

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

ANNUAL COUNTY/JOINT DITCH MAINTENANCE HEARING
LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, MARSHALL, MN
August 15, 2006

1:00 PM – County Ditch Maintenance Hearing called to order by Chair Ritter. Members Present: Buysse, Fenske, Goodenow, Nelson, Ritter, Administrator Stomberg, and Auditor/Treasurer Van Overbeke, Assistant Planning & Zoning/Ditch Inspector Hammer, Director of Public Works/Engineer Benson, and Assistant to Administrator Steffes. Absent: Attorney Maes.

Approximately fifteen members of the Public were in attendance.

Ritter explained the purpose of the hearing was to determine the amount of special assessments that will be levied in 2007 to pay off the existing loans or needed repairs on the County Ditches.

County Ditch No. 4 Improvement – future cleanout, fall of 2007. Buysse moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve a 20% assessment for County Ditch No. 4 Improvement. All voted in favor.

County Ditch No. 5 – electric bills. Nelson moved, seconded by Fenske to approve a 3% assessment on County Ditch No. 5. All voted in favor.

County Ditch No. 11 – field crossing repairs. Fenske moved, seconded by Buysse to approve a 20% assessment for County Ditch No. 11. All voted in favor.

County Ditch No. 14 – outlet and repair. Goodenow moved, seconded by Nelson to approve a 2% assessment for County Ditch No. 14. All voted in favor.

County Ditch No. 36 – crossing and Highway 14. Fenske moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve a 3% assessment for County Ditch No. 36. All voted in favor.

County Ditch No. 39 – future repairs. Goodenow moved, seconded by Nelson to approve a 20% assessment for County Ditch No. 39. All voted in favor.

County Ditch No. 56 – control trees in upper portion. Goodenow moved, seconded by Buysse to approve a 2% assessment for County Ditch No. 56. All voted in favor.

County Ditch No. 60B – negative balance, future work. Glenn Olson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer discussed with Hammer and the Board the transfer of sections of County Ditch No. 60B to the City of Marshall. Goodenow moved, seconded by Nelson to approve a 5% assessment for County Ditch No. 60B. All voted in favor.

County Ditch No. 62 – tree and vegetation control. Goodenow moved, seconded by Ritter to approve a 1% assessment for County Ditch No. 62. All voted in favor.

Ritter – At this point, we are going to go back to review County Ditch No. 4 Improvement.

Wayne Peltier stated that the original County Ditch No. 4 had been assessed incorrectly (FY2006). Peltier - One section of County Ditch 4 was cleaned out for about one-half mile, but nothing was done for the original. Goodenow – The assessment was revoked. Peltier – You need to replenish the County Ditch 4 funds. Ritter – That can be done once County staff gets the numbers; what years were assessed; who was assessed; and what bills there are.

Agnes Nielsen stated she would like more communication on the aforementioned revocation. Hammer said he had not sent out rebates yet.

Ritter adjourned the County Ditch Maintenance Hearing at 1:33 AM.

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Judicial Ditch No. 2 – future repairs. Fenske moved, seconded by Goodenow to approve a 2% assessment for Judicial Ditch No. 2. All voted in favor.

Judicial Ditch No. 7 Repair B – future cleanout. Goodenow moved, seconded by Ritter to approve a 20% assessment for Judicial Ditch No. 7 Repair B. All voted in favor.

Judicial Ditch No. 31 L&L – cleanout with DM&E, future repairs. Goodenow moved, seconded by Fenske to approve a 1% assessment for Judicial Ditch No. 31 L&L. All voted in favor.

Pat Kremer described a flooding issue with County Ditch 10. Hammer explained there are cottonwood trees growing over the tile in a slough that causes flooding across County Road 2 onto Kremer's land. Kremer – I want to make the tile work as it was intended. Nelson – Can we abandon the tile through the slough and go around it to the northeast and then reconnect it? Hammer stated he is having a contractor looking into removing the trees and repairing the tile. Ritter – Could you have the contractor look into going around the slough? Hammer – Yes, but that would be an improvement and we would need to do a hearing.

Ritter appointed Dan Stassen as overseer of County Ditch No. 32.

Ritter appointed Allen Benz as overseer of County Ditch No. 21.

Ritter appointed Gary Van Overbeke as overseer of County Ditch No. 68.

Ritter adjourned the Joint Ditch Maintenance Hearing at 1:54 PM.

Stephen W. Ritter, Chairman

Attest: _____
Loren Stomberg, Lyon County Administrator