

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

January 24, 2006

The Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board in and for the Counties of Freeborn and Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session January 24, 2006 at 12:07 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Also present: Sherwood Vereide, Mower County Auditor
 Rick Morrison, Mower County Ditch Inspector
 Dennis Distad, Freeborn County Auditor/Treasurer

The Mower County Auditor had noted a discrepancy in the per diem requests from the Joint Ditch #5 Advisory Committee. Per diems of \$40 have been paid to the advisory committee in 2000 and 2001. Per diems of \$50 have been paid in 2004. In response of the 2005 request for \$50 per diems the County Auditor reviewed the minutes and notes from the Joint Ditch #5 meetings. The County Auditor did not find a record authorizing per diems for the Joint Ditch #5 Advisory Committee.

It was noted that the Mower County per diem rate is \$40. It was also noted that the Joint Ditch #5 Advisory Committee is the only ditch advisory committee in Minnesota.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to set the per diem rate at \$40 for the Joint Ditch #5 Advisory Committee without reimbursement for mileage and to authorize the prior reimbursements of supplies and per diems paid to the Joint Ditch #5 Advisory Committee paid to date. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Belshan, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to continue to have a Joint Ditch #5 Advisory Committee however reduce the number of committee members from 5 to 3 committee members effective January 1, 2006. The benefits of having an advisory committee will be reviewed again in one year. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to set the per diem rate at \$40 not to exceed 2 meetings per year per advisory committee member. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Belshan to appoint the 2006 Mower County Board Chair as the 2006 Joint Ditch Board Chair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to approve the minutes of January 24, 2006 subject to review and approval of the chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. Motion carried.

THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTY JOINT DITCH BOARD

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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