



**SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY**

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 following the adjournment of the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Kolars, Dranttel, Morrow, Dehen, and Zins. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

1. September 12, 2023 Regular Drainage Minutes

Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

**Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Public Services**

***Set Hearing Date for CD30A Partial Abandonment***

On August 28, 2023, Public Services received a Petition for Partial Abandonment of CD 30A. Director Kopet is proposing October 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. as the Public Hearing date for the Partial Abandonment of County Ditch 30A.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the CD 30A Partial Abandonment Public Hearing date of October 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

***CD77 Lateral 2 Public Hearing on the Final Acceptance of the Improvement Project and Levy Assessments***

Chair Kolars opened the Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m. Director Kopet presented background information on the project. Chuck Brandel, ISG Project Engineer, came forward to present the Final Acceptance Report. He identified issues that came up throughout the project as well as pictures of the work that was completed. Final payment information and accumulated damages for Jensen Excavating and Trucking, LLC were provided in the report. He recommended final acceptance and payment to Jensen Excavating to close out the contract.

The meeting was opened to public comments at 10:11 a.m. Tim Waibel came forward to discuss the tile abandonment on his property. He would like the tiles removed completely, as it could interfere with future work on his land. Travis Domeier, 39783 561<sup>st</sup> Ave, also had concerns regarding the tile work. He stated that they were looked at, but nothing was done with them. Mr. Brandel responded that the tile work and removal was discussed early in the

project, but the work was decided against because of the increased costs.

Jim Gieseke, 55472 Fort Rd., came forward regarding an excavation issue with the culverts and the ditch bank falling away. He also stated there were large rocks buried in the ditch bank that had plugged up his drainage area. He had questions on who owned the culverts. After clarification, the rocks were located on top in the buffer area and Mr. Brandel stated he would look into the issue.

Commissioner Zins had specific questions regarding outlets and remaining tiles. Mr. Brandel stated that there was discussion at the beginning of the project regarding the tiles, but the final consensus was to leave them in place. Commissioner Zins had concerns regarding how landowners could receive remediation on the additional damages discussed.

Morrow commented that he doesn't feel comfortable with accepting the final report when it sounds like landowners still have issues. He recommended that all landowners come forward and provide any comments related to issues that still need repairs. Travis Domeier came forward and discussed concerns with the size of the pipe used to replace the old 28-inch pipe and that it was not large enough. Joe Kroll also came forward with questions regarding the breakdown of ditch-related costs and asked if landowners could get a detailed breakdown of the project costs.

Attorney Zehnder Fischer recommended continuing the Public Hearing at a later time and date, with Mr. Brandel bringing forward the additional information requested by the landowners.


Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to set the continuation of the CD 86A public hearing for October 24, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Motion approved 5-0, with all Commissioners voting yes.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

  
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JACK KOLARS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

  
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MANDY LANDKAMER,  
CLERK TO THE BOARD