

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

November 1, 2005

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session November 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

The Coordinator presented bids that were received in regard to the repair of county ditch #1. There was a possible discrepancy in the bids received. The specifications allowed for two phases of the project (Schedule 1 and Schedule 2) to be bid as separate projects. Freeborn Construction, the apparent low bidder on Schedule 1, verbally stated their bid was a total bid. This was not noted in their bid and only stated after all bids were opened. A detailed tabulation of bids received in on file in the office of the Mower County Auditor.

The County Attorney has reviewed the bids and determined that Schedule 1 and 2 could be bid and awarded separately.

The Engineer for the project stated that there should be no impact on the final completion date and it was his responsibility to ensure that all contractors meet deadlines.

Brad of Freeborn Construction, the low bidder for Schedule 1 of the clean out expressed concerns on scheduling conflicts between contractors. He requested that he be allowed to withdraw his bid completely and re-bid.

Commissioner Hillier felt it would be difficult to get a fair bid on the project since current bids have already been made public.

The Coordinator presented some of the options available to the Board for action at this meeting including re-bidding the project or splitting the bid.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Lang to award the bid for Repair of County Ditch #1, Schedule 1 to Freeborn Construction in the amount of \$266,645.00 and Schedule 2 to Mayer Digging in the amount of \$34,655.00. Both awards are based on the low bid for each Schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve today's minutes subject to review by the Chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ellingson, seconded by Commissioner Lang to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m. to Special Session of the Mower County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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