

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 9:55 a.m. with Chair Dranttel presiding. Commissioners John Luepke, Jack Kolars, and Terry Morrow were also present. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, Property & Public Services Director Jaci Kopet, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer, and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: approval of the January 25, 2022 Drainage Authority minutes. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**CD79 Public Hearing on the Final Acceptance of the Improvement Project**

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. Chris Adams, an engineer with ISG, shared a PowerPoint of the Final Acceptance Report. The report went over the work that had been done, the timeline of the final work, and cost estimates. The work did not get completed by the contract end date, so liquidated damages were assessed at \$400 per day after that date. The original amount of payment was estimated at \$77,885.00 and \$14,000 was subtracted from this amount due to not finishing on time. The recommendation was to pay the remainder out to Molnau Trucking and close the project.

The public comment portion was opened and three members of the public came before the Board to express concerns. Ronnie Cordes, a Nicollet County landowner, had concerns about water not draining on his property due to spoils not being leveled. He also had issues with where the rocks were placed in his yard for the spillway. He mentioned that Chuck Brandel from ISG spoke with him previously and said he would send someone out to fix the dirt work on his property. Ronnie feels the project should not be closed until these issues are fixed.

Johanna Menk, also a Nicollet County landowner, shared her concerns regarding the levy and ditch benefit amounts. She rents out her land and feels the project does not benefit her directly. Director Kopet mentioned there were opportunities to appeal the decisions of the redetermination, but these benefits have now been set and are unable to be changed.

Gerald Fitzner also came before the Board to ask if the project will be recorded as entering into Swan Lake where the ditch ends. Chris Adams from ISG replied that his understanding was that the ditch went through DNR wetland all the way to the outlet.

After all public comments were received, there was a brief five-minute recess by the Drainage Authority. At 10:26, the meeting was reopened and a decision was made to recess the public hearing until March 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The Drainage Authority requested that Mr. Chuck Brandel from ISG attend that meeting. No motion for approval was made.

**CD86A Lametti & Sons Contract Extension Request**

Jacob Rischmiller from ISG came before the Board to present the contract extension for Lametti & Sons on the CD86A improvement project for February 28<sup>th</sup>. There were delays in electrical parts for the project. Lametti & Sons received an updated timeline on the shipping of these parts, and stated the work would be completed by February 28, 2022. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the contract extension for Lametti & Sons. Motion carried with all voting in favor, with Luepke abstaining.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to adjourn the Drainage Authority Meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

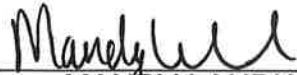
Chair Dranttel adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.



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MARIE DRANTELL, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



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MANDY LANDKAMER  
CLERK TO THE BOARD