

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
COUNTY DITCH 11, 19, and 56  
REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS HEARING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2015

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 Ditches 11, 19, and 56 at 10:30 a.m. on February 25, 2015. 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, Drainage Inspector Merissa Lore, Viewer Chris Christenson, and Viewer Robert Hanson also attended.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groskreutz.

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

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Viewer Chris Christenson presented the viewer's report for the redetermination of benefits on County Ditch 11. The viewers held two information meetings prior to this hearing. The viewers found that CD 11 consists of 972.87 acres of farmland and building sites, 15.0 acres of roads, 987.87 total acres, No open ditch, 15,275' of County tile, \$30,550 of County tile benefits, and \$1,149,435 of total benefits.

Viewer Chris Christenson presented the viewer's report for the redetermination of benefits on County Ditch 19. The viewers held two information meetings prior to this hearing. The viewers found that CD 19 consists of 1,091.51 acres of farmland and building sites, 25.39 acres of roads, 1,116.90 total acres, No open ditch, 16,550' of County tile, \$33,100 of County tile benefits, and \$1,400,091 of total benefits.

Viewer Chris Christenson presented the viewer's report for the redetermination of benefits on County Ditch 56. The viewers held two information meetings prior to this hearing. The viewers found that CD 56 consists of 288.62 acres of farmland and building sites, 7.0 acres of roads, 295.62 total acres, No open ditch, 8,050' of County tile, \$16,100 of County tile benefits, and \$453,013 of total benefits.

CD 11, CD 19, and CD 56 tile systems all outlet into CD 7. These three systems will pay a percentage of all future repairs and maintenance on Faribault CD 7. CD 11 will have an outlet benefit of 13%. CD 19 will have an outlet benefit of 15%. CD 56 will have an outlet benefit of 4%.

The viewers recommended approval of their reports on all three systems.

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The public comment portion of the hearing was opened. No member of the public made comments.

The public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

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Loveall/Warmka motion carried unanimously to direct staff to prepare an order for County Ditch 11 stating that:

1. The original benefits and/or damages determined in the drainage proceedings no longer reflect reasonable present day land values and that the benefitted areas have changed; and
2. The Viewer's Report for the redetermination of benefits of County Ditch 11 have been made and completed under Minn. Stat. 103E; and
3. The Viewer's Report made or amended is complete and correct; and
4. County Ditch 11 will pay 13% of County Ditch 7 future expenditures as an outlet fee; and
5. The redetermined benefits and damages and the benefitted and damaged areas shall be used in place of the original benefits and damages and benefitted and damaged areas on all subsequent proceedings related to County Ditch 11.

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Loveall/ Young motion carried unanimously to direct staff to prepare an order for County Ditch 19 stating that:

1. The original benefits and/or damages determined in the drainage proceedings no longer reflect reasonable present day land values and that the benefitted areas have changed; and
2. The Viewer's Report for the redetermination of benefits of County Ditch 19 have been made and completed under Minn. Stat. 103E; and
3. The Viewer's Report made or amended is complete and correct; and
4. County Ditch 19 will pay 15% of County Ditch 7 future expenditures as an outlet fee; and
5. The redetermined benefits and damages and the benefitted and damaged areas shall be used in place of the original benefits and damages and benefitted and damaged areas on all subsequent proceedings related to County Ditch 19.

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Loveall/ Young motion carried unanimously to direct staff to prepare an order for County Ditch 56 stating that:

1. The original benefits and/or damages determined in the drainage proceedings no longer reflect reasonable present day land values and that the benefitted areas have changed; and
2. The Viewer's Report for the redetermination of benefits of County Ditch 56 have been made and completed under Minn. Stat. 103E; and
3. The Viewer's Report made or amended is complete and correct; and
4. County Ditch 56 will pay 4% of County Ditch 7 future expenditures as an outlet fee; and
5. The redetermined benefits and damages and the benefitted and damaged areas shall be used in place of the original benefits and damages and benefitted and damaged areas on all subsequent proceedings related to County Ditch 56.

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The hearing was adjourned.

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William Groskreutz, Jr. , Chair

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John Thompson, Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator

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