

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023

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 conclusion of the regular session on June 20th, 2023. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, John Roper, and Greg Young Commissioners. Faribault County staff Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Darren Esser, Drainage Manager Merissa Lore, County Engineer Mark Daly, and Acting Clerk to the Board Sarah Van Moer also attended. Participating virtually were Faribault County employees J. Blair, K. Anderson, B. Rauenhorst, G. Paschke, L. Adams, S. Hauskins, S. Robbins, and P. Krill.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson.

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Young/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of June 20th, 2023.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve payment of drainage voucher bills totaling \$5,051.51.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-DA28-55 an order to set the CD64 Open Ditch Repair Closeout Hearing for Wednesday, July 12th at 2:30pm at the Faribault County Courthouse Board Room. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson 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 #64.
2. On February 15th, 2018, a petition for repair to the open ditch of County Ditch #64 was received by the drainage authority.
3. On February 20th, 2018, the drainage authority adopted findings and an order accepting the petition and appointing ISG, Inc. as the project engineer. The engineer was ordered to prepare a survey and repair report and file the report with the drainage authority.
4. The repair report was filed with the Faribault County Auditor on March 1st, 2022.
5. The repair project was ordered by the Faribault County Board of Commissioners on March 28th, 2022.

6. The repair project was advertised for bid and awarded to Krueger Excavating of Albert Lea, LLC on June 21st, 2022.
7. The final acceptance report and notice that the contract for construction of the open ditch repair project on County Ditch #64 is complete was received on June 7th, 2023.
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 #64 hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing for final acceptance of the open ditch repair project shall be held on July 12th, 2023, at 2:30pm at the Faribault County Courthouse Board Room, 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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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 23-DA29-56 an order to set a Repair Hearing for CD64 Bridge Replacement for Wednesday, July 12th at 2:45pm at the Faribault County Courthouse Board Room. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Young, Loveall, and Anderson 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 #64.
2. Upon inspection by a Minnesota Department of Transportation bridge inspector, a bridge on County Ditch #64 was determined to need replacement and load restrictions implemented.
3. On February 20th, 2018, the drainage authority adopted findings and an order accepting the petition and appointing Mark Origer of I&S Group, Inc. as the project engineer. Mark Origer was ordered to prepare a survey and file a survey report with the drainage authority pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.715.
4. The survey repair report was filed with the auditor on April 27th, 2023.
5. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.715, subd. 3, a public hearing must be noticed by mail to petitioners, owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the proposed 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 County Ditch #64, hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing on the proposed repair shall be held on July 12th, 2023, at 2:45 p.m. at the Faribault County Courthouse Board Room, 415 North Main Street Blue Earth, MN 56013.
- B. At least ten days before the hearing, the 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 proposed drainage project in the preliminary survey report.

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Young/Loveall motion carried unanimously to approve advertising for the Drainage Inspector position.

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Roper/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the staff repair report for CD25 Branch 249 and to solicit bids.

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Loveall/Young motion carried unanimously to approve the staff repair report for CD28 Branches 1 and 2 and to solicit bids.

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Staff reports and project updates were given.

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Groskreutz/Young motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

The Faribault County Drainage Authority was adjourned for June 2023.

Bruce Anderson, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board