713,291.39.

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The public comment portion of the hearing was opened. No member of the public appeared to make comment.

The public hearing portion of the hearing was closed.

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Warmka/Young motion carried unanimously to direct staff to prepare an order stating that:

1. The Viewer's Report for the redetermination of benefits of County Ditch 21 has been made and completed under Minn.Stat. 103E;
2. That the Viewer's Report made or amended is complete and correct;
3. That the damages and benefits have been properly determined
4. That the redetermined benefits and damages, and benefitted and damaged areas shall be used in place of the original benefits and damages and benefitted and damaged areas on all subsequent proceeding related to County Ditch 21.

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Chuck Brandel of I&S Group presented a feasibility report on various repair and improvement options ordered by the board after a repair petition was filed for a the upper part of the system. The report discussed options for the entire system. Discussion took place among landowners in attendance. Brandel stated that any improvement options would need to come from a petition of landowners and not the drainage authority. Further discussion on the repair petition will take place on August 5, 2014 at the monthly drainage authority meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned.

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Tom Loveall, Chairman

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John Thompson, Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator