

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER DODGE COUNTIES  
JOINT DITCH BOARD FOR JOINT DITCH NUMBER 1**

August 5, 2011

The Mower Dodge Counties Joint Ditch Board in and for the Counties of Mower and Dodge, Minnesota, met in Special Session August 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz:           Raymond Tucker, Chair  
  Tim Gabrielson  
  Jerry Reinartz  
  David Erikson  
  Don Gray  
  Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Also present:                   Cody Fox, Mower County Ditch Inspector  
  Doug Groh, Mower County Auditor-Treasurer

Craig Oscarson, Clerk of the Board, took nominations for Chairperson for 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gray to nominate Raymond Tucker as 2011 Chairperson. The Clerk asked for further nominations three times and hearing none the vote was cast. Motion carried.

The Chair took nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Motion by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to nominate David Erikson as 2011 Vice-Chairperson. The Chair asked for further nominations three times and hearing none the vote was cast. Motion carried.

A petition had been received from landowners requesting that a currently private ditch system be re-established as a Joint Ditch system to be governed and managed a Mower Dodge Joint Ditch authority. The board discussed the petition, responses received from landowners and the potential impact of a private vs. county ditch system.

Motion made by Commissioner Erikson, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to accept the petition for a Mower-Dodge Joint Ditch as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Gray to appoint Steve Penkava from Jones, Haugh & Smith as the engineer for the formation of a joint county ditch system and instruct the firm to produce a Preliminary Report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Erikson, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to appoint Kurt Deter from Rinke Noonan as the legal counsel for Mower/Dodge Joint Ditch #1. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Erikson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the minutes of today's meeting subject to review and approval of the chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.

**THE MOWER DODGE COUNTY JOINT DITCH BOARD**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Attest:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Coordinator**

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