



July 8, 2025

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY**

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, following adjournment 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. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. June 24, 2025 Drainage Authority Minutes

Motion carried on 4-0 vote.

Public Appearances:

None.

Public Services

Consider Approval of CD 61 Finding of Fact and Order

Director Kopet requested the approval of the CD 61 Finding of Fact and Order. This will direct the engineer to proceed with the Detailed Survey Report and also appoints the viewers to determine the benefits related to the improvement.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the CD 61 Finding of Fact and Order. Motion carried on 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: 10:00 a.m. – CD 38A Final Engineers Report Public Hearing

Chair Dranttel called the public hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. Director Kopet provided opening remarks regarding the CD 38A Final Engineers Report. Director Kopet confirmed that notice of the hearing was mailed, posted and published in accordance with statutory requirements. Engineers Chris Otterness and Belle Reeve from Houston Engineering, Inc. presented the CD 38A Final Engineers Report in detail. Following Engineer Otterness' & Reeves' presentation, Director Kopet read verbatim the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources letter dated June 30, 2025, from Ethan Jensen, EWR Northern District Manager, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §103E.261, Subd. 2.

Chair Dranttel then called on the viewers to present the Viewer's Report.

Wes Dahl presented the report on behalf of Mark Behrens. The report outlined the CD 38A improvement benefits, including a summary of associated costs and separable maintenance.

Chair Dranttel then opened the hearing for public comments regarding the final Engineers Report for improvements to CD 38A.

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 Final Engineers Report and proceed with the project.

Chair Dranttel asked for any additional public comments regarding the Engineers Report. No comments were made and Chair Dranttel closed the Public Hearing at 10:39 a.m.

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

1. Whether the detailed survey report and viewers' report have been made and other proceedings have been completed under this chapter;
2. Whether the reports made or amended are complete and correct;
3. Whether the damages and benefits have been properly determined;
4. Whether the estimated benefits are greater than the total estimated cost, including damages;
5. Whether the proposed drainage project will be of the public utility and benefit, and will promote the public health; and
6. Whether the proposed drainage project is practicable, after considering the environmental, land use, and multipurpose water management criteria in section 103E.015, subdivision 1.

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

Motion by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Helget, to approve the CD 38A Final Engineer's Report, adopt the Viewer's Report, adopt the allocation of separable maintenance, and order the project as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

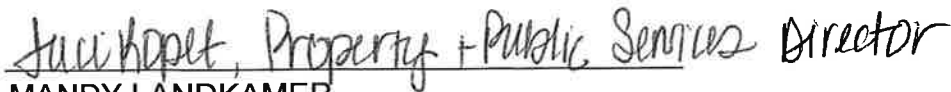
Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to direct the PPSD Director to prepare the Findings and Order for the next scheduled Drainage Authority Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.


MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD