

REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

October 8, 2024

The Mower County Ditch Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session October 8, 2024 at 11:24 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Dan Sparks, Chair; John Mueller, Vice-Chair; Mike Ankeny; Polly Glynn and Jerry Reinartz. Also in attendance were Soil & Water Conservation District – District Manager Cody Fox, County Auditor-Treasurer Scott Felten, and County Administrator Trish Harren Gjersvik.

County Administrator/Board Clerk Trish Harren Gjersvik called for nominations for Chair of the Mower County Ditch Board. Commissioner Glynn nominated Commissioner Sparks. The Board Clerk called for further nominations two additional times. Hearing none, Commissioner Mueller moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Sparks as Mower County Ditch Board Chair. Motion carried.

Chair Commissioner Sparks called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Ankeny nominated Commissioner Mueller. The Chair called for further nominations two additional times. Hearing none Commissioner Reinartz moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Mueller as Mower County Ditch Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Soil & Water Conservation District – District Manager Cody Fox presented a request to amend the 2024 budget for Ditch #8 from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for needed repairs.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to amend the 2024 Ditch #8 budget from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for repair expenditures. Motion carried.

Soil & Water Conservation District – District Manager Cody Fox recommended budget and levy amounts for county ditch systems. There are healthy balances in the ditch system and planning to have the available funds as repairs become necessary. A discussion followed.

**Date: October 8, 2024**

**Res. #83-24**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Mower County Ditch Board at a meeting held October 8, 2024 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, the ditch inspector for Mower County has reported that repairs are necessary, or may be necessary, on certain ditches; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ditch Authority for Mower County finds additional funds are necessary to make said repairs;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that

1. The cost of said repairs or levy be apportioned and assessed pro rata upon all lands, corporations and/or municipalities which have participated in the total drainage benefits are therefore determined on the following ditch and in the following amount for estimated annual repairs to be levied as special assessment for payable 2025 tax year:

| Ditch # | Levy     | Ditch # | Levy     |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| 1       | \$15,000 | 8       | \$15,000 |
| 4       | 10,000   | 77      | 10,000   |
| 6       | 15,000   | 79      | 15,000   |
| 7       | 10,000   |         |          |

2. Set the annual 2025 budget for the ditches as follows:

| Ditch # | Budget   | Ditch # | Budget   |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| 1       | \$30,000 | 8       | \$20,000 |
| 4       | 10,000   | 77      | 15,000   |
| 6       | 20,000   | 79      | 15,000   |
| 7       | 15,000   |         |          |

A full and complete copy of the budget is on file with the County Auditor/Treasurer.

Passed and approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2024 subject to review and approval of the chair. Motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

**THE MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson

Attest:

By: Sharon Hanner (Cyrus) K  
Clerk/Administrator