



February 11, 2025
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, following adjournment of the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioners Dranttel, Kolars, Dehen, Helget, and Zins were in attendance. County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehdner were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

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Carried Unanimously.

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Public Services – PUBLIC HEARING

Consider the CD38A Preliminary Engineers Report

Chair Dranttel opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Director Kopet presented information regarding the proposed improvement of Nicollet County Ditch 38A, including that statutory notice was provided to affected landowners. Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. presented the Preliminary Engineer's Report. The CD38A improvements will increase the capacity and allow sufficient drainage to fulfill the system's original intended purpose; and the proposed improvement will be of public utility and promote the public health. Following Engineer Otterness' presentation, Director Kopet read verbatim the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources letter dated February 6, 2025, from Ethan Jensen, EWR Northern District Manager, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §103E.261, subd. 2. Engineer Otterness provided a response to each item raised by the DNR and answered questions from the Commissioners.

The floor was then opened for public comments regarding the proposed improvements to CD38A.

Attorney Dean Zimmerli, attorney for the Petitioners, noted that all statutes have been met so the Board should approve the Preliminary Engineer's Report and order the Engineer to prepare a Detailed Survey and Detailed Survey Report.

John Lupke addressed the Board to mention that he owns the land on the west side of CD38A and has had to replant approximately 5-6 acres due to the tiles' inability to provide adequate drainage.

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer stated that she concurs that the requirements have been met and the Board can proceed with the approval if they decide to do so.

Chair Dranttel asked for any additional public comments on CD38A Preliminary Report. None was made and Chair Dranttel closed the Public Hearing session at 10:58 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the CD38A Preliminary Engineers Survey Report and the required Board Findings for Ordering a Detailed Survey and a Detailed Survey Report. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to appoint Houston Engineering Inc. to prepare the Final Engineers Report and direct the PPSD Director to prepare the Findings and Order for the next scheduled Drainage Authority Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to appoint Mark Berends and his team as viewers to determine the benefits for the landowners relating to the improvement project.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD