

BENTON COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022
BENTON COUNTY BOARDROOM

The Benton County Ditch Authority met in special session on September 26, 2022 in the County Boardroom in Foley, MN with Board members Beth Schlagen, Scott Johnson, Steve Heinen, Jared Gapinski and Ed Popp present. Also present was Chris Byrd, County Engineer; Montgomery Headley, County Administrator; Michelle Meyer, Senior Assistant County Attorney (virtual); and Beth Stay, Executive Assistant.

Chair Heinen called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

Johnson/Popp to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, County Engineer Chris Byrd requested the County Board receive the petition of Mr. Clarence M. Tadych for the removal of property located at 1480 10th Ave NE Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 from Benton County Ditch No. 3. Mr. Tadych provided pictures of his property and a brief explanation of all 8 pictures. Mr. Tadych received a Technical Memorandum on the Removal of Property from County Ditch No. 3 from William R Huston. Mr. Tadych requested H2Overviewers review and comment on the Technical Memorandum from Mr. Huston. Byrd stated that H2Overviewers may charge additional fees to review this. Byrd stated that Gapinski, Aaron Goemann of H2Overviewers and himself have all viewed Mr. Tadych's property in question. Motion by Gapinski and seconded by Johnson to receive the Petition of Mr. Clarence M. Tadych for the Removal of Property from Benton County Ditch No. 3 and to set up a meeting with Mr. Tadych to meet at his property. This meeting will be considered a Special Meeting of the Benton County Ditch Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Byrd requested the County Board approve a construction contract for repair of County Ditch No. 3. The Drainage Authority solicited quotes, and the quotes were returned by September 16, 2022 at 12:00 at the Benton County Highway Department 7752 Highway 25 NE Foley, MN 56329. Four quotes were received, and the Lowest Responsible Bidder was Helmin Construction, Inc. of Foley, MN. Byrd recommended that a construction contract be Awarded to Helmin Construction, Inc. for \$61,698.00. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Heinen to award a construction contract to Helmin Construction, Inc. for \$61,968.00 for repair of County Ditch No. 3. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ditch Authority Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Steven J. Heinen, Chair
Benton County Ditch Authority

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator