

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD**

October 25, 2005

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session October 25, 2005 at 10:11 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Raymond Tucker, Chair
 David Hillier
 Dick Lang
 Garry E. Ellingson
 Richard Cummings
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Craig Oscarson summarized for the Board the results of the bid opening for the clean out of County Ditch #1. A question has arisen concerning an interpretation of the bid specifications whether the project could be awarded as a combined project for the tree removal and open ditch clean out or awarded as a split bid. Mayer Digging was the low bidder for tree removal and Freeborn Construction was the low bidder for the open ditch clean out and low bidder for the project combined.

Steve Penkava, Jones Haugh & Smith Surveyors, stated that the bid specifications was a standard bid format that has been used by the firm before and it did not request a combined project option.

Brad Haugen, Freeborn Construction, referred to a section of the bid specifications where he interpreted that the two projects were tied together. It was his opinion that the project would be a scheduling nightmare if it wasn't done by one contractor.

Steve Penkava reviewed page BP 4 of the specifications and Brad Haugen admitted to misinterpreting the document.

In addition, Roger Mayer of Mayer Tree Removal noted the section of the bid specifications that outlined how scheduling of the two projects would take place if the project was awarded to two different contractors.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to table the award of the County Ditch #1 clean out to November 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at which time a legal opinion should have been received from the office of the county attorney. Motion carried.

Patrick Flanagan, County Attorney, asked a few questions of Roger Mayer and Brad Haugen.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. until November 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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