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# Drainage Authority Minutes

## April 19, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. – Board Room

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Attendance: Commissioners: Susan Morris, Mike Warring, Terry Turnquist, and Dave Oslund; Julia Lines, Barry Wendorf, Chad Struss, Angie Larson, Nate Kirkwold, Tiffany Determan.

### **I. Call to Order**

- County Board Chair, Terry Turnquist, called the meeting to order.

### **II. Approve the April 19, 2022, Drainage Authority Agenda**

- Motion by Oslund, seconded by Warring, to approve the April 19, 2022, Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### **III. Approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2022, Drainage Authority Meeting**

- Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the January 4, 2022, Drainage Authority meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Review Drainage System Financial Records**

- County Auditor-Treasure Chad Struss stated that there has not been much movement regarding additional finances to any of the county ditch systems.

### **V. Ditch Modernization Plan Status Update**

- **Records Modernization** – Angie is working on JD6 which includes Kanabec & Pine Counties.
- **Mapping** – Nate has been updating 1938 & 1953 imagery, having 60 out of 300 completed. ISG is doing final reports on CD 16 & 23, comparing drone footage with GIS layers to determine areas of risk, tree canopies, and blockages.
- **Inspection** – N/A
- **Civic Engagement** – See Section VI

### **VI. County Ditch 2, 16, 23 – ISG Inspection Report**

- **SWCD Multi-Purpose Drainage Management Project Updates** – Tiffany mentioned the opportunities for wetland restorations on public water bodies on CD 23. Craig Wills with the MNDNR, is on board with restoration on these to increase storage through outlet structures.
- **Schedule meeting to review Final Report & options with landowners** - An informational meeting will be set in order to review the report from ISG for CD 16 & 23. Letters will be mailed to all benefiting land owners with information regarding the meeting.

### **VII. County Ditch 17 or 11**

- SWCD is proposing to complete inspection and Multi-Purpose Drainage updates on two ditches. In conjunction with the 1W1P for the Rum River, protecting health of the Rum is a priority. It was discussed to add this to the July Agenda

**VIII. Ditch Updates**

- JD1 has received a petition to clean out a portion of the ditch within Kanabec County. After review it appears that Isanti County does not have very good records for its portion of the ditch and that it flows into public waters which is permitted through the DNR and/or WCA.
- JD3 – Mille Lacs County Public Works Director, Kevin Schultz has been appointed as the inspector for 4 years. A public meeting at the Mille Lacs County Courthouse has not been set.

**IX. Drainage Portal Registry** – A Bill is in the legislature requiring all County Ditch maintenance and repairs to be reviewed by BWSR prior to completion. MADI is requesting counties to sign a resolution against this Bill. Consensus is not to sign a resolution at this time.

**X. Drainage Ditch Inspector – Schedule for Job Announcement**

- Barry has met with our Highway Engineer on potential duties related to Highway Department. Justin mentioned the possibility of having temporary space for this position.

**XI. Other Business**

- N/A

**XII. Review Next Steps/Action Items for Next Meeting July 19, 2022**

- Public Meeting for CD 16 & 23
- Post Ditch Inspector position

**XIII. Adjourn**

- Motion by Oslund, seconded by Warring, to adjourn (11:45 pm). Motion carried unanimously.