



RAMSEY COUNTY DITCH 1
DRAINAGE SYSTEM RECORD CORRECTION PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers
2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, Minnesota
and

Meeting also conducted by alternative means
(teleconference or video-teleconference) from remote locations

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CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Bradley called the meeting to order, a quorum being present at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Michael Bradley, 2nd Vice-Pres. Steve Wagamon, and Treasurer Marcie Weinandt

Absent: 1st Vice-Pres. John Waller and Secretary Jess Robertson (with prior notice)

Staff Present: District Administrator Nick Tomczik, Drainage & Facilities Manager Tom Schmidt, Operations and Maintenance Inspector Abel Green (video-conference), and Technical Field Assistant Connor Price

Consultants Present: Adam Nies from Houston Engineering Inc. (HEI) and District Attorney John Kolb from Rinke Noonan

Visitors Present: Ann M. Maslansky-Takahasi, Kevin Gaylor, Sreekanth Ramisetty

Motion by Manager Bradley seconded by Manager Weinandt to appoint Manager Wagamon as secretary pro tem for the public hearing. Motion carried 3-0.

President Bradley stated the purpose of this hearing is to review the engineer's investigation and report of findings and receive comments from those affected by the proposed reestablishment and correction of the public drainage system record.

District Administrator Tomczik provided Board and consultant introductions.

District Administrator Tomczik noted that one written comment was submitted to be read into the record.

24 Drainage Attorney Kolb listed the legal hearing notice publications, including newspaper
25 publications, email notice (for those who opted for it), mailed postcards and reports, and posted
26 the notice on the District website, and office door.

27 District Administrator Tomczik stated no further testimony was received.

28 District Engineer Nies gave a presentation of the engineer's review of this public drainage system
29 which defined and described the "As-Constructed and Subsequently Improved Condition"
30 (ACSIC) of the public system; and subsequent actions that may occur following these proceeding.

31 Manager Bradley asked for any questions from the District Board of Managers. No questions
32 were received.

33 Manager Bradley asked for any members of the public who wish to comment to do so at this
34 time.

35 Comments from public:

36 Anna M. Maslansky-Takahasi, 1570 Hillview Rd, Shoreview, MN 55126. She stated not enough
37 drainage due to changes in water table plumbing impacted significantly. States Shoreview plans
38 to develop further. Road collapsed and flooding near Turtle Lake. States that County Road I is
39 sinking. Highly used recreational area. Another concern is with utilities during flood conditions
40 and also the roundabout. Wants to preserve key land area such as oak native savannah, and
41 also highlighted the importance of preserving the area as it is great habitat for the Blandings
42 Turtle, Bald Eagles and Ospreys. Also pointed out the effect of high water on internet utilities
43 for landowners in the area.

44 President Bradley asked District Engineer Nies if changing the ditch would change anything
45 outside of the benefitted area.

46 District Engineer Nies said that assuming the benefitted parcels are correct, there would be no
47 difference with what happens to the water table outside the benefitted area.

48 Manager Weinandt clarifies the need for better collaboration between government agencies.

49 Sreekanth Ramisetty, 5820 Churchill Street, Shoreview, MN 55126. He spoke briefly stating that
50 he has had flooding issues on his property but realized that the topic being discussed at this
51 hearing doesn't impact him directly.

52 Kevin Gaylor, 5560 Lexington Ave N, Shoreview, MN 55126. He stated that his issue is similar to
53 Anna's. That County Road I is underwater occasionally and specifically points out issues with
54 culverts under County Road I. The drainageway from his property through army area is backing
55 up across Lake Avenue due to a ditch that hasn't been maintained. Lost 50-60 large trees due to
56 flooding issues. If and when the army cleans out drainageway he has future concerns about
57 increases in runoff with development of TCAAP site.

58 Manager Bradley points out that the system is designed for 2-year events not 100-year and
59 improvements to system challenging. The RCWD rules for stormwater permits runoff must be
60 reduced to less than 80% of the existing condition already

61 Mr. Gaylor points out that there has been 100 years where the 80% rule was not in place and as
62 such the current system isn't up to par.

63 President Bradley made note that the DNR letter was to say do not drop Marsden Lake depth
64 by 1.5 ft

65 District Attorney Kolb went on to explain that that is correct. He also went on to say that there
66 are borings are consistent with descriptors in historical documents. There is also a potential
67 that culverts under County Rd I are placed too high. However, there could be issues with
68 lowering culvert now to the described 'ACSIC' level.

69 President Bradley asked District Engineer Nies to investigate the outcome of dredging the ditch
70 to the proposed ACSIC in relation to landowners in the area.

71 District Attorney Kolb suggested the need to discuss this topic further at a later date with all
72 managers present.

73 Manager Wagamon mentioned the need to discuss these issues before the ASCIC is passed. Says
74 need to look at it further before passing an ASCIC

75 The Board asked District Engineer Nies to investigate the hydrologic impact of lowering culverts
76 by 1.5 ft to proposed ASCIC level.

77 President Bradley mentioned the need to bring the other 2 managers not present at tonight's
78 meeting up to speed and bring this issue and information to a workshop in March to discuss the
79 engineer's findings on hydrologic impact.

80 President Bradley asked to inquire to DNR for further clarification on impact to Marsden lake.

81 ***Motion by President Bradley, seconded by Manager Wagamon to continue this conversation***
82 ***when all 5 managers can be present at a TBD Date, Time, Location and to elaborate on the***
83 ***landowner issues discussed today. Primarily discussion regarding the DNR and also the***
84 ***concerns mentioned by landowners to do with the culvert under County Rd I. Passed by all 3***
85 ***managers present***

86 President Bradley acknowledged the public concerns and expressed confidence in the Board
87 doing the right thing given the Board's basis in science and facts.

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89 ***Motion by Manager Bradley, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38***
90 ***p.m. Motion carried 3-0.***