

FARIBAULT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2021

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth as the Faribault County Drainage Authority pursuant to the recess of the regular session at 1pm on November 16, 2021. The following members were present: Bill Groskreutz, Bruce Anderson, Tom Loveall, John Roper, and Greg Young, Commissioners. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Drainage Manager Merissa Lore, and Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer also attended. Faribault County employee J. Blair attended virtually.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roper.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the November 16, 2021 drainage authority agenda.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to approve paying the drainage voucher bills totaling \$50,380.24.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-DA41-109 setting a final acceptance hearing for the CD60 open ditch repair on December 21, 2021 at 11:00am in the boardroom. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**Findings:**

1. The Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #60.
2. On November 15, 2018, a petition for repair to County Ditch #60 was received by the drainage authority.
3. On February 5, 2019, the drainage authority adopted findings and an order accepting the petition and appointing Joe Lewis, Houston Engineering as the project engineer. Lewis was ordered to prepare a survey and file a repair report with the drainage authority
4. The repair report was filed with the Faribault County Auditor on June 1, 2020.
5. The repair project was ordered by the Faribault County Board of Commissioners on July 7, 2020.
6. The repair project was advertised for bid and awarded to Brunz Construction Company, Inc. on October 6, 2020.

7. The final engineer's report and notice that the contract for construction of the open ditch repair project on County Ditch #60 is complete was received on November 15, 2021.
8. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.555, public hearing must be held and noticed by mail at least 10 days in advance to owners of property and political subdivisions affected by the drainage project.

**Order:**

Based on the foregoing Findings and the entire record of proceedings before the Board, the Board, acting as the drainage authority for County Ditch #60 hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing for final acceptance of the open ditch repair project shall be held on December 21, 2021, at 11:00 am at the Board Room of the Faribault County Courthouse, 415 North Main Street Blue Earth, MN 56013.
- B. At least ten days before the hearing, the County Auditor shall mail notice of the time and location of the hearing to owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the drainage project.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-DA42-110 setting a final acceptance hearing for the JD2F open ditch repair on December 21, 2021 at 11:30am in the boardroom. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**Findings:**

1. The Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for Judicial Ditch #2.
2. On July 31, 2019, a petition for repair to Judicial Ditch #2 was received by the drainage authority.
3. On October 1, 2019, the drainage authority adopted findings and an order accepting the petition and appointing Joe Lewis, Houston Engineering as the project engineer. Lewis was ordered to prepare a survey and file a repair report with the drainage authority.
4. The repair report was filed with the Faribault County Auditor on February 27, 2020.
5. The repair project was ordered by the Faribault County Board of Commissioners on July 7, 2020.
6. The repair project was advertised for bid and awarded to Brunz Construction Company, Inc. on October 6, 2020.
7. The final engineer's report and notice that the contract for construction of the open ditch repair project on Judicial Ditch #2 is complete was received on November 15, 2021.
8. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.555, public hearing must be held and noticed by mail at least 10 days in advance to owners of property and political subdivisions affected by the drainage project.

**Order:**

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Based on the foregoing Findings and the entire record of proceedings before the Board, the Board, acting as the drainage authority for Judicial Ditch #2 hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing for final acceptance of the open ditch repair project shall be held on December 21, 2021, at 11:30 am at the Board Room of the Faribault County Courthouse, 415 North Main Street Blue Earth, MN 56013.
- B. At least ten days before the hearing, the County Auditor shall mail notice of the time and location of the hearing to owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the drainage project.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-DA43-111 setting a final acceptance hearing for the CD514 Branch S improvement project on December 21, 2021 at 1:00pm in the boardroom. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

### **Findings:**

- 1. Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #514.
- 2. On April 30, 2019, the Drainage Authority received an improvement petition for County Ditch #514.
- 3. On May 21, 2019, the Drainage Authority appointed Mark Origer of ISG as the engineer for the project.
- 4. On August 27, 2019, a Preliminary Hearing was held on the Preliminary Engineer's Report.
- 5. On September 3, 2019, Findings and Order for a detailed survey and detailed survey report were filed in the Faribault County Auditor's Office approving the Preliminary Engineer's Report, ordering a detailed survey report, and appointing viewers for the project.
- 6. The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met on July 7, 2020, in regular session to determine the date, time, and location for a final hearing on the project.
- 7. The Engineer's final detailed survey report was filed with the Faribault County Auditor on May 28, 2020.
- 8. A final hearing was held on July 30, 2020, after proper publication, posting, and notification. The drainage authority adopted findings and order to accept the final detailed survey report and ordered the engineer to proceed with project specifications, contracts, and bidding to construct the project.
- 9. The improvement project was advertised for bid and awarded to Trevor Leland Drainage & Excavating on September 15, 2020.
- 10. The closeout engineer's report and notice that the contract for construction of the improvement project on County Ditch #514 is complete was received on February 15, 2021.

11. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.555, public hearing must be held and noticed by mail at least 10 days in advance to owners of property and political subdivisions affected by the drainage project.

**Order:**

Based on the foregoing Findings and the entire record of proceedings before the Board, the Board, acting as the drainage authority for County Ditch #514, hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing for final acceptance of the improvement project shall be held on December 21, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the Board Room of the Faribault County Courthouse, 415 North Main Street Blue Earth, MN 56013.
- B. At least ten days before the hearing, the Faribault County Auditor shall mail notice of the time and location of the hearing to petitioners, owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the drainage project.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 21-DA44-112 setting a final acceptance hearing for the CD25A repair project on December 21, 2021 at 1:30pm in the boardroom. Commissioners Groskreutz, Young, Anderson, Loveall, and Roper voted yes.

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**Findings:**

1. Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #25A.
2. On October 28, 2018, a petition for repair to County Ditch #25A was received by the drainage authority.
3. ISG, Inc. was assigned as the engineer for the project and ordered to complete repair specifications.
4. The repair report was filed with the Faribault County Auditor on January 4, 2021.
5. The repair project was ordered by the Faribault County Board of Commissioners acting as the drainage authority for County Ditch #25A on January 22, 2021.
6. Viewers were appointed on July 6, 2021 to determine damages due to expected permanent and temporary damages caused by the project.
7. The repair project was advertised for bid and awarded to Krueger Excavating of Albert Lea, LLC on April 20, 2021.
8. The final engineer's report and notice that the contract for construction of the repair project on County Ditch #25A is complete was received on October 12, 2021.
9. The viewers filed the viewers' report on October 28, 2021.

10. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.555, public hearing must be held and noticed by mail at least 10 days in advance to owners of property and political subdivisions affected by the drainage project.

**Order:**

Based on the foregoing Findings and the entire record of proceedings before the Board, the Board, acting as the drainage authority for County Ditch #25A, hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing for final acceptance of the repair project shall be held on December 21, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Board Room of the Faribault County Courthouse, 415 North Main Street Blue Earth, MN 56013.
- B. At least ten days before the hearing, the Faribault County Auditor shall mail notice of the time and location of the hearing to petitioners, owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the drainage project.

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Staff reports and project updates were given.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to adjourn drainage authority.

The Faribault County Drainage Authority was adjourned.

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John Roper, Chair

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Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board