

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
COUNTY DITCH 7
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met as the Drainage Authority for County Ditch 7 at the Hamilton Hall in the City of Blue Earth at 3:30 p.m. on September 8, 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 Manager Merissa Lore, Drainage Inspector Jadrian Irwin, and Engineer Charles Brandel were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groskreutz.

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Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson explained that a petition for repair pursuant to M.S. 103E.715 subd. 2 asking to clean the entire open channel of County Ditch 7. The County Board hired I&S Group Engineer Chuck Brandel to prepare a survey report and cost estimate. This hearing is to consider that report.

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Chuck Brandel, Engineer for the project discussed the repair report. The total cost of the repair project was \$627,197.08. A replacement of a road crossing on a township road was project to cost \$42,064.50 but that cost was the responsibility of the township.

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The meeting was opened for public comment. A landowner stated that one of the field crossings slated for removal and replacement did not need to be replaced. Discussion was held on tree removal. Some landowners thought the trees were actually reinforcing the steep ditch bank and should not be removed. Discussion was also held on the other crossings, dikes near the outlet, the outlet of the open channel, participation by other systems, and the cost of the project.

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Loveall/Young motion passed unanimously to approve the engineer's repair report and directed the engineer to make changes as discussed during the hearing, prepare bid documents and to proceed to advertise for the project.

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The meeting was adjourned.

William Groskreutz Jr., Chair

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator