

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

State of Minnesota
County of Kanabec
Office of the County Coordinator

February 8, 2022

The Kanabec County Drainage Authority Board met at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Rick Mattson, Dennis McNally and Craig Smith. Absent: Les Nielsen Others Present: Public Works Director/Ditch Inspector Chad Gramentz, Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Environmental Services GIS Technician Ryan Carda and Recording Secretary Kelsey Schiferli.

The meeting was held in the Kanabec County Jail Training Room in order to allow enough space to accommodate all attendees. Approximately fifteen people attended.

6:30pm - The Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order.

Action #1 - It was moved by Rick Mattson, seconded by Dennis McNally and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Change Agenda Item #3 from “Approval of Minutes from 2-1-22” to “Approval of Minutes from 1-18-22”

Action #2 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Rick Mattson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Drainage Authority Board from the January 18, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting.

Public Works Director/County Ditch Inspector Chad Gramentz read the following meeting notice aloud:

MEETING NOTICE KANABEC COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kanabec County Drainage Authority will hold a ditch repair hearing on repair report for County Ditch No. 2 on February 8th at 6:30 pm located at the Kanabec County Jail Training Room – 100 S. Vine St., Mora, MN 55051. All interested parties may appear and be heard.

For further information, contact the office of the Kanabec County Coordinator at 679-6440 or coordinator@co.kanabec.mn.us

Engineer Chris Otterness presented the Kanabec County Ditch 2 Repair Report. The location and current condition of the system were reviewed.

Dennis McNally led a discussion regarding allocation of cost to repair County Ditch 2. Information only, no action was taken.

Craig Smith led a discussion regarding the effects of rainfall on paved vs gravel roadways. Information only, no action was taken.

Rick Mattson led a discussion regarding the inspection of the Highway 70 culvert. Information only, no action was taken.

7:22pm – The Vice Chairperson called for public comment. Those that responded included:

Zach Schmitz	Questions regarding water flow on the Isanti County line, cost allocation of possible future repairs to the ditch, and whether the current assessments are final.
Rick Kawalek	Question regarding cost to Brunswick Township and if the township can choose to do its own repairs.
Kevin Belkholm	Questions regarding petitioning Isanti County for the stretch of ditch on the county line, standards for finished look of the ditch including what will be done with trees, etc. as well as questions regarding the next steps.
Loren Barnick	Questions regarding whether or not the culverts on Highway 65 and Highway 70 meet criteria and the process for future repairs.
Daryl Erickson	Questions regarding the removal of trees.
Deanna Pomije	Questions regarding possible alternative practices such as creating a wetland daylighting outlet.

County Ditch Inspector Chad Gramentz met with Isanti County to discuss outlet records. Pending information regarding outlet records will be taken into consideration along with comments from the public. Upon receiving all information, another meeting of the Kanabec County Drainage Authority will be scheduled to determine the next steps.

7:50pm – The Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting. The Drainage Authority will meet again on a date yet to be determined.

Signed _____
Chairperson of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners,
Kanabec County, Minnesota

Attest: _____
Board Clerk