



FEBRUARY 27, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 following the adjournment of the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Morrow, Dranttel, Kolars, Dehen, and Zins. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

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

- a. February 13, 2024 Drainage Minutes

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances related to the regular Drainage Authority meeting.

County Ditch 86A Improvement Project

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer was joined by Ditch Inspector Henry to provide background information on the CD 86A project as well as to discuss considerations for potential action from the Board moving forward.

On August 23, 2023, Houston Engineering submitted a preliminary report that identified deficiencies in the CD 86A Improvement Project and recommended alternatives to achieve the anticipated functioning of the system. The report included several alternatives to address flow restrictions due to debris accumulation, backflow of water through the 36-inch gravity overflow pipe, closure issues with the slide gate across the 84-inch driveway culvert, water leakage into the pump building, and scour erosion issues under the pipe outlets.

Since the report, additional requests from landowners were received by the Drainage Authority, including adding a grate cleaner and an on-site crane mechanism to lift the pumps for maintenance and winter storage. In addition to the above considerations, Attorney Zehnder Fischer noted that the Board could also consider discharging the current Engineer and appointing a successor engineer for the improvement project.

Resident Tim Waibel came forward and voiced concerns about the water tightness of the building and whether the appointment of a successor engineer will release the previous engineer of liability. Commissioner Morrow stated that the goal of today's meeting was to focus on addressing the issues and needs of the system going forward. Lynn Fluegge, resident, came forward and asked questions regarding ISG's work in the project. He also sought clarification concerning the four points Houston Engineering will be reporting on. Commissioner Morrow

reiterated that the Drainage Authority has spent considerable time investigating the project issues as well as gathering resident's feedback, and that the purpose of today's meeting was to identify options to move forward.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Zins to discharge the current engineer, ISG Chuck Brandel, on the CD 86A project. Carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Zins to appoint a successor engineer, Houston Engineering and Chris Otterness, as the engineer on the CD 86A Improvement Project, and direct the preparation of a bond and agreement related to the project work. Carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to direct Houston engineering to prepare a report that includes the following items: an assessment of the needs of the system, an evaluation of alternatives, cost estimates for the alternatives, and a prioritization of recommendations for the alternatives. Carried with all voting in favor.

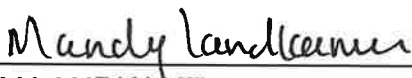
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.



TERRY MORROW, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD