

County of Faribault

Drainage Department

FARIBAULT COUNTY JUDICIAL DITCH 2F INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTIFICATION

November 26th, 2019

To: Faribault County Judicial Ditch 2F Landowners

RE: Informational Meeting on Redeterminations of Benefits and Damages of JD2F

Dear Landowner:

There will be an informational meeting held on Monday, December 16th, 2019 at 9:00 am at Hamilton Hall (202 South Moore St. Blue Earth, MN 56013) on the redetermination of benefits and damages for Faribault County Judicial Ditch No.2 (JD2F) in Barber and Prescott Townships.

The Faribault County Board of Commissioners, sitting as the Drainage Authority for JD2F ordered a redetermination of benefits and damages for JD2F on July 3rd, 2018. The redetermination of benefits and damages was ordered, and viewers were appointed because the existing benefits on JD2F do not reflect present-day land values and/or benefited and damaged areas have changed. There has also been a repair petition submitted by several landowners on the system.

The redetermination of benefits and damages is the process in drainage law that determines what percentage each 40-acre lot pays for repairs and maintenance on the system. This process is similar to a mass appraisal of the system's watershed and determines the increase value in production from the system's existence.

At this informational meeting, the Viewers will be present to talk about the redetermination of benefits and damages process including what the process entails, what data is utilized, and how benefits and damages are determined. Drainage staff will also be present to give a brief overview of the repair petition.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Drainage Department at 507-526-2388 or merissa.lore@co.faribault.mn.us.

Sincerely.

Merissa Lore

Faribault County Drainage Manager

Landowners informational meeting Redetermination of Benefits Faribault County JD-2 Monday, December 16th, 2019 9:00 AM Hamilton Hall, 209 South Main Street Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. 9:00 AM Introduction of Viewers
 - 1a. General educational requirements and training
 - 1b. Disinterested messengers
- 2. Purpose of meeting
 - 2a. Redetermination of benefits
- 3. Redetermination process
 - 3a. How did we arrive at benefits damages
 - 3b. Explain grass strip requirement
 - 3c. Explain other possible government programs
 - 3d. Property tiled into or out of the system
- 4. What happens at the final hearing
 - 4a. Open public hearing

proponents - neutral - opponents

4b. Close public hearing

Commissioners - approve - dismiss - table

- 4c. After final Commissioners action, 30 days to appeal the decision, otherwise it is in place until the next redetermination. (basically in stone)
- 5. Questions on what we have covered
- 6. Individual land questions
- 7. 10:00 AM Adjourn

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Note: Because of privacy laws, the Ditch Viewers are unable to obtain information regarding land enrolled in government programs. This documentation is asked to be provided by the landowners. If you have land enrolled in a **permanent** government program such as WRP, CREP, RIM, PWP, EWP, or WREP, please contact us to provide this documentation. **(This may save you some money) (CRP acres do not qualify)** This also refers to any unique drainage situations, or areas that have never been farmed.

