

REGULAR SESSION OF THE
MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

August 5, 2025

The Mower County Ditch Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session August 5, 2025 at 10:43 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Chair John Mueller, Polly Glynn, Jerry Reinartz and Mike Ankeny Excused: Vice-Chair Dan Sparks. Also in attendance were County Administrator Matthew Verdick and County Auditor-Treasurer Scott Felten.

County Administrator/Board Clerk Matthew W. Verdick called for nominations for Chair of the Mower County Ditch Board. Commissioner Glynn nominated Commissioner Mueller. The Board Clerk called for further nominations two additional times. Hearing none, Commissioner Ankeny moved, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Mueller, as Mower County Ditch Board Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Soil & Water Conservation District Ditch Inspector Paul Hunter presented requests for the Board to set 2025 crop damage rates related to ditch project work and to amend the 2025 expenditure budget for County Ditch #4 to do necessary ditch repairs that were not initially planned for this year.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to set Mower County 2025 crop damage rates for any crops damaged during ditch repair, improvement or construction projects at the same rates established by Freeborn County. The established 2025 crop damage rates are as follows:

2025 Crop Damage Rate (standing crops)

Corn	201.6 bushels @ \$3.96 = \$798 per acre
Bean	56.8 bushels @ \$9.32 = \$529 per acre

(Adopted a rate that is the Freeborn established rate for which the yield is determined by using a three-year average yield data from USDA for Freeborn and sale price is determined by using average sale price for "new crop" data from 3 regional elevators on 12/13/24).

2025 Crop Damage Rate (not planted crops)

\$525 per acre

Used for anticipated ditch projects and when the County requests a landowner not to plant an area that will be worked on.

Motion carried unanimously.

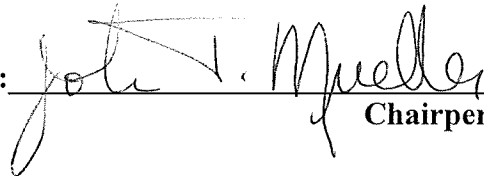
Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to amend the 2025 County Ditch #4 expenditure budget from \$10,000 to \$60,000 for needed repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of today's meeting (August 5, 2025) subject to the review and approval of the chair. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

THE MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

BY:


Chairperson

Attest:

By:


Clerk/Administrator