

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTIES
JOINT DITCH BOARD FOR JOINT DITCH #26**

December 11, 2007

The Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board in and for the Counties of Freeborn and Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session December 11, 2007 at 1:09 p.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Raymond Tucker, Chair
 Dan Belshan
 Dave Tollefson
 Richard Cummings
 David Hillier
 Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Also present: Doug Groh, Mower County Auditor-Treasurer
 Rick Morrison, Mower County Ditch Inspector
 Dennis Distad, Freeborn County Auditor/Treasurer
 Steve Penkava
 Bob Clark

The Joint Ditch Board was informed that Bob Clark had received all the necessary signatures for the petition to remove certain lots in the Murphy Creek area from the Joint Ditch #26 watershed. However, Mr. Clark, objected to the cost to publish the notice of public hearing on the petition. The Auditor-Treasurer contacted the other petitioners regarding the cost of publication and four wished to withdraw the petition, one was unreachable, three were undecided and Mr. Clark was undeclared. The petitioners want out of the watershed but are not willing to pay the costs associated with the petition.

Motion made by Commissioner Belshan, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to deny the petition of Bob Clark, et al to remove properties from the Joint Ditch #26 watershed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Cummings for the County Auditor-Treasurer to negotiate with Rinke, Noonan concerning the expenses incurred for the petition to be included in the County retainer fee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Hillier to approve the minutes of November 5, 2007 and the minutes of today's meeting subject to the review and approval of the chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cummings, seconded by Commissioner Tollefson to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m. Motion carried.

THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTY JOINT DITCH BOARD

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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