



Mission:
Working Together to Deliver Quality Services that are Valued by the Community, Today and Tomorrow
Vision:
A modern community where all are treated as neighbors

Drainage Authority Minutes

July 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. – Board Room

Attendance: Commissioners: Greg Anderson, Susan Morris, Mike Warring, and Dave Oslund; Julia Lines, Barry Wendorf, Chad Struss, Nate Kirkwold, Tiffany Determan, and Zach Burmeister (Rinnke Noonan)

I. Call to Order

- Drainage Authority Chair, Greg Anderson, called the meeting to order.

II. Approve the July 19, 2022, Drainage Authority Agenda

- Motion by Morris, seconded by Oslund, to approve the July 19, 2022, Agenda. **Motion carried.**

III. Approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2022, Drainage Authority Meeting

- Motion by Oslund, seconded by Warring, to approve the April 19, 2022, Drainage Authority meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

IV. Ditch Modernization Plan Status Update

- **Records Modernization** – No further updates since last meeting due to election work, multiple ditches are ready to go.
- **Mapping** – Nate is close to finishing scanning and has overlaid information into maps. This has been made available to commissioners and will be made public including inspection reports and drone footage moving forward.
- **Inspection** – Nate shared that he was able to scan ditch records that were located at Highway.
- **Civic Engagement** – Public meetings were held regarding inspection reports for County Ditches 16 & 23.

V. County Ditch 16 & 23

- **Review Public Meeting and Next Steps** – ISG recommended CD 2 be called 23 (joined into 23). There is a process under statute 103E-801 to consolidate for the purpose of administration. The majority of CD 23 is going through wetlands, therefore there is potential for abandonment if 51% petition for it. One objection would cause it to remain as is. Anderson motioned, seconded by Warring to solicit Requests for Proposals for Viewers on CD 16. **Motion carried.**

VI. County Ditch 17 & 9

- SWCD is proposing to complete inspection and Multi-Purpose Drainage updates on these two ditches. CD 17 is 4.5 miles long and has good records. CD 9 is 3.7 miles long and also falls into the Rum River One Watershed One Plan. SWCD has money set aside to do these updates in 2023 but they require authority to complete inspections. Morris motioned, seconded by Warring to move forward with CD 17 & CD 9 in 2023. **Motion carried.**

VII. Ditch Updates

- JD1 stops at county line, therefore petition to complete maintenance can be allowed to move forward without a need for Isanti County's approval.
- 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.

VIII. Drainage Ditch Inspector – Job Announcement

- The position has been posted with three applicants set up for interviews in the next couple weeks. Morris stated that qualities including diplomacy, farming history, and drone experience would be beneficial.

IX. Other Business

- Chad mentioned that we should start collecting assessments on CD 16 & 23. There may be a need to add an additional Drainage Authority Meeting in 2022 to do this.

X. Review Next Steps/Action Items for Next Meeting TBD.

- Solicit RFP for Viewers on CD 16
- Confirm process to consolidate CD 2 & 23
- Set date for next meeting

XI. Adjourn

- Motion by Morris, seconded by Warring, to adjourn (12:25 pm). **Motion carried.**