

REGULAR SESSION OF THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTIES  
JOINT DITCH BOARD FOR JOINT DITCH NUMBER 26

October 11, 2022

The Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board #26 in and for the Counties of Freeborn and Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session October 11, 2022 at 10:50 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

Members present, viz: Jerry Reinartz, Chair; Mike Ankeny; Polly Glynn; and John Mueller. Member excused: Dan Belshan, Freeborn Also in attendance were Mower County Ditch Inspector Paul Hunter and Soil & Water Conservation District Director Cody Fox, Mower County Auditor-Treasurer Scott Felten; County Administrator and Board Clerk Trish Harren and Executive Assistant Denise Barthels.

County Administrator/Board Clerk Trish Harren called for nominations for Chair of Freeborn/Mower Joint Ditch #26. Commissioner Ankeny nominated Commissioner Reinartz The Board Clerk called for further nominations two additional times. Hearing none, the Board Clerk asked for a motion to close nominations for Chair and to cast a unanimous ballot.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Reinartz as Freeborn/Mower Joint Ditch #26 Board Chair. Motion carried.

Chair Commissioner Reinartz called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Glynn nominated John Mueller. Chair Reinartz called for further nominations two additional times. Hearing none, Chair Reinartz called for a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Mueller as Freeborn/Mower Joint Ditch #26 Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Paul Hunter, Ditch Inspector, recommended budget and levy amounts for joint county ditch system #26. A discussion followed.

**Date: October 11, 2022**

**Res. #121-22**

**RESOLUTION**

On motion of Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Mueller, the following Resolution was passed and adopted by the Freeborn Mower Counties Joint Ditch Board of Commissioners (Ditch #26) at a meeting held October 11, 2022 at the Government Center, Austin, Minnesota.

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that

1. 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 #26 and in the following amount for estimated annual repairs to be levied as special assessment for payable 2023 tax year:

Mower County **\$ 20,000**

2. Set the annual 2023 budget at \$20,000 for expenditures. A full and complete copy of the budget is on file with the County Auditor/Treasurer.

Passed and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Glynn, to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 subject to review and approval of the chair.  
Motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion carried.

**THE FREEBORN MOWER COUNTIES JOINT DITCH BOARD #26**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Attest:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Administrator**

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