

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MARCH 20, 2018

**COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING**

- At 11:00 a.m., Chair Walling entered into a preliminary Public Hearing for a petition filed by Mark and Jan Kelly for the construction of a Lateral to connect to Lateral X of JD #36. Present were Commissioners Forkrud, Salfer, Walling, Groebner and Van Hee, Administrator Knobloch, Auditor/Treasurer Price, County Attorney Peterson, Environment Director Wold, Ditch Inspector Lang, Landowners Douglas Dahms, Mark Kelly and Chad Dallenbach, Attorney Jeff Braegelmann and Bolten and Menk Engineer Bill Helget.
- Jean Price indicated in accordance with Statute requirements that the notices of the public hearing was published for three consecutive weeks in the Redwood Gazette (official paper), Wabasso Standard, the Standard-Gazette & Messenger and Lamberton News, posted on the county website, on the bulletin board and the front doors of the Government Center. All landowners were mailed a property owner's report and notification of the public hearing as well.
- Jenna Peterson stated all legal requirements were met regarding the petition and the type of proposed drainage project being requested.
- Petitioner's Attorney, Jeff Braegelmann presented information regarding the petition per MN Statute 103E.225. Item #6 was withdrawn from the Petition.
- Knobloch read the DNR Commissioner's Preliminary Advisory Report out loud.
- Engineer Bill Helget presented the preliminary Engineer's Report. The Outlet was determined to be feasible and adequate.
- The Ditch Authority then accepted public testimony. Mark Kelly stated that he is trying to improve the land and leave it better than when he received the land. Attorney Jeff Braegelmann requested that the Board adopt the Order and to appoint the ditch viewers. Stated that Jim Wiedemann is familiar with JD #36. Chair Walling called for further comments three times. Chair Walling closed the hearing to public comment.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Petition filed by Jan and Mark Kelly and for the Engineer to proceed with the preparation of the final design survey.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to appoint viewers Jim Weidemann, Steve Johnson and Duane Bendixen for JD #36.
- The Public Hearing for JD #36 was closed at 11:42 a.m.

Attest: _____
Jean Price
Redwood County Auditor/Treasurer

Lon Walling
Ditch Authority Chair

