

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR  
MURRAY COUNTY DITCH NO. 22  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
November 17, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Murray County Ditch No. 22, convened with the following members present: Commissioners David Thiner, Robert Moline, Gerald Magnus, Glenn Kluis and James Jens. Also present were Travis Smith, County Attorney; Heidi E. Winter, Auditor-Treasurer; Howard Konkol, Ditch Inspector and Bill Helget, Bolton & Menk Engineer.

The following landowners were present: Duane “Swede” Campbell, Norma Campbell, Alice Apostol, Wilfred Apostol, Jan McClellan, Dave McClellan, George Erbes, Jeff Meyer, John Meyer and one other land owner.

The Board held an informational meeting on September 20, 2016 to discuss repairs in Section 13 of Shetek Township. They specifically discussed options for repairing two 90° corners (in Section 13) where the existing corners have sloughed off into the bottom of the ditch. They discussed three options: 1. Minimal Repair (pull back existing rip-rap) at minimal cost; 2. Re-Engineer Corners at estimated cost of \$22,000; 3. Close the ditch and install pipe around the two corners at estimated cost of \$146,311. The Board directed Mr. Helget to put together estimated costs to close the pipe in Section 13 and 24 of Shetek Township and bring them back to this meeting.

Bill Helget presented costs estimates to close the open ditch in Sections 13 and 24 as follows:

- Option 1: Close ditch from 240<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 211<sup>th</sup> Street at estimated cost of \$298,500
- Option 2: Close ditch from start of open ditch in Section 24-Shetek Township to 211<sup>th</sup> Street at an estimated cost of \$260,900.
- Estimated cost of both option 1 and option 2 = \$559,400

Landowners expressed concerns with:

- Farming practices that are causing the corners to continue to slough in
- The cost of these options to bury the pipe
- Ability for the buried pipe to handle the water in the same manner as the open ditch

The Board indicated that the minimal repairs could be accomplished through a request for inspection and ditch maintenance repair. All other options would require the landowners to file a petition for an improvement. The Board indicated that filing the petition needs to be done by the landowners. Other general discussion was held.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Murray County Auditor-Treasurer

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Chairman of the Board