



**DITCH COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES-COUNTY DITCH 39**

WRIGHT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

4/27/2021

10:30 AM

DATE APPROVED:

Christine Husom, District 1
Darek Vetsch, District 2
Mark Daleiden, District 3
Mary Wetter, District 4
Michael Kaczmarek, District 5

Present: Commissioner Husom, Commissioner Wetter, and Commissioner Vetsch, Commissioner Daleiden, and Commissioner Kaczmarek

Others present Matt Detjen, Ditch Coordinator; via Teams: Brian Asleson-WC Attorney, Jennifer Hildebrand-MN. DOT, Scott Hasburgh-Contractors Representative for HcPCi, LLC

Public Hearing on the Petition from MN. DOT to make a minor alteration or change to the culvert going under interstate 94 in relation to County Ditch 39

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Daleiden at 10:30 am

Detjen opened by stating the following:

This is a public hearing on a Petition from the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation to make a minor alteration or change in the culvert going under Interstate 94 in relation to Wright County Ditch 39. This public hearing has been scheduled pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 161.28.

The purpose of this hearing is to gather information from the Commissioner's representative and the public as to whether the alteration or change will affect or impair the efficiency of the drainage system.

Minnesota Statute section 161.28 states that if the drainage authority determines after hearing from the public that the alteration or change will **not** affect the efficiency that it **shall** approve the petition.

If the petition is approved by the drainage authority the cost of the alternation or change will be at the sole expense of the Commissioner.

Though information may be presented regarding the current condition of the drainage system, this hearing is not an appropriate time to discuss issues related to possible, future actions such as a repair. If such actions are warranted, the Drainage Authority will initiate separate proceedings to discuss those issues.

However, if you have an immediate concern, please contact Matt Detjen, WC Drainage Coordinator, after the meeting.

The purpose of this hearing is to review the petition and determine whether the proposed alteration or change will affect the efficiency of the drainage system.

Scott Hasburgh-Overview of Proposed Site Management Plan

This plan pertains to the replacement of two existing reinforced concrete arch culverts carrying

Otter Creek under Interstate 94 west of Monticello. The existing spans to be replaced are two 102-inch span concrete arch culverts. The same size structure will replace the culverts. the overall length of each barrel has increased by one (1) foot from 188-feet to 189-feet. The two culverts will go back in at the same location and at the same elevation. The inlet elevation varies just slightly, with one at 917.44 and the other at 917.46. So, just a slight difference between the two barrels on the upstream side. The downstream side the culvert elevations are 916.81 and 916.83. Those elevations are at the actual apron of the culverts.

Vetsch inquired as to whether there was a plan to add more riff raff as there will be more sediment and drainage. Hasburgh stated that the plan does include adding riff raff to the elbows of the culverts, so the north side, but not currently determined to be needed at the inlet side.

Daleiden asked if there will be any additional water flowing to the ditch system from the freeway, other than what is currently flowing to the system. Hasburgh stated the drainage patterns will not be changed through this area so it will be the same water. There will be some additional impervious area. The widening, a third lane is being added to the freeway on each side.

Detjen added that during the project the issue of adding riff raff on the south side could be addressed and if MNDOT was in agreement to it, it could be added.

Daleiden opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public regarding CD 39.

As there were no comments from the public, Daleiden closed that portion of the hearing. Daleiden moved that we direct staff to prepare an order consistent with the proceedings to approve the petition for an alteration or change pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 161.28 and that we continue this matter to the Board's regular meeting on May 18, 2021, or by adjournment to an appropriate time on the Board's agenda, at which meeting we will consider the order and I would also move that the record in this matter be closed to all further written and oral comments.

Hildebrand asked for clarification as to whether COTW wanted to add riff raft on the south side of the inlet. It would be easier to complete during the construction.

Commissioner Vetsch made a motion to proceed with the construction of the culvert at CD 39 with the addition of adding riff raft on the south side of the culvert and to direct staff to prepare an order consistent with the proceedings. Commissioner Husom 2nd the motion.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Meetings prepared by: Janice D Edmonson, Drainage Administrator

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