



**MINUTES
SCOTT COUNTY DITCH BOARD MEETING
SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
8:00 AM**

(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 8:03 a.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Weckman Brekke, Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Beer, and Commissioner Ulrich. Commissioner Beer presided.

The following were also in attendance:

1. Lezlie Vermillion, County Administrator
2. Ron Hocevar, County Attorney
3. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director
4. Kris Lage, Senior Operations Analyst
5. Michelle Hesse, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Bill Markert, Credit River
2. Steve Jelinski, City of Credit River

(2) Approve Minutes

- 2.1 August 19, 2025 Ditch Board Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, the August 19, 2025 Ditch Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

(3) NON-CONSENT

- 3.1 Continuation of Public Hearing On County Drainage Ditch No. 4

The Public Hearing on County Drainage Ditch No. 4 was continued from June 17, 2025.

Senior Analyst Kris Lage provided an update regarding land owned by LeRoy Voehl following a complaint raised during the public hearing on June 17, 2025. A site tour was conducted to assess erosion and maintenance concerns related to County Ditch 4 and surrounding areas.

1. A large ravine has formed on his property as the result of ongoing erosion which has caused a loss of usable land. This ravine is not part of County Ditch 4 and is therefore not included in current ditch maintenance activities. The Scott Watershed Management Organization (WMO) previously developed a potential plan to address this issue in 2020, but progress was stalled due to lack of agreement among adjacent landowners. During the recent tour, Scott WMO reaffirmed their commitment to include this ravine in their planning and to pursue grant funding. Mr. Voehl may take the lead in working with adjacent landowners to reach consensus before any remediation work can proceed.
2. Scott Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) performed a maintenance assessment of 3 areas of concern on CD4. From the radio tower property to Flag Trail, from Flag Trail to Mr. Voehl's driveway and from Mr. Voehl's driveway to Texas Avenue.

The Culvert under Texas Avenue is approximately 75% full of sediment, much of which originates from the ravine, and contains heavy tree and debris obstruction along both banks. SWCD will seek bids for the three areas to remove trees on one side of the ditch, clear sediment, and other obstructions. Engineering/surveying support may be required to determine how far sediment removal needs to extend beyond Texas Avenue to ensure proper flow. Scott County Highway Department will assess and potentially clean out the box culvert under Texas Avenue.

Ms. Lage addressed County Ditch 4 as a whole. Scott County staff recommend a transfer of CD4 to the City of Credit River. The City of Credit River has expressed interest in accepting a transfer of CD4 which they will then use for stormwater management. There is a negative balance in the account.

Bill Markert, Credit River

Mr. Markert indicated his preference that the county maintain CD4, rather than the City of Credit River managing the ditch. He referred to statutes which require a benefited owner to petition for abandonment. County staff noted that the petition to abandon the ditch stemmed from a landowner meeting to address ditch maintenance. The landowners requested options, of which abandonment was one.

Motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to continue the hearing on October 21, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

(4) Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.