

FARIBAULT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners met at the Courthouse in the City of Blue Earth as the Faribault County Drainage Authority at 1:00 p.m. on March 1, 2022. The following members were present: Tom Loveall, Bruce Anderson, Bill Groskreutz, 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 employees J. Blair and K. Anderson attended virtually.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Young.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda of March 1, 2022.

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No one appeared during public comment.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve payment of drainage voucher bills totaling \$39,884.15.

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Groskreutz/Roper motion carried unanimously to approve payment totaling \$139,900.00:

System	Repair #	Order	Branch	Comm Dist	Twp	Sec	Landowner	Repair Type	Vendor	Contractor	%	Cost
CD8	22-002	1	Main	1	Blue Earth City	26	KARK FAMILY FARMS LLP	Remove trees	7678	Krueger Excavating of Albert Lea, LLC	95	\$ 43,225.00
CD83	21-010	1	Main	3	Dunbar	28	LUTTEKE,DENNIS G & DIANE L	Grind trees	7678	Krueger Excavating of Albert Lea, LLC	100	\$ 5,000.00
CD3	22-003	1	Main	4	Lura	15	JUDITH MARIE ARENDS LIV TR &	Tree removal	7678	Krueger Excavating of Albert Lea, LLC	95	\$ 58,900.00
JD9FBE	22-004	1	Main/South Br.	4	Lura	08	BERKLAND,DONALD H & WENONAH A	Tree removal	7678	Krueger Excavating of Albert Lea, LLC	95	\$ 32,775.00
											Total:	\$ 139,900.00

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-DA10-20 setting the CD52 Preliminary Improvement Hearing for Monday, March 28th at 11am at Ag Center Conference Room. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

Findings:

1. Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #52.
2. On July 30th, 2021, a petition for improvement to County Ditch #52 was received by the drainage authority.
3. On August 17th, 2021, the drainage authority adopted findings and an order accepting the petition and appointing Joe Lewis of Houston Engineering, Inc. as the project engineer. Joe Lewis was ordered to prepare a preliminary survey and file a preliminary survey report with the drainage authority.
4. The preliminary survey report was filed with the auditor on February 11th, 2022.
5. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.261, subd. 1, 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:

Based on the foregoing Findings and the entire record of proceedings before the Board, the Board, acting as the drainage authority for County Ditch #52, hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing on the preliminary survey report shall be held on March 28th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Ag Center Conference Room in 415 South Grove 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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Loveall/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-DA11-21 setting the CD64 Repair Hearing for Monday, March 28th at 2:30pm at the Wells Community Center. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

Findings:

1. Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #64.
2. On February 15th, 2018, a petition for repair to 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 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 March 1st, 2022.
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:

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 preliminary survey report shall be held on March 28th, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the Wells Community Center, 189 2nd Street Southeast Wells, MN 56097.
- 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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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 22-DA setting the CD87 Transfer to City of Wells Hearing for Monday, March 28th at 4pm at the Wells Community Center. Commissioners Groskreutz, Roper, Anderson, Loveall, and Young voted yes.

RESOLUTION

Findings:

1. Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #87.
2. On May 24th, 2018, a petition to transfer a portion of County Ditch #87 to the City of Wells was received by the drainage authority.

3. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.812, subd. 4, a public hearing must be noticed by publication, posting, and mail to petitioners, owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the proposed 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 #87, hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing on the petition to transfer a portion of County Ditch #87 to the City of Wells shall be held on March 28th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wells Community Center, 189 2nd Street Southeast Wells, MN 56097.
- B. The auditor shall publish notice of the hearing once per week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed project.
- C. The auditor shall post a printed copy of the final hearing notice for each affected county at least three weeks before the date of the final hearing at the front door of the courthouse in each county.
- D. Within one week after the first publication of notice, the auditor shall give notice by mail of the time and location of the final hearing to petitioner, all property owners, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the proposed transfer.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve the hearing meeting minutes for the CD58 Redetermination of Benefits Hearing and the CD74 Redetermination of Benefits and Damages and Repair Hearing held on February 15, 2022.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve the following findings and orders adopted during previous hearings held on February 15, 2022:

22-DA13-23 CD58 Order approving the Redetermination of Benefits

R E S O L U T I O N

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners, sitting as the drainage authority for County Ditch #58, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.351, having adopted findings and ordered a redetermination of benefits on January 19th, 2021; having appointed viewers to redetermine and report the benefits; having received the viewers' report; having followed proper notice requirements in Minn. Stat. § 103E.351; and having held a public hearing and followed all requirements of chapter 103E, based on the record and proceedings, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Faribault County Ditch #58, adopts the following Findings and Order:

Findings:

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1. The Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #58.
2. On January 19th, 2021, the drainage authority adopted findings and ordered the initiation of a redetermination of benefits for County Ditch #58 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.351. Mark Behrends, John Thompson, Robert Hansen, Kendall Langseth, Dennis Distad, and Bruce Ness were appointed as viewers.
3. Faribault County Auditor Darren Esser administered the Viewers' Oath on January 28th, 2021.
4. The viewers held informational meetings on April 7th, 2021 and January 21st, 2022 after notice to all landowners and public authorities.
5. The viewers completed their report, which included a benefits statement, on January 5th, 2022, for all property affected by the drainage system and filed their report with the drainage authority.
6. The Auditor under direction from the drainage authority Board, prepared property owners' reports and mailed them to the owners of property identified in the viewers' report.
7. The drainage authority, by order, set a public hearing for review of the viewers' report on January 18th, 2022, which is within 30 days after the property owners' reports were mailed.
8. A printed copy of the final hearing notice was posted for at least three weeks before the date of the final hearing at the front door of the courthouse of Faribault County.
9. Notice of the final hearing was published in the Faribault County Register for three successive weeks prior to the hearing.
10. Within one week after the first publication of the notice, the County Auditor provided notice by mail of the time and location of the final hearing to all property owners, and others affected by the redetermination of benefits and listed in the viewers' report.
11. Proper notice of the redetermination hearing was made in conjunction with Minn. Stat. § 103E.351 requirements and chapters 103E. A record of the notice requirements is on file with the drainage authority.
12. Evidence of all actions in this matter, including findings and orders, appointments, oaths, affidavits of mailing, publication, and posting as well as hearing agendas, presentation materials, and recordings are present in the record of proceedings and are incorporated by reference.
13. The drainage authority held a public hearing on the redetermination of benefits and damages on February 15th, 2022, at 2:00pm at the Faribault County Courthouse Board Room in Blue Earth, MN.
14. At the public hearing, Mark Behrends, one of the duly appointed viewers, presented the viewers' report and explained the process of completing the viewers' report. Behrends further provided detail of the viewing process and the information used by the viewers to: (1) verify the boundary of the watershed of the drainage system; (2) verify and confirm the existence of drainage benefit;

and (3) determine the economic benefit to lands deriving a drainage benefit from the construction of County Ditch #58.

15. The viewers reviewed all property within the drainage areas of the drainage system as part of the redetermination of benefits process.
16. The viewers used maps, LiDAR data, and other information, along with visual inspection of the watershed of the drainage system, to determine the boundaries of the benefiting area.
17. Within the watershed of the drainage system, the viewers paid particular attention to altered land use and drainage alterations which facilitate the removal of water from property directing it to the drainage system.
18. To determine the economic benefit to lands deriving a drainage benefit from the drainage system, the viewers conducted a condition comparison comparing the expected, pre-ditch, unaltered state of the watershed to the existing, altered, and improved condition of the watershed. The viewers used this comparison in determining the increased market value of the properties receiving a direct drainage benefit.
19. Based on their detailed observations, the viewers determined benefit classifications, classified acres, and assigned economic benefit on a per acre basis.
20. The viewers accounted for the efficiency of the drainage system, as designed, and the proximity of lands to and the elevations of lands above the ditch.
21. The viewers applied an economic analysis using sales and income approaches to determine the increased value to each classification acre based on the drainage benefit provided by the drainage system.
22. The viewers determined the amount of economic benefit to property benefited immediately by the drainage system, or for property for which the drainage system can become an outlet for drainage, make an outlet more accessible, or otherwise directly benefit the property.
23. The viewers determined economic benefits based on: (1) an increase in the current market value of the property as a result of constructing the project; (2) an increase in the potential for agricultural production as a result of constructing the project; or (3) an increased value of the property as a result of potential different land use.
24. Within the watershed of the drainage system, the viewers determined benefits on property that are responsible for increased drainage system maintenance, or increased drainage system capacity because the natural drainage on the property has been altered or modified to accelerate the drainage of water from the property.
25. The viewers kept an accurate account of all time engaged in viewing and examination; the nature and kind of work performed; the days each viewer was engaged in said work; the amount charged per day by each viewer; and every item of expense incurred by the viewers in said work.
26. The viewers' account of work has been filed with the drainage authority.

27. Upon review of information provided to the Board during the public hearing, the Board further finds and confirms its earlier findings that the benefits determined in the original proceedings, as well as the benefited areas determined in the original proceedings, do not reflect current, existing, actual benefits and benefitted areas.
28. The viewers' report is attached as **Exhibit A**.
29. The benefits statement is attached as **Exhibit B**.
30. No public comment.
31. At the close of the public comment hearing, Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare Findings and an Order consistent with the proceedings, including all comments received through the public comment process; that the draft Findings and Order be written to confirm the redetermined benefits as reported by the viewers; and that the Board will consider the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits at the Board's regular meeting on March 1st, 2022. Commissioner Loveall seconded, and the motion carried.
32. Based on the proceedings herein, the evidence presented during the pendency of these proceedings, the testimony of the viewers, and the public comments received, the Board finds:
 - a. that the viewers' report has been made and other proceedings have been completed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E;
 - b. that the viewers' report is complete and correct;
 - c. that the viewers have worked with landowners to address any concerns prior to filing the final report and no evidence was presented in opposition to the benefits determined by the viewers in the viewers' report; and
 - d. that the redetermined benefits, as reflected in the viewers' report as **Exhibit A**, and as described in the benefits statement as **Exhibit B**, are proper, reasonable, and conform to the drainage code.

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 #58, hereby orders as follows:

- A. The redetermined benefits of County Ditch #58, the viewers' report attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and the benefits statement attached hereto as **Exhibit B** are hereby adopted by the Board and shall be used in place of the original benefits in all subsequent proceedings.
- B. The viewers are allowed payment of their account of work.
- C. The County Auditor shall ensure that the redetermined benefits replace the existing benefits previously determined for County Ditch #58.

RESOLUTION

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners, sitting as the drainage authority for County Ditch #74, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.351, having adopted findings and ordered a redetermination of benefits and damages on November 3rd, 2020; having appointed viewers to redetermine and report the benefits and damages; having received the viewers' report; having followed proper notice requirements in Minn. Stat. § 103E.351; and having held a public hearing and followed all requirements of chapter 103E, based on the record and proceedings, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Faribault County Ditch #74, adopts the following Findings and Order:

Findings:

1. The Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #74.
2. On November 3rd, 2020, the drainage authority adopted findings and ordered the initiation of a redetermination of benefits and damages for County Ditch #74 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.351. Mark Behrends, John Thompson, Robert Hansen, Kendall Langseth, Dennis Distad, and Bruce Ness were appointed as viewers.
3. Faribault County Auditor Darren Esser administered the Viewers' Oath on November 6th, 2020.
4. The viewers held informational meetings on February 25th, 2021 and January 21st, 2022 after notice to all landowners and public authorities.
5. The viewers completed their report, which included a benefits and damages statement, on January 5th, 2022, for all property affected by the drainage system and filed their report with the drainage authority.
6. The Auditor under direction from the drainage authority Board, prepared property owners' reports and mailed them to the owners of property identified in the viewers' report.
7. The drainage authority, by order, set a public hearing for review of the viewers' report on January 18th, 2022, which is within 30 days after the property owners' reports were mailed.
8. A printed copy of the final hearing notice was posted for at least three weeks before the date of the final hearing at the front door of the courthouse of Faribault County.
9. Notice of the final hearing was published in the Faribault County Register for three successive weeks prior to the hearing.
10. Within one week after the first publication of the notice, the County Auditor provided notice by mail of the time and location of the final hearing to all property owners, and others affected by the redetermination of benefits and listed in the viewers' report.

11. Proper notice of the redetermination hearing was made in conjunction with Minn. Stat. § 103E.351 requirements and chapters 103E. A record of the notice requirements is on file with the drainage authority.
12. Evidence of all actions in this matter, including findings and orders, appointments, oaths, affidavits of mailing, publication, and posting as well as hearing agendas, presentation materials, and recordings are present in the record of proceedings and are incorporated by reference.
13. The drainage authority held a public hearing on the redetermination of benefits and damages on February 15th, 2022, at 2:00pm at the Faribault County Courthouse Board Room in Blue Earth, MN.
14. At the public hearing, Mark Behrends, one of the duly appointed viewers, presented the viewers' report and explained the process of completing the viewers' report. Behrends further provided detail of the viewing process and the information used by the viewers to: (1) verify the boundary of the watershed of the drainage system; (2) verify and confirm the existence of drainage benefit; and (3) determine the economic benefit to lands deriving a drainage benefit from the construction of County Ditch #74.
15. The viewers reviewed all property within the drainage areas of the drainage system as part of the redetermination of benefits process. The viewers determined the amount of damages to be paid for the acquisition of property for the establishment of best management practices, including grass strips, necessary to control erosion, sedimentation, improve water quality, or maintain the efficiency of the drainage system as required under Minn. Stat. § 103E.021. The viewers compared sales in the area in arriving at an average sales price used in establishing a payment rate.
16. The viewers used maps, LiDAR data, and other information, along with visual inspection of the watershed of the drainage system, to determine the boundaries of the benefiting area.
17. Within the watershed of the drainage system, the viewers paid particular attention to altered land use and drainage alterations which facilitate the removal of water from property directing it to the drainage system.
18. To determine the economic benefit to lands deriving a drainage benefit from the drainage system, the viewers conducted a condition comparison comparing the expected, pre-ditch, unaltered state of the watershed to the existing, altered and improved condition of the watershed. The viewers used this comparison in determining the increased market value of the properties receiving a direct drainage benefit.
19. Based on their detailed observations, the viewers determined benefit classifications, classified acres, and assigned economic benefit on a per acre basis.
20. The viewers accounted for the efficiency of the drainage system, as designed, and the proximity of lands to and the elevations of lands above the ditch.
21. The viewers applied an economic analysis using sales and income approaches to determine the increased value to each classification acre based on the drainage benefit provided by the drainage system.

22. The viewers determined the amount of economic benefit to property benefited immediately by the drainage system, or for property for which the drainage system can become an outlet for drainage, make an outlet more accessible, or otherwise directly benefit the property.
23. The viewers determined economic benefits based on: (1) an increase in the current market value of the property as a result of constructing the project; (2) an increase in the potential for agricultural production as a result of constructing the project; or (3) an increased value of the property as a result of potential different land use.
24. Within the watershed of the drainage system, the viewers determined benefits on property that are responsible for increased drainage system maintenance, or increased drainage system capacity because the natural drainage on the property has been altered or modified to accelerate the drainage of water from the property.
25. The viewers kept an accurate account of all time engaged in viewing and examination; the nature and kind of work performed; the days each viewer was engaged in said work; the amount charged per day by each viewer; and every item of expense incurred by the viewers in said work.
26. The viewers' account of work has been filed with the drainage authority.
27. Upon review of information provided to the Board during the public hearing, the Board further finds and confirms its earlier findings that the benefits and damages determined in the original proceedings, as well as the benefited and damaged areas determined in the original proceedings, do not reflect current, existing, actual benefits, and benefitted areas.
28. The viewers' report is attached as **Exhibit A**.
29. The benefits and damages statement is attached as **Exhibit B**.
30. No public comment.
31. At the close of the public comment hearing, Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare Findings and an Order consistent with the proceedings, including all comments received through the public comment process; that the draft Findings and Order be written to confirm the redetermined benefits and damages as reported by the viewers, affect the acquisition of the proposed grass buffer areas, and confirm the damages as presented; and that the Board will consider the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits, Confirming Damages, and Directing Payment at the Board's regular meeting on March 1st, 2022. Commissioner Roper seconded and the motion carried.
32. Commissioner Loveall moved to direct staff to make payments of the damages, and direct recording of the Order to reflect the acquisition in April 2022. Commissioner Anderson seconded and the motion carried.
33. Based on the proceedings herein, the evidence presented during the pendency of these proceedings, the testimony of the viewers, and the public comments received, the Board finds:
 - a. that the viewers' report has been made and other proceedings have been completed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E;

- b. that the viewers' report is complete and correct;
- c. that the viewers have worked with landowners to address any concerns prior to filing the final report and no evidence was presented in opposition to the benefits and damages determined by the viewers in the viewers' report;
- d. that the redetermined benefits and damages, as reflected in the viewers' report as **Exhibit A**, and as described in the benefits and damages statement as **Exhibit B**, are proper, reasonable, and conform to the drainage code; and
- e. that the acquisition of grass buffer strips as reported as damages in the viewers' report is necessary under Minn. Stat. § 103E.021.

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 #74, hereby orders as follows:

- A. The redetermined benefits and damages of County Ditch #74, the viewers' report attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and the benefits and damages statement attached hereto as **Exhibit B** are hereby adopted by the Board and shall be used in place of the original benefits and damages in all subsequent proceedings.
- B. The viewers are allowed payment of their account of work.
- C. The County Auditor shall ensure that the redetermined benefits replace the existing benefits previously determined for County Ditch #74.

22-DA15-25 CD74 Order approving Open Ditch Repair

RESOLUTION

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners, sitting as the drainage authority for County Ditch #74, received repair requests regarding a portion of the mainline open ditch. A system inspection was completed by drainage staff verifying repair needs on the system; having noticed and conducted a public hearing on the staff repair report and followed all requirements of chapter 103E, based on the record and proceedings, the Faribault County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for County Ditch #74, adopts the following Findings and Order:

Findings:

- 1. Faribault County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for County Ditch #74.

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2. A system inspection and survey were completed by drainage staff on County Ditch #74 in December 2021. Upon inspection, the outlet of the mainline tile and the open ditch were found to be in disrepair.
3. An informational meeting was held on January 21st, 2022, after notice to all landowners and public authorities. The Inspection report and staff repair report were presented to the drainage authority on February 15th, 2022.
4. The drainage authority met at 1:00 pm on January 18th, 2022, at the Faribault County Board Room and ordered a public hearing on the staff repair report.
5. The drainage authority, by order, set a public hearing for review of the staff repair report on February 15th, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Faribault County Courthouse Board Room, 415 North Main Street Blue Earth, MN 56013. Notice of the hearing on the repair report was provided by mail to the owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the repair in the repair report in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 103E.715, subd. 3.
6. At the public hearing, Dustin Anderson, Drainage Staff, presented the staff report. Anderson recommended a repair of portions of the drainage system, which included open ditch cleaning, existing spoil leveling, portion of mainline tile replacement, tile outlet repairs, side inlet replacement, crossing abandonment and removal, tree and brush removal, and reseeding disturbed buffer strips and ditch banks.
7. Staff estimated the cost of the repairs to be \$56,430.00.
8. Cost-share is available from the Faribault County Soil and Water Conservation District to provide grant funds to offset the costs of the side inlet repairs. The estimated cost of the side inlet repairs is \$12,600.00. Cost-share would provide grant funds for 75 percent of the cost for a total of \$9,450.00. System cost would be \$3,150.00.
9. The staff repair report contains all the details, plans, and specifications necessary to prepare and award a contract for the repairs.
10. No public comment.
11. The drainage authority finds, consistent with the staff repair report, the public comments received at the public hearing on the staff repair report, and the entire record of proceedings, that portions of County Ditch #74 in Brush Creek Township Section 31 of Faribault County is out of repair; that the condition of these portions of County Ditch #74 impedes the flow of water and reduces the hydraulic efficiency of the drainage system below that established by the original construction and/or subsequent improvement of the drainage system.

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 #74, hereby orders as follows:

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- A. That the proposed repair to County Ditch #74 in the location specified in these findings and recommended in the staff repair report is approved consistent with the staff recommendations and is necessary for the best interest of the affected property owners.
- B. Drainage Staff shall proceed with securing grant funds through the Faribault County Soil and Water Conservation District for the replacement of side inlets associated with the repair.
- C. The Auditor and Drainage Staff shall proceed and prepare and award a contract for the repair of the drainage system consistent with the procedures required by Minn. Stat. ch. 103E and under Minnesota law. 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.
- D. The cost of the repair shall be paid from the funds in the maintenance account for County Ditch #74 and/or by assessments made to the properties benefited by the drainage system in the drainage system records.

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Anderson/Groskreutz motion carried unanimously to approve running maintenance ads in the local newspapers and sending a mailing to affected landowners.

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Loveall/Anderson motion carried unanimously to approve running a noxious weed notice in the local newspapers.

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Groskreutz/Loveall motion carried unanimously to set a closed work session on March 14, 2022, for the CD21 pretrial meeting.

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Anderson/Loveall motion carried to move second Drainage Authority meeting of each month to immediately following the conclusion of the regular County Board meeting, with no public comment period. Commissioner Groskreutz voted no.

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Staff reports were presented.

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The Faribault County Drainage Authority was recessed to March 15, 2022.

Greg Young, Chair

Sarah Van Moer, Acting Clerk to the Board