

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

August 6, 2013

The Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board in and for the Counties of Freeborn and Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session August 6, 2013 at 1:42 p.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz:           Tim Gabrielson, Chair  
  Jerry Reinartz, Vice-Chair  
  Polly Glynn  
  Mike Ankeny  
  Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

Member Absent:                 Dan Belshan

Also present:                    Cody Fox, Mower County Ditch Inspector  
  Justin Hanson, Mower County SWCD  
  Pat Martinson, Freeborn County Auditor

The County Coordinator called for nominations for chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn to nominate Commissioner Gabrielson as the Chair, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny. A call for other nominations was done three times. Hearing none, a unanimous vote was cast appointing Commissioner Gabrielson as Chair.

Commissioner Gabrielson called for nominations for vice-chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny to nominate Commissioner Reinartz as the Vice -Chair, seconded by Commissioner Glynn. A call for other nominations was done three times. Hearing none, a unanimous vote was cast appointing Commissioner Reinartz as Vice-Chair.

Cody Fox and Justin Hanson provided the Ditch Board with detail of the wetland restoration and the petition of Ken Penkava for a lateral as part of the restoration. The Board has approved maintenance changes to the existing system including re-routing and repairs. The proposal is to hopefully to acquire some land downstream – Dwight Ault property – as part of the project and to incorporate any upstream tile lines into the project. An additional request for the project is for a subsurface drainage on-top of the land through land before it dumps into JD #5. Today's goal is to accept the petition as requested by the landowners, set a public hearing and appoint an engineer for the project.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to accept the Penkava/Ault petition as filed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to appoint BSWR as the engineer for the project. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to set the Penkava/Ault Hearing on the Petition for September 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, 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 Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Motion carried.

**THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTY JOINT DITCH BOARD**

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

**Attest:**

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

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