



APRIL 11, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 after the adjournment of the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioners Jack Kolars, Terry Morrow, Marie Dranttel, Mark Dehen, and Kurt Zins were present. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda

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

1. March 28, 2023 Regular Drainage Minutes
2. Consider Ditch Repair Report #23-001

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances

There were no appearances related to the regular Drainage meeting.

At 9:48, there was a short recess until the informational meeting at 10:00.

Public Works

Consider CD 83 Ditch Bank/Driveway Repair Options

At 10:00, Director Greenwood opened an informational meeting to gather landowner feedback on three options proposed by Houston Engineering to repair the erosion and destabilization occurring in the CD 83 ditch/Hippert driveway area.

Bruce Hippert spoke on behalf of his brother who owns the land where the driveway is located and stated that he was amenable to moving his driveway to another location.

Michelle Schroeder, Courtland Township, came forward to discuss concerns related to her property lines shown on Beacon and benefits for CD 81. She was invited to speak with Jaci Kopet, Property & Public Services Director, after the meeting to discuss her concerns.

Property owner Pet Nelson, Brookview Lane, came forward with concerns about his property. He is on the receiving end where the water drains and much of his hillside area is eroding. He is not part of the ditch system but came to the meeting to gain a better understanding of the proposed ditch work. At this point, Commissioner Zins asked for clarification as to whether this was a ditch improvement project, and Director Greenwood stated that this was not considered an improvement project and was more limited in scope.

Cody Reinhart, New Ulm, asked how the project cost is shared among the ditch owners. Director Kopet came forward at this time and gave an overview of how the costs and benefits are determined. He is a landowner on CD81 and paying an outlet benefit into CD83.

Jeff Glimmer, Nicollet County landowner, came forward to ask questions related to moving the driveway. He owns land upstream and is concerned about the continuing ditch erosion. Director Greenwood explained that by moving the driveway over, it will buy a significant amount of time before erosion begins to occur again. He also strongly recommended this option as it has the lowest cost for landowners on the system.

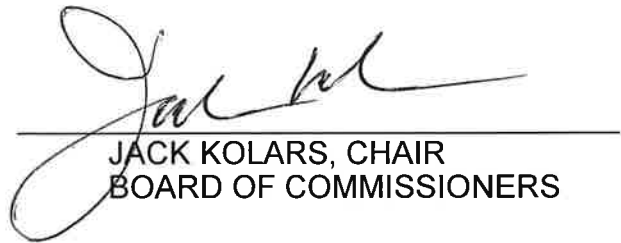
Karen Brinkman of Lafayette Township came forward to provide her recommendation that moving the driveway would be the best option. Bruce Hippert also came forward to provide final comments on behalf of his brother who owns the driveway. He stated the creek has been in its location for as long as he can remember. He believes it would likely take another hundred years before it begins causing issues to the driveway again.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve Option #1 to relocate the Hippert driveway for a total cost of \$51,000. The motion was approved with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to authorize Director Greenwood to execute all agreements and documents necessary to move the CD 83 project forward. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Adjourn

Chair Kolars adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.



JACK KOLARS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER, CLERK TO THE BOARD