

**MORRISON COUNTY
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY AGENDA
JUNE 8, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COUNTY BOARD MEETING
COUNTY BOARD ROOM, GOVERNMENT CENTER
LITTLE FALLS, MN.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
- 3. DITCH 17**
 - Engineers Inspection Report**
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

***NOTE: The above time schedule is subject to change.**

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The meeting was held at the County Board Room, in Little Falls, MN, and was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by Chairman Wilson.

Members present: Commissioners Randy Winscher, Jeff Jelinski, Mike Wilson, Greg Blaine, and Mike LeMieur.

Staff present: Deb Gruber, Steve Backowski, Chelsey Robinson, and Tabitha Maher.

Others present:

APPROVE THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Jelinski, seconded by Commissioner Blaine and carried unanimously to approve the Drainage Authority Board Minutes for September 22, 2020.

DITCH 16 & 11

A motion was made by Commissioner LeMieur, seconded by Commissioner Winscher and carried unanimously to approve final payment for Ditch 16 in the amount of \$64,207.32; Ditch 11 in the amount of \$26,398.99.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Blaine, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am.

Mike Wilson, Chairman

Deb Gruber, Clerk to the County Board

MORRISON COUNTY PUBLIC DITCH NUMBER 17

Engineers Inspection Report

Morrison County Ditch Authority

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Public Ditch 17 Location:

Beginning in the NW1/4 of Sec. 9-39-29 flowing in an easterly route to its discharge to Public Ditch 11. Public Ditch 17 crosses through section 9, 10, 11, 12 of Morrill Township and part of section 7 in Lakin Township.

Establishment:

The records indicate that Ditch 17 was established in 1906 and the system consists of 24,295 feet of open ditch constructed with a 4-foot bottom 1:1 side slope. There is no Plan and profile on file with MCDPW. These documents are missing from the file.

Recent activity:

In August 2020, a benefitted property owner of Ditch 17 contacted the MCDPW about conducting a maintenance cleaning of Ditch 17 and seeking information about what approvals would be necessary.

On July 7, 2020, the ditch was flown with drone technology. This inspection of the system was made, and it was found to be out of repair with the channel being restricted with sediment, brush, small trees, weeds, beaver cuttings and vegetative material.

Findings:

PD 17 is just under 4.6 miles in total length. The ditch is observable in the field as to its location. The one rod perennial vegetation along the ditch is in place. The culverts at road crossing are functioning and in good repair. Public Ditch 17 itself is out of repair with drainage being choked off from vegetation, trees, brush, beaver cuttings and sentiment.

Recommendation:

It is my recommendation that the Ditch Authority authorize an Engineer's Repair Report on PD 17. The report should then be presented by mail notification to the current owners of the original benefitting properties for their input. Following receipt of their comments the Ditch Authority would direct the Public Works Department as to what repair actions should be conducted on the ditch. The Ditch Authority will need to determine if the work is in the best interest of the affected property owners along with any other environmental and conservation considerations the Ditch Authority feels is relevant.