



APRIL 25, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 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 Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

1. April 11, 2023 Regular Drainage Minutes

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances

Tim Waibel of Courtland came forward with concerns related to CD86A. He observed leaking of the overflow pipe, leakage into the main electrical building, and leaking of the shut-off gate. These leakage issues create safety concerns as well as potential freezing of the pipes over the winter. Another concern is the high power draw of the pumps, which blew out three fuses after a few minutes of running at the same time.

Next, Lynn Fluegge of Courtland approached the Board. He would like to see the Lametti pumps taken out and replaced with the pumps the farmers originally wanted. Also, the ditch cleaning has not yet been addressed and is something that will need to be taken care of as soon as possible. He also echoed Mr. Waibel's concerns about the shut-off valve leakage and would like to see that issue addressed.

Jeff Brandes of Courtland came forward next. He attended meetings with ISG and they recommended a cleaner to clean out the grate, but no installation plans are currently in place. Mr. Brandes shared that a landowner recently attempted to clean the grate out using a hand rake, but it is a safety concern due to the ice buildup and potential for slipping. He believes that ISG should be held accountable for the project issues that are occurring.

Ken Fluegge, another landowner, came forward to voice similar concerns. He stated the whole project was a mess and felt that the landowners are ultimately paying the price for ISG's mistakes.

Before moving into the Public Hearing, Commissioner Morrow asked that the Commissioners consider holding a closed meeting at a later with an Attorney regarding the CD86A issues brought forward.

Public Works

Public Hearing for the CD86A Selly Excavating Contract Acceptance

At 10:00, Ditch Inspector Nathan Henry came forward to ask for final acceptance of the Selly Excavating contract. He noted that the CD86A improvement project as a whole will stay open and the Public Hearing was related only to closing out the contract with Selly Excavating, who completed the tile work on the project.

Jacob Rischmiller, Project Engineer at ISG, came forward to present information on the tile work completed by Selly Excavating. The work began in May of 2021 and was completed in July of 2021 in the Swan Lake watershed area. No issues were found in their work after the compliance inspection was performed, and there was a deduction for 3.2 acres of crop damage that occurred. ISG is recommending final payment to Selly Contracting in the amount of \$2,794.14. No public comments were received during the public comment portion.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to accept the final acceptance report presented by ISG and to direct the PPSD Director to prepare findings for approval at the next drainage authority meeting. The motion was approved with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Chair Kolars adjourned the meeting at 10:21a.m.



JACK KOLARS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER, CLERK TO THE BOARD