

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

October 14, 2014

The Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board #5 in and for the Counties of Freeborn and Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session October 14, 2014 at 11:13 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

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

Also present: Cody Fox, Mower County Ditch Inspector
 Donna Welsh, Finance Director
 Pat Martinson, Auditor-Treasurer Freeborn County

The County Coordinator, Craig Oscarson, called for nominations for Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to nominate Commissioner Gabrielson as chair. The County Coordinator called for additional nominations three times and then a unanimous vote was cast. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gabrielson called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to nominate Commissioner Glynn as Vice-Chair. The Chair called for additional nominations three times and then a unanimous vote was cast. Motion carried.

Cody Fox, County Ditch Inspector, informed the Joint Ditch Board that there are a lot of issues on the system and some major repairs have been done in 2014 for which Mower County will receive a bill from Freeborn County for its share of the repairs. The current balance does not support the \$75,000 bill that is expected from Freeborn County and the County should consider borrowing funds from another ditch fund. A discussion followed.

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny to approve a loan from Ditch #1 in an amount as needed at 5% interest. Motion carried.

Date: October 14, 2014

Res. #74-14

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Belshan, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch

Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 14, 2014 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the ditch inspector for Mower County has reported that repairs are necessary, or may be necessary, on certain ditches, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that

Set the annual 2015 budget at \$18,417 for Mower County expenditures. A full and complete copy of the budget is on file with the County Auditor/Treasurer.

Passed and approved this 14th day of October, 2014.

THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTY JOINT DITCH BOARD

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Belshan, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to set a public hearing with the date and time to be set by staff after consulting with legal counsel on the public hearing requirements regarding setting a \$100,000 multi-year (4 years) repair levy at four percent (4%) interest. Motion carried.

Date: October 14, 2014

Res. #75-14

RESOLUTION

On motion of Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Belshan, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board of Commissioners at a meeting held October 14, 2014 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the ditch inspector for Mower County has reported that repairs are necessary, or may be necessary, on certain ditches, and

WHEREAS, the Ditch Authority for Mower County finds that additional funds are necessary to make said repairs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that

The cost of said repairs or levy be apportioned and assessed pro rata upon all lands, corporations and/or municipalities which have participated in the total drainage benefits are therefore determined on the joint ditch #5 and in the following amount

for estimated annual repairs to be levied as special assessment for payable 2015 tax year:

Mower County	\$30,000
Freeborn County	10,000

Passed and approved this 14th day of October, 2014.

THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTY JOINT DITCH BOARD

By: _____
Chairperson

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014 subject to review and approval of the chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Motion carried.

THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTY JOINT DITCH BOARD

BY: _____
Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk/Coordinator

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