

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
COUNTY DITCH 24 REPAIR HEARING
JUNE 2, 2016

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met as the Drainage Authority for County Ditch 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Faribault County Law Enforcement Center meeting room in Blue Earth, Minnesota for the preliminary hearing on CD24. 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, Project Engineer Charles Brandel, and County Legal Counsel Kurt Deter were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Warmka.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve the affidavit of mailing as presented by Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator Thompson.

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Kurt Deter, legal counsel for the Drainage Authority explained the reason for the repair hearing and the limitations of a repair petition.

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Project engineer Charles Brandel of I&S Group presented the revised repair report dated June 1, 2016 and the filed report dated March 31, 2016. The engineer presented several options for repair of the waterway, deep ditch, and tile lines. The engineer also noted that a proposed petition for improvement of the system was being developed.

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The meeting was opened for public comment. Several questions were asked and discussion was held on the need for some of the repair and various ways to reduce the costs. Support for an improvement and a repair was mentioned. After further discussion, the engineer proposed a repair that would be necessary even if an improvement petition was filed in the near future. The engineer estimated the cost of the repair to the waterway, drop structure/open ditch repair, and open ditch outlet repair to be \$245,910.

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Young/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve a modified repair to County Ditch 24 at an estimated cost of \$254,790, as outlined by the engineer as repair to the shallow ditch, deep ditch, and tile lines that would not be affected by a possible improvement petition estimated to cost \$245,910 and directing the engineer to prepare a report and staff to prepare an order for said repair.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve setting the continuation of the repair hearing to 2:00 p.m. on June 21, 2016 in the County Board Room to discuss further repair on County Ditch 24 unless an improvement petition has been filed, then the purpose of the meeting will be to appoint an engineer to prepare a preliminary survey report.

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The meeting was recessed until June 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the County Board Room.

Tom Warmka, Chair

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator