

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

September 8, 2020

The Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board #5 in and for the Counties of Freeborn and Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session September 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Polly Glynn, Chair
 Jerry Reinartz
 Tim Gabrielson
 Mike Ankeny
 Trish Harren, County Administrator
Member excused: Dan Belshan, Freeborn

Also present: Cody Fox, Mower County Ditch Inspector
 Paul Hunter, Donna Welsh

Cody Fox advised the Board that the scope of the tile replacement project is larger than initially determined. He indicated the entire tile system is 100 years old and it was decided to replace the complete segment versus a smaller portion. The Board is requested to approve amending the 2020 budget to increase expenditures from \$21,842 to \$75,000 for tile line replacement.

Motion made by Commissioner Gabrielson, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to amend the 2020 budget to increase expenditures from \$21,842 to \$75,000 for tile line replacement. Motion carried.

Mr. Fox indicated that there wasn't enough fund balance available to meet the necessary repair expenditures and had consulted with the Finance Manager about borrowing funds from another ditch system. It is recommended to borrow funds from Mower County Ditch #1.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to request a short-term loan from Mower County Ditch #1 in an amount necessary to make the repairs and prevent a negative fund balance as of December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to set the rate for crop damage payments for damages that occur due to ditch repair, improvement, or construction projects as follows:

Corn damage rate \$698 per acre
Bean damage rate \$494 per acre

Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020 subject to review and approval of the chair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried.

THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTIES JOINT DITCH BOARD #5

By: _____

Chairperson

Attest:

By: _____

Clerk/Administrator

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