

BENTON COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
BENTON COUNTY BOARD ROOM

The Benton County Ditch Authority met in regular session on February 15, 2022 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Beth Schlangen, Scott Johnson, Steve Heinen, and Ed Popp present. Commissioner Jared Gapinski was absent. Chair Heinen noted the absence excused. Also present was Chris Byrd, County Engineer; Montgomery Headley, County Administrator; and Beth Stay, Executive Assistant.

Chair Heinen called the meeting to order at 10:39 AM.

Popp/Johnson to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson/Schlangen to approve the meeting minutes of February 1, 2022 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

County Engineer Chris Byrd provided the Ditch Authority Board with an update of the Landowners Meeting that was held on February 8, 2022 at Henry's Event Center in Foley, MN. Bryan Murphy and Aaron Goemann from H2Overviewers gave a presentation on the process and methodology used to arrive at the Ditch Benefits. Byrd stated that he became aware that many landowners did not get the notices until the day before, including the notices for County Highways that are benefitted. H2Overviewers took ownership of not getting notices in the mail early enough. Byrd stated that there were about 65 people in attendance in-person, and about 25 participants online, for a total of about 90 people in attendance at the February 8, 2022 Landowner Meeting. Byrd stated that he had a discussion with H2Overviewers, and they decided to have a second landowner meeting Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 8:30 AM at Henry's Event Center in Foley, MN. Byrd stated that they would be presenting the same information as was provided at the February 8, 2022 meeting. Byrd stated that notices have been sent to all the landowner affected, and the Highway Department received the notice for County Highways that are benefitted yesterday. Byrd stated the notice the Highway Department received listed the date, time and place of the next Landowner's Meeting, along with the date time, and place of the public hearing. This item was for informational purposes only. No action was required; no motion was made.

The Ditch Authority Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Steven J. Heinen, Chair
Benton County Ditch Authority

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator