

REGULAR SESSION OF THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTIES
JOINT DITCH BOARD FOR JOINT DITCH NUMBER 5

October 28, 2025

The Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board #5 in and for the Counties of Freeborn and Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session October 28, 2025 at 10:35 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Chair John Mueller, Vice-Chair Jerry Reinartz, Polly Glynn, and Mike Ankeny. Member absent: Dawn Kaasa. Also in attendance were County Administrator Matthew Verdick and Ditch Inspector Paul Hunter.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Commissioner Mueller called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Glynn nominated Jerry Reinartz. The Chair called for further nominations two additional times. Hearing none Commissioner Glynn moved (seconded by Commissioner Ankeny) to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Reinartz as Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Soil & Water Conservation District – Ditch Inspector Paul Hunter recommended budget and levy amounts for joint county ditch system #5 for 2026. A discussion followed.

Date: October 28, 2025

Res. #59-25

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board of Commissioners (Ditch #5) at a meeting held October 28, 2025 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the ditch inspector has reported that repairs are necessary, or may be necessary, on certain ditches, and

WHEREAS, the Ditch Authority finds that 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 joint ditch #5 and in the following amount for estimated annual repairs to be levied as special assessment for payable 2026 tax year:

Mower County \$ **20,000**

2. Set the annual 2026 budget at \$25,000 for expenditures. A full and complete copy of the budget is on file with the County Auditor/Treasurer.

Passed and approved this 28th day of October, 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of today's meeting subject to the review and approval of the chair. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTIES JOINT DITCH BOARD #5

By: John T. Mueller Chairperson

Attest:

By: [Signature]
Clerk/Administrator