



June 24, 2025
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, following recess of the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioners Dranttel, Kolars, Dehen, Zins, and Helget, were in attendance. County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget 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:

None.

Chair Dranttel called a recess at 9:23 a.m. Meeting resumed at 9:58a.m.

Public Services

PUBLIC HEARING: 10:00 a.m. – CD 61 Preliminary Engineers Report (PER) Hearing

Chair Dranttel called the public hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. Director Kopet provided opening remarks regarding the CD 61 Preliminary Engineers Report. Director Kopet confirmed that notice of the hearing was mailed, posted and published in accordance with statutory requirements. Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. presented the CD 61 Preliminary Engineers Report in detail. Following Engineer Otterness' presentation, Director Kopet read verbatim the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources letter dated June 6, 2025, from Ethan Jensen, EWR Northern District Manager, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §103E.261, Subd. 2. Engineer Otterness then provided a response to each item raised by the DNR and answered all questions from the Commissioners.

Chair Dranttel then opened the hearing for public comments regarding the proposed improvements to CD 61.

Attorney Dean Zimmerli, attorney for the Petitioners, noted that all statutory elements have been met within the engineering report and requested that the Board approve the Preliminary Engineers Report and order the Engineer to prepare the Detailed Survey and Detailed Survey Report.

Troy Havermeier, land owner, addressed the Board with concerns about the significant amount of sediment movement due to the low-lying ditch. He also expressed concerns about the increase in mosquitos and flies due to the wetland conditions, which he stated are negatively impacting his livestock and daycare. He will meet with HEI Engineer Chris

Otterness to address these concerns.

Chair Dranttel asked for any additional public comments on CD 61 PER. None was made and Chair Dranttel closed the Public Hearing at 10:50 a.m.

Director Kopet asked the Board to determine whether the Preliminary Engineer's Report (PER) addresses the following statutory requirements to move the matter forward:

1. Whether the Petition was properly filed?
2. Whether proper notice of the Preliminary Hearing was provided to all persons required under statute?
3. Whether the proposed drainage project will be of public benefit and promote public health after considering the environmental and land use criteria in Minn. Stat. § 103E.015, subd. 1?
4. Whether the proposed drainage project outlined in the Petition or modified and recommended by the engineer is feasible.
5. Whether the outlet is adequate.

All Commissioners confirmed that the statutory requirements had been met within the content of the Preliminary Engineer's Report and the Engineer's presentation to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the CD 61 Preliminary Engineers Report and to further direct staff to prepare Board Findings for Ordering a Detail Survey and Detailed Survey Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to appoint Mark Behrends and his team, as viewers to determine the benefits from the improvement project. Motion carried unanimously.

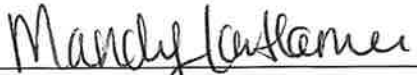
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD