FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
COUNTY DITCH 16
REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS HEARING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

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 16 at 10:00 a.m. on September 12, 2016. 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 Zac Coxsworth, and Attorney Kurt Deter, legal counsel for the drainage authority. Viewers Chris Christenson, Robert Hanson, and Mark Behrends also attended.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Warmka.

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Young/Roper 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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Attorney Kurt Deter explained the process for re-determining benefits and the legal process.

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Viewer Mark Behrends presented the viewer's report for the redetermination of benefits on County Ditch 16 (CD 16) and the property owner's report. The viewers found that CD 16 consists of 1,378.85 acres of farmland and building sites, 44.77 acres of roads, 1,42362 total acres, approximately 26,890 feet of public of system tile, and 3,115,651 total benefits. It was reported that two informational meetings have been held for landowners and that changes were made to identify areas with tile bringing drainage in and out of the CD 16 system. The report contains an estimated assessment of $3,000. The viewers recommended that the report be approved.

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

The pubic comment portion of the hearing was closed.

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Loveall/Roper motion carried unanimously to direct staff to prepare order 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 16 has been made and completed under Minn. Stat. 103E; and
3. The Viewer's Report made or amended is complete and correct; and
4. The damages and benefits have been properly determined; 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 16.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to adjourn the hearing.

Tom Warmka, Chair	John Thompson, Auditor-Treasurer-Coordinator