



**AGENDA
DITCH BOARD / JOINT DITCH BOARD MEETING
SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
8:00 AM**

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(1) CONVENE

- A. The Ditch Board, in and for the County of Scott, Minnesota, met in the Courthouse Board Room in the City of Shakopee, Minnesota, and convened at 8:00 a.m., with the following members present: Commissioner Ulrich, presiding (virtually), Commissioner Weckman Brekke, Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Beard (virtually), and Commissioner Beer (virtually).

County Staff Present:

1. Lezlie, County Administrator
2. Danny Lenz, CFO/ Deputy County Administrator
3. Ron Hocevar, County Attorney
4. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director, PCS Admin and Elections
5. Dan Wormer, Deputy County Surveyor
6. Tracy Cervenka, Administrative Office Supervisor
7. JJ Anderson, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests Present:

1. Jim Jeurrisen
2. Greg Schmidt
3. Richard Krantz
4. Pam Bandali
5. Leon Volek
6. Gloria Volek
7. Scott Bolduc
8. Brian Koehler
9. Twila Hanks
10. Brandon Tobias
11. Gary Borchardt

(2) APPROVE MINUTES THE MINUTES OF

On a motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Wolf the Minutes of July 18, 2017 County Board meeting were approved on a roll call vote.

(3) COLLABORATION: WE WILL WORK WITH PARTNERS - COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, FAITH GROUPS, PRIVATE BUSINESS, AND NON-PROFIT AGENCIES - TO SEE THAT SERVICES ARE NOT DUPLICATED BUT RATHER ARE COMPLIMENTARY, ALIGNED, AND PROVIDED BY THE PARTNERS WHO CAN DELIVER THE SERVICE MOST EFFECTIVELY

- 3.1. Receive an Informational Presentation on Ditch Activities and Approve Expenditures
Ms. Geis presented information and updates gathered over the last five years to the Commissioners. Ms. Geis reviewed the actions taken and statutes followed in regards

to ditch maintenance and communications to citizens affected by ditch law. Ms. Geis explained that it is required by law that this Board maintain the ditched already in place. Ms. Geis offered that, though not required, the Ditch Board has sent out explanations of actions taken to benefitted owners explaining exactly where their money went specifically regarding the ditches. She also offered that there have been and will be more letters going out to notify owners of low fund balances and/ or for specific the ditches affecting them. Commissioner Weckman Brekke supported the idea of annual letters though not required in consideration of new landowners not aware or privy to laws concerning their property.

Mr. Wormer explained maintenance processes to the Commissioners: how issues are reported, what the typical causes are, how inspections are performed, and estimates formed.

Landowners and attendees engaged in discussion with both Ms. Geis and Mr. Wormer, having their questions addressed and opinions made known.

Commissioner Weckman Brekke moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the Scott County Ditch expenditures from 2017 to 2020 for Ditches 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 13. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

3.2. Receive Information on a County Drainage Ditch 10 Petition for Repair; Determine the Need for a Repair; Appoint Engineer to Prepare Repair Report

Ms. Geis expounded on the next steps going forward if the Board did move forward with the petition.

Landowners spoke both in favor of repairs to Ditch 10, presenting visuals of the overgrowth and drainage impairments, as well as, offered rebuttal on behalf of unbenefited non-farmers.

Commissioner Weckman moved, seconded by Commissioner Beard to approve the next step which is to engage an engineer to prepare an engineer's report which will call out the needs for repairs needed on Drainage Ditch 10, and indicate any violations of the mandate to maintain the sixteen foot buffer on each side of County Ditch 10. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

(4) ADJOURN

On a motion by Commissioner Beer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.