



**AGENDA
DITCH BOARD / JOINT DITCH BOARD MEETING
SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 15, 2021
8:00 AM**

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(1) CONVENE

The Board of Commissioners, in and for the county of Scott, Minnesota, met in the County Board Room in the City of Shakopee, Minnesota, and convened at 8:00 a.m. The following members were present: County Commissioner Weckman Brekke, County Commissioner Wolf, County Commissioner Beard (remote), County Commissioner Beer, and County Commissioner Ulrich presided announcing that all votes will be by roll call.

The following were also in attendance:

1. Lezlie Vermillion, Scott County Administrator
2. Danny Lenz, CFO/ Deputy County Administrator (remote)
3. Ron Hocevar, Scott County Attorney (remote)
4. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director, PCS Admin and Elections
5. Troy Kuphal, District Director
6. Brad Davis, Planning & Resource Management Director (remote)
7. Chris Harder, Quality Improvement Manager (remote)
8. Dan Wormer, Scott County Ditch Inspector
9. Diann Korbel, Ag Program Specialist (remote)
10. Kari Ouimette, Economic Assistance Director (remote)
11. Jared Kotasek, Deputy County Surveyor
12. Kris Lage, Operations Analyst
13. Andy Porupsky, Conservationist I
14. Tracy Cervenka, Administrative Office Supervisor
15. JJ Anderson, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Darrell Pettis, Senior Engineer and Administrative Advisor (ISG)
2. Bailey Griffin, Water Resources Graduate Engineer (ISG)
3. John Kolb, Attorney (remote)
4. Tony Chevalier, Landowner
5. Leon Volek, Landowner
6. Jim Jeurissen, Landowner
7. Mark Siemers, Landowner (remote)
8. Bev Siemers, Landowner (remote)
9. Greg Schmidt, Landowner (remote)

(2) APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Beer. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

(3) OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

(4) NON-CONSENT

- 3.1 Conduct a Public Hearing at 8:00 am to Review the Findings From the Engineer's Feasibility Report on Maintenance Needs for Scott County Drainage Ditch No. 10 and Receive Public Comment.

Cindy Geis, Community Services Director, opened the meeting with an explanation of the report, the reason the report had been previously approved to be created, and of the decisions that will need to be made after the information has relayed and discussed at this meeting.

Ms. Geis introduced Darrell Pettis, Senior Engineer and Administrative Advisor (ISG); Bailey Griffin, Water Resources Graduate Engineer (ISG); staff from SWCD; Diann Korbel, Ag Program Specialist; Andy Porupsky, Conservationist I; 5. Troy Kuphal, District Director; and staff from county surveyor's office as well.

Items of considerations were presented as such:

- Ensuring the ditch is inspected regularly and repaired in a timely manner
- Prevent damage
- Prevent unauthorized use
- That all properties benefitted by this ditch are identified and included
- Ascertain that the original benefits or damages represent reasonable present-day values or that they have not changed—if they have changed, a redetermination of the property will need to take place
- Consider the economic and environmental interest of the owners

Ms. Geis introduced John Kolb, Attorney from Rinke Noonan Law Firm. He briefly explained his function at the meeting.

Darrel Pettis and Bailey Griffin presented to the Commissioners the County Drainage Ditch 10 Engineer's Report which included a Feasibility Study and supplied maps as well.

Landowner, Jim Jeurissen stated that the ditch has not been cleaned since 1969 and recommends a clean-out; and whereas, he is in favor of the repairs he questions the cost.

Wants to know who will pay for the cost of tree removal after the system has forsaken maintenance for 42 years and what happens the next 42 years? Wants an annual/ semi-annual inspection and spraying program.

Landowner, Leon Volek, stated that he cannot get to his ditch to clean it. Mr. Volek owns 16.5 ft. of ditch and cannot mow because the trees and brush are overgrown. He's attempting to maintain it on his own but doesn't have the equipment necessary. Mr. Volek is also worried about cost but also beavers, trees, damage to ditch, and the work that goes into it for the landowners themselves. Mr. Volek provided opinions on variety of culvert designs vs. riprap.

Cindy Geis read a comment from landowner, Ernie Stump, who suggested only part of the ditch needs clean-out, but project is over-ambitious. Mr. Stump does not believe the ditch needs maintenance at all and thinks the current held up for 41 years and overflowed only once. Prefers to fix it when it finally fails. Mr. Stump's wife does not want to harm the wildlife by removing trees and beavers.

Attorney, John Kolb, made suggestions.

(5) CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

- (6)** On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.