

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
October 19, 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 October 19, 2021.

Jackson County Drainage Authority present

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

Jackson County Drainage Authority appearing by interactive technology

NONE

Others Present

County Engineer Tim Stahl, County Auditor/Treasurer Kevin Nordquist, Drainage Supervisor Dave Macek. Ditch Coordinator Kelly Rasche, Mark Behrends and John Thompson, viewers.

Landowners present

**CALL TO ORDER**

Drainage Authority Board Vice Chair Phil Nasby called the meeting order at 10:10 a.m.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1. Viewer's Presentation** – Mark Behrends and John Thompson provided the commissioners with an overview of their processes for completion of redeterminations of drainage systems. After being appointed by the drainage authority, their process is to hold three meetings for the landowners. The first meeting is informational before they begin the work. They discuss what will be happening, how the landowners tile information is important and gives the landowners an opportunity to share special situations for their land. The second informational meeting is held after the viewers have completed their work, the landowners would have the information specific to their land in hand. This gives landowners an opportunity to ask questions about their specific information. The third meeting is the public hearing for the drainage authority to consider adoption of the viewer's reports. Landowner communication is the key to a successful redetermination. The viewers use a 25-year calculation for benefits as well as a 3-year average for yields and the CER. It is intentional to use an average for the reports. The viewers shared do's and don'ts of buffer use, examples included not making it into a road, the landowner can bale the buffer, access to the buffer is limited to the landowner and the staff necessary for maintaining the ditch. Public hunting is not permitted without landowner permission. They charge a by-the-hour rate, not a per acre rate. All systems are different, some with square 40's are quicker to determine vs systems that are around a lake or include unincorporated area that have several landowners. They have the county hire the engineer of choice to provide the map of the drainage system area to be redetermined. (Current Jackson County used viewers provide the map to the county with their engineer of choice) No action was taken, this was informational for the drainage authority.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner McClure to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021

JACKSON COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

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James Eigenberg Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Nordquist, Auditor/Treasurer