

REGULAR SESSION OF THE
MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

April 14, 2020

The Mower County Ditch Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Regular Session April 14, 2020 at 10:02 a.m. at the Government Center in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz: Polly Glynn, Chair
Jerry Reinartz
Tim Gabrielson (via phone)
Mike Ankeny
Jeff Baldus
Trish Harren, County Administrator

Also present: Cody Fox, Mower County Ditch Inspectors (via phone)

County Administrator Trish Harren called for nominations for Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to nominate Commissioner Glynn as chair. The County Administrator called for additional nominations three times. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, and Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Chair Commissioner Glynn called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Baldus, to nominate Commissioner Reinartz as Vice-Chair. The Chair called for additional nominations three times. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, and Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ditch Inspector Cody Fox requested that the board establish a bounty on beaver to maintain the integrity of the ditch systems. At one time a bounty had been established on Ditch #26. Beavers build dams and dig into the banks causing damage to the ditch system resulting in costly repairs. It is recommended to establish a \$75 per beaver bounty for the ditch systems. The bounty is paid out of the ditch funds.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson, to set \$75 beaver bounty on the county ditch systems effective April 1, 2020. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, and Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Fox informed the Board that following a recent inspection of County Ditch #8 it is recommended to increase the 2020 expenditure budget to repair areas of Ditch #8 due to erosion and sediment in the ditch.

Motion made by Commissioner Ankeny, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz , to amend the 2020 expenditures budget for County Ditch #8 by increasing the expenditures from \$11,617 to \$45,000 for needed ditch repairs. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, and Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Baldus, seconded by Commissioner Reinartz, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020 subject to review and approval of the chair. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, and Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion made by Commissioner Reinartz, seconded by Commissioner Ankeny, to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. The Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Gabrielson aye, Commissioner Reinartz aye, Commissioner Ankeny aye, and Commissioner Baldus aye, Commissioner Glynn aye. Motion carried 5 – 0.

THE MOWER COUNTY DITCH BOARD

By: _____
Chairperson

Attest:
By: _____
Clerk/Administrator

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