



**AGENDA
DITCH BOARD / JOINT DITCH BOARD MEETING
SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 24, 2022
1:00 PM**

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(1) CONVENE

The members of the Scott/Le-Sueur Joint Ditch Board met in the Belle Plaine City Hall of Belle Plaine, Minnesota, and convened at 1:16 P.M. The following members were present: Scott County Commissioner Weckman Brekke, Scott County Commissioner Wolf, Scott County Commissioner Beer, and Le-Sueur County Commissioner Gliszinski. Le-Sueur County Commissioner King was absent. Scott County Commissioner Wolf presided.

The following were also in attendance:

1. Jon Ulrich, Scott County Commissioner
2. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director
3. Kristin Lage, Operations Analyst
4. Dan Wormer, County Surveyor
5. Joe Hale, Ditch and Soil Erosion Specialist
6. Troy Kuphal, District Director

Guests:

1. Aaron Goemann, H2Over Viewers
2. Dawn Meyer, Belle Plaine City Administrator
3. Derek Ebertowski
4. John Kolb, Rinke Noonan
5. Ken DeGier, H2Over Viewers
6. Scott Henderson, H2Over Viewers
7. Jim Mahoney, Belle Plaine, MN
8. Bill Sirek, Belle Plaine, MN
9. Brian Romness, Belle Plaine, MN
10. Kathy Romness, Belle Plaine, MN
11. Steve Coman, Belle Plaine, MN
12. Tim Marsolais, Belle Plaine, MN
13. Steve Ruhland, New Prague, MN
14. Jim Gliszinski, Belle Plaine, MN
15. Jim Jeurissen, Belle Plaine, MN

(2) APPROVE MINUTES

2.1 August 2, 2022 Le-Sueur/Scott Joint Ditch Board 3 Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Beer the minutes of August 2, 2022 Le-Sueur/Scott Joint Ditch Board 3 were approved. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Commissioner King absent.

(3) NON-CONSENT

3.1 Open the Public Hearing to Receive Information on the Purpose of the Hearing, the Viewing Process, and Allow for Public Comment On the Redetermination of Benefits on the Scott Le-Sueur Joint Ditch 3

Open the public hearing: 1:21 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Gliszinski. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Commissioner King absent.

Operations Analyst and Ditch 3 Administrator Kris Lage presented the item.

Contracted attorney, John Kolb of Rinke Noonan, informed the Board and those present on the purpose of the hearing and the viewing process on the redetermination of benefits on the Scott/Le-Sueur Joint Ditch 3.

Chair Wolf opened the floor for public comment. Upon hearing no public comment, Commissioner Wolf asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Close the Public Hearing at 1:34 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Gliszinski, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Commissioner King absent.

3.2 Receive Information on the Purpose of the Hearing and Procedural Requirements

The contracted attorney for County Drainage Ditch Proceedings, John Kolb from Rinke Noonan, informed the Board on the purpose and requirements of the final hearing for Joint Ditch 3.

3.3 Enter Into the Minutes the Record of Notice Requirements for Informing all Benefited Owners on Scott Le-Sueur Joint Ditch 3

Kristin Lage read the following, "The purpose of this agenda item is to Enter Into the Minutes the Record of Notice Requirements for Informing all Benefited Owners on Scott Le-Sueur Joint Ditch 3.

Pursuant to Minn. Statute §103E.323, the property owners report was mailed on June 22, 2022 to all owners of properties identified in the Viewers' Report, governmental units affected by the project and the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). An informational landowner meeting was held at the Belle Plaine City Hall on July 5, 2022, in order to get input and answer questions from benefited property owners. This included newly recognized benefited owners residing in Le-Sueur County.

On June 21, 2021, the Scott and Le-Sueur Boards both approved that Scott County Drainage Ditch 3 be changed to the Scott Le-Sueur Joint Ditch 3.

Pursuant to Minn. Statute §103E.325, notice of the final hearing was mailed on August 4, 2022 to all owners of properties identified in the Viewers' Report, governmental units affected by the project and the commissioner of the MDNR. The notice was also published in the Jordan Independent on August 4, 2022, August 11, 2022, & August 18, 2022. In addition, the notice was posted in the atrium of the Scott County Government Center on August 4, 2022. The notice was published in Le-Sueur County's official newspaper on August 4, 2022, August 11, 2022, & August 18, 2022. The notice was also posted in the Le-Sueur County Government Center on August 3, 2022."

3.4 Receive Information From H2OverViewers on the Process and Result of the Redetermination of Benefits Efforts on Scott Le-Sueur Joint Ditch 3 and Receive Public Comment on the Findings

Staff from H2Over Viewers presented information on the process and their findings for the Redetermination of Benefits Effort.

Attorney John Kolb of Rinke-Noonan highlighted an error in paragraph 25 and explained the amendment in the H2Over Viewers report.

3.5 Adopt Resolution 2022-205; Adopting the Amended Findings and Redetermination of Benefits and Ordering the Establishment of Scott Le-Sueur Joint Ditch 3

Commissioner Weckman Brekke moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gliszinski. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Commissioner King absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.

(4) ADJOURN

On a motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Beer, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.