

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY, JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
September 7, 2021**

The Drainage Authority of Jackson County, Minnesota met in regular session, in the Jackson County Courthouse Board Room, 405 Fourth Street, City of Jackson, Minnesota, on September 7, 2021

Jackson County Drainage Authority present

Catherine Hohenstein, James Eigenberg, Scott McClure, Don Wachal and Philip Nasby.

Jackson County Drainage Authority appearing by interactive technology

NONE

Others Present

County Engineer Tim Stahl, County Attorney Tom Prochazka, County Auditor/Treasurer Kevin Nordquist, Drainage Supervisor Dave Macek, Ditch Coordinator Kelly Rasche, GIS Technician Jared Baloun, County Administrator Ryan Krosch

Landowners present

NONE

CALL TO ORDER

Drainage Authority Board Chair Jim Eigenberg called the meeting order at 11:10 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes of June 15, 2021 and June 25, 2021 – Motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2021 and June 25, 2021, made by Commissioner Hohenstein with a second by Commissioner Eigenberg, all yes, motion carried.

6.2 Judicial Ditch 42 Redetermination Order Consideration -- In August 2020 the drainage authority ordered an improvement project for JD 42 and appointed the viewers of Ron Ringquist and others to complete the determination for the improvement. The viewers have found a need to update the redetermination for JD 42 that was completed in 2017 to make the determination for the improvement accurate. The combination of the Improvement and the “old” redetermination are not equitable in consideration of values today. There is, also, better hydraulic information available to the viewers that was not available in 2017. **Motion to order the redetermination based on the findings of need of Judicial Ditch 42 made by Commissioner Wachal with a second by Commissioner Hohenstein, all yes, motion carried.**

6.3 H2OverViewers Contract Billing Practice – Jackson County Drainage Authority has entered into two contracts for redeterminations with H2OverViewers spanning 2021 to 2023. H2Over Viewer’s billing practice for a 3-year contract(s) is the systems are billed according to acres within the system, the systems to be completed in 2021 expense is paid monthly based on 12 months for the project, the systems to be done in 2023 are paid monthly based on 36 months for the project. Staff wished to make

the authority aware of this billing practice, paying for the systems before the bulk of the work is completed. No action was taken, this was information for the commissioners. Rasche is tracking the payments for all the systems to keep a handle on the payments being made to H2Over Viewers. Stahl noted the need to reiterate with the viewers about the need to make sure systems boundaries are compatible. Boots on the ground with discussions with the landowners is a vital part of viewing.

Stahl informed the commissioners about options to establish a consistent permanent payment per acre for acres in the buffer strips along the open ditches established by Governor Dayton. The buffer law was enacted in 2017, landowners should have the land out of production. The information will be brought to the commissioners for consideration at a future meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Hohenstein and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adjourn the meeting 11:25 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 5th day of October 2021

JACKSON COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

James Eigenberg Chair

ATTEST: _____

Kevin Nordquist, Auditor/Treasurer