

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

July 25, 2006

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session July 25, 2006 at 8:35 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Members absent: Dick Lang

Steve Penkava, Jones, Haugh and Smith, Engineer for County Ditch #1 project met with the Board to update them on issues with the erosion control measures on the project. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is not satisfied with what has been put in place. The MPCA has directed the contractor that the side slopes must be mulched. Mr. Penkava estimates the mulching would result in approximately \$35,000 to the contract and would require a change order. Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator, gave an overview of his understanding of the issue and the process followed to make this determination. A citation to the county and the contractor, Freeborn Construction will be forthcoming and the MPCA representative has been unwilling to discuss alternate solutions or to attend the board meeting.

Brad Haugen, Freeborn Construction, stated that he also would receive the citation and fine as the contractor and was concerned that his company would be forced to pay a fine received as a result of a decision made by the County Board.

After further discussion on County Ditch #1, the following action took place.

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to table the discussion on erosion control on County Ditch #1 for one week in order to meet with representatives of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at the work site. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m. Motion carried.

THE MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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