



JULY 26, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. with Chair Dranttel presiding and Commissioners Terry Morrow, David Haack, John Luepke and Jack Kolars present. Also present were County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Haack and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

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Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances related to the regular Drainage Authority meeting.

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

Director Kopet appeared before the Board to discuss the continuation of the CD79 Improvement Project from the July 12, 2022 Public Hearing. At that meeting, the Drainage Authority had asked ISG to create a proposal for leveling the berm on the Cordes property before moving to close out the project.

Chuck Brandel, Principal Engineer for ISG, gave an overview of the proposal letter he sent to the County regarding the work that had been done. Based on information that was discussed at the last two public hearings, ISG is willing to complete the work of knocking down the berm on the Cordes property. Mr. Brandel stated that he has found a contractor who could complete the work of leveling the berm and seeding the area along Mr. Cordes' property. The ground work could begin as early as two weeks from now and the project could potentially be completed within the month. The contractor would remove the berm that stretches from the road to South of the existing bridge, and the riprap overflow would be left in place. Additionally, Mr. Brandel will ensure Mr. Cordes is on site when the work is being done.

The public comment period was opened at 10:05 a.m., and Mr. Cordes was asked if ISG's proposal was acceptable to him. Mr. Cordes approached the Board and stated that the proposal was acceptable. Mr. Cordes also agreed to be responsible for general yard maintenance of the completed project area, such as watering the newly seeded area and mowing as needed. For future ditch cleanings, Mr. Cordes stated that he would also take care of leveling the ditch material so a new berm doesn't develop and water could continue draining into the ditch. The public portion of the hearing was closed at 10:09 a.m.

There was a motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to accept the final acceptance report presented by ISG and to direct PPSD Director Kopet to prepare findings to be presented at the next Drainage Authority meeting on August 9, 2022. County Zehnder Fischer made a recommendation that due to the outstanding work still needed, it would be best to wait to close the project out after all work is completed. Both Commissioner Morrow and Commissioner Luepke then withdrew their previous motions.

Director Kopet recommended making a motion to accept Engineer Brandel's proposal on finishing the project. She clarified that when the final report is complete, it will be brought before the Board for final acceptance and the project can be closed at that time. Director Kopet also asked for clarification on County billing and if there would be additional charges for the work on Mr. Cordes' property. Mr. Brandel replied that no additional charges would be due by the County, and he also confirmed that no bills have been sent to the County since April of 2022.

Because the previously withdrawn motions were not voted on, they were struck from the record. Commissioner Morrow then amended his original motion to accept the ISG letter of July 20, 2022, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kolars. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

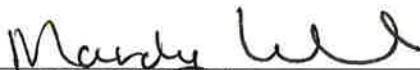
Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Haack to adjourn the Drainage Authority Meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Chair Dranttel adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD