

JACKSON-NOBLES JOINT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT
OF JACKSON-NOBLES JOINT COUNTY JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 24
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The public hearing began by establishing the Joint Board of Commissioners of Jackson-Nobles Joint County Judicial Ditch No. 24 at 9:30 a.m. on June 17, 2019 in the Farmers Room of the Nobles County Government Center, 315 Tenth St., Worthington, MN. Members of the Joint Board present were Commissioners Scott McClure, Phil Nasby and Jim Eigenberg from Jackson County and Commissioners Justin Ahlers and Matt Widboom from Nobles County. Nominations were taken to establish the Joint Board Chair. McClure received the only nomination. Motion was made by Ahlers and seconded by Widboom to nominate McClure as Joint Board Chair. Motion carried. Nominations were taken to establish the Joint Board Vice-Chair. Widboom received the only nomination. Motion was made by Ahlers and seconded by McClure to nominate Widboom as Joint-Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

The hearing was opened by Chair McClure at 9:33 a.m.

Kurt Deter of Rinke, Noonan Attorneys at Law reviewed the purpose of the hearing.

Kevin Nordquist, Jackson County Auditor/Treasurer confirmed the record of notification requirements.

Engineer Shaun Luker of Bolton and Menk, Inc. presented the Final Engineer's Report.

Kurt Deter of Rinke, Noonan Attorneys at Law read the DNR advisory letter into the record.

The hearing was opened up for public comment on the Final Engineer's Report at 10:20 a.m. Curt DeVries raised questions regarding the rest of the ditch not being improved and what ramifications that would have on future capacities. He also questioned if flow rates were evaluated on the current system. Dan Luitjens questioned whether rain fall events take into account the abnormally frequent and large rain events that have happened in recent years. Marlis Ling questioned how going from a 6" tile to a 36" tile would affect surface water drainage. Cinda Strohman questioned if lateral tiles will be replaced and if private tiles will be connected. Cliff Hamann commented that the improvement would cause erosion issues in Round Lake Township. Allan Ling questioned why Branch T through his property was going from 10' deep to 20' deep and if the existing tile would be left or abandoned. Brian DeVries asked what the retainage duration would be where WASCObS are installed. Leonard Bosma questioned who the settling pond would benefit. Lowell Baumgarn commented on the condition of the rest of the system and that future projects would be coming forward. Matt Benda asked what outside funding was looked into or if any was available.

Motion was made by Ahlers and seconded by McClure to recess the hearing, to allow for the assembly and continuance of final hearings for JD 13 and JD 9 that were also scheduled for June 17, 2019, due to the time this hearing was taking. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ahlers and seconded by Widboom to reconvene the hearing at 11:39. Motion carried.

Ron Ringquist, appointed viewer for the project, presented the Viewers' Report.

The hearing was opened for public comment on the Viewers' Report at 12:07 p.m. Dan Luitjens commented that he didn't receive his notice until June 7th. Cliff Hamann questioned the cost to the City of Round Lake and how that was determined. Cinda Strohman asked if the city had always been on the drainage system. Marlis Ling asked who pays the maintenance costs and commented that the project should be put to a vote of the landowners. Carolyn Rolph commented

that she received no notice. Curt DeVries commented that the system was not looked at for flow and assumed to be in disrepair and thought that should be done. Mark Garms made comment that there are other branches to the system in disrepair and commented that maybe they should be added. Gordon Fischer commented that there are adequate outlet issues and land in Sioux Valley township is taking on all the water. Marlis Ling asked if petitioners are paying any of the cost.

Motion was made by Eigenberg and seconded by Ahlers to have the engineers prove the system is in disrepair and have the County Auditor compile the repair costs over the last 10 years. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ahlers and seconded by Nasby to continue the final hearing to Monday, August 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Farmers Room of the Nobles County Government Center, 315 Tenth St., Worthington, MN. Motion carried.