



NOVEMBER 14, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 following the adjournment of the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Kolars, Dranttel, Morrow, Dehen, and Zins. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

1. October 24, 2023 Regular Drainage Minutes

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Public Services

Continued CD77 Lateral 2 Public Hearing on the Final Acceptance of the Improvement Project and Levy

Chair Kolars opened the public hearing at 10:25 a.m. Mr. Chuck Brandel of ISG came forward to present information about the remaining issues on the CD77 Lateral 2 improvement project.

The first item discussed was the remaining tile on the Waibel property. Mr. Brandel identified four areas near the outlet where the tile could be crushed. This work would reduce the likelihood of large sinkholes as well as stop the remaining tile from taking on more water.

The second item was the rock pile which Mr. Gieseke identified on his property as being left after project completion. Mr. Gieseke was unavailable to provide additional information.

The third item was the Branch 2B tile outlet. Mr. Brandel stated that an inspector went out in late October and walked the ditches to confirm the tile was repaired. He also confirmed that the picture shown in the acceptance report was the Branch 2B outlet. There is a tile further to the west that looks similar, but no repairs were made as it was not a part of the improvement project. There are multiple private tile outlets needing repairs. Based on comments received, it would be approximately \$20,000 to fix all outlets. Mr. Brandel's recommendation was to fix three of the tiles in the most disrepair for an approximate cost of \$5,000.

Mr. Waibel came forward to provide additional comments. He is in agreement with Mr. Brandel's information, however there is still a hole he would like collapsed and filled. Next, Travis Domeier came forward to state that his concern about 2B was not related to fixing the outlet, but rather an 8-inch tile was used as compared to a 10-inch tile. Finally, Al Schmidt of New Ulm came forward and stated that water was still not draining from his driveway area. Mr.

Brandel stated that the ditch was cleaned years ago to the correct elevation, but there may have been some erosion since it was cleaned. Mr. Brandel recommended spot cleaning in a couple locations to take care of the sloughing and erosion occurring.

There was continued discussion regarding the first issue of abandoning the line and whether the line could still be considered a part of the project and crushed. Mr. Brandel stated that it could be considered a change order to the project, as the project only specified abandonment when approved in 2020. Ms. Kopet stated that if a change order was approved, the project would need to remain open. There was also discussion on whether additional work could be approved on a tile that has already been abandoned.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to accept the Final Acceptance Report presented by ISG and direct the PPSD Director to prepare findings to be presented at the next drainage authority meeting and approve the final payment to Jenson Excavating & Trucking LLC. The motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the levy to landowners for the improvement project and maintenance costs in the amount of \$716,347.90 and to authorize Director Kopet to prepare the Findings and Order for the levy to be approved at the next Drainage Authority meeting. The motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

CD30A Findings of Fact and Order Regarding Partial Abandonment

Director Kopet provided information on a Petition for Partial Abandonment for CD 30A from Timothy A. and Mary Jean Waibel. A public hearing was held on October 24, 2023 regarding the petition, which was approved for adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the attached Findings and Order for the Partial Abandonment of CD 30A on Mr. and Mrs. Waibel's property. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

2023 Annual Maintenance Levies

Public Serves annually reviews the ditch balances for all Nicollet County drainage systems and it was determined that several ditches have negative balances. Director Kopet provided a breakdown of the ditch systems that have negative balances and the amount to be levied for each. The ditch systems and amounts to be levied are as follows:

Drainage System	Amount to Levy
CD 4A	\$40,377.68
CD 8	\$90,519.88
CD 11	\$28,307.71
CD 35	\$80,720.04
CD 39	\$36,955.87
CD 47A	\$277,334.74
CD 48A	\$61,992.18
CD 65	\$20,358.26
CD 71	\$115,373.18
CD 75	\$293,872.85
CD 78	\$609,569.65

CD 78 Lateral 2 B4	\$69,432.46
CD 82	\$151,107.74
CD 83	\$23,458.47
CD 84	\$12,140.55
CD 85	\$41,021.37

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the attached drainage system levies as listed in the Findings and Order. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.



JACK KOLARS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD