

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met as the Faribault County Drainage Authority at 1:30 p.m. in the Faribault County Ag Center Meeting Room, Blue Earth, MN for County Ditch(CD) 20 hearing. The following members were present: John Roper, Bill Groskreutz, Tom Loveall, Tom Warmka and Greg Young. Also attending were County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator John Thompson, County Drainage Manager Merissa Lore, and Drainage Inspector Zac Coxworth.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roper.

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Groskreutz/Warmka motion carried unanimously to accept affidavits of mailing for the hearing as presented by Auditor Thompson.

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Charles Brandel and Becky Guenther of ISG presented the repair report filed in August of 2017. Changes from the first report filed in March of 2017 were identified. The repair is primarily a clean out the open ditch. Profiles of sediment were provided in the report and were reviewed in the presentation. The spreading of spoils was discussed. Contractors will be directed to stay with in the 100-foot right of way purchased by the drainage authority. Cost of the repair was estimated at \$486,200. A road crossing being above the legal grade will also be reset. The engineer stated the open ditch was out of repair and recommended the repair report be approved.

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The meeting was opened for public comment.

Don Linder, property owner, asked if consideration had been given to repair of CD 3. Several commissioners stated that CD 3 was in a redetermination process and a repair report would be ordered soon. Rip rap under a bridge over State Highway 109 was reported to be holding water back. Drainage Manager Lore will check with Minnesota Department of Transportation on the issue.

Scott Johnson, property owner, stated that the location where Branch B and the Main Branch intersect had been cleaned in recent years and why it needed to be cleaned again. Engineer Brandel showed the profile that showed additional cleaning was needed in that area.

Kerry Doyle, property owner, asked if trees would be removed along the system that had been left after the tree removal from the last year. Commissioner Warmka stated that trees outside of the 16 ½ foot buffer area were not under the jurisdiction of the drainage authority.

Steve Schmidt, property owner, asked if selective cleaning could be done to lower the cost. Engineer Brandel stated that selective cleaning would end up costing more. He recommended that the full repair be completed.

Auditor Thompson noted that the costs would be assessed over 15 years and that bonding would be necessary.

Drainage Manager Merissa Lore requested that the buffer planting and maintenance be taken out of the repair contract as the drainage department will take care of that project. She also stated that tree removal had been completed in many areas and was not included in the cost of the repair as outlined.

Engineer Brandel stated that a completion date on a contract for repair should be set later in 2018 to be able to obtain more favorable bids.

The public comment portion was closed.

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Loveall / Young motion carried unanimously to direct staff to draft an order that includes the following;

1. That the petition for repair of CD 20 in the location specified in these findings and recommended in the engineer's report is granted and is consistent with the engineer's recommendations and with other findings,
2. That CD 20 is in need of repair.
3. That the engineer's report is accepted with the deletion of buffer planting and maintenance.
4. That the Engineer and staff are directed to proceed in preparing and awarding a contract for the repair of CD 20 and that the contract must be for the repair described in the repair report and as determined necessary by the drainage authority in these findings and order, and be prepared in the manner provided in Minn. Stat. Ch. 103E for the original drainage system construction.
5. The cost of the repair shall be paid from the funds in the maintenance account for CD 20 and by assessments made to the properties benefited by the drainage system in the drainage system records with an assessment to be spread over 15 years at an interest rate to be determined by the county board and that the intent of the Drainage Authority is to issue bonds for the cost of the project after any prepayments of assessments.

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The meeting was adjourned.

John Roper, Chair

John Thompson, Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator