

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
January 12, 2021

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in special session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Chair Terry Morrow presiding. Commissioners Marie Dranttel, Terry Morrow, Jack Kolars, Denny Kemp and John Luepke were present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer.

The meeting was held via teleconference pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Zoom meeting technology was used to conduct the meeting. Chair Morrow, Administrator Krosch and Recording Secretary Frahm were in attendance at the County Board Room. The open portion of meeting was also video recorded.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Closed Meeting

County Ditch 62A Improvement Project

At 10:01 a.m. Chair Morrow moved to a closed session of the Drainage Authority, as permitted under Minnesota Statute §13D.05, Subdivision 3(b), to discuss potential litigation regarding the improvement project on Nicollet County Ditch 62A. Individuals attending the closed meeting were: Commissioners Denny Kemp, Marie Dranttel, Terry Morrow, Jack Kolars and John Luepke; County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer; County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Engineer Seth Greenwood; Ditch Inspector Nate Henry, Public Services Manager Jaci Kopet and Attorney Roger Justin.

The regular Drainage Authority meeting reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Open Meeting:

Commissioner Kemp noted that a Third Party Complaint was filed in the litigation involving County Ditch 62A that creates an actual conflict of interest for the retained counsel of record for the Drainage Authority. Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to have the County waive the conflict of interest and to further direct the County Attorney to work with legal counsel to execute any required documents related to the waiver of the conflict of interest. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

TERRY MORROW, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

RYAN KROSCH
CLERK TO THE BOARD