

RESOLUTON NO. _____

**WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSINERS
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR WRIGHT COUNTY DITCH 24**

**FINDINGS AND ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO ALTER A
PUBLIC DRAINAGE SYSTEM UNDER A TRUNK HIGHWAY**

FINDINGS

1. The Wright County Board of Commissioners is the Drainage Authority for Wright County Ditch 24.
2. The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) filed a petition pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 161.28 to alter a public drainage system under a trunk highway, Interstate 94.
3. The Board noticed and held a public hearing on the petition on April 27, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Boardroom of the Wright County Courthouse in Buffalo, Minnesota.
4. Notice of the hearing was mailed to all benefited property owners and notice of the hearing was published in the Herald Journal. Evidence of all notices is on file in the County Finance Department.
5. During the public hearing portion of the proceedings the County’s Drainage Supervisor provided an overview of the petition process. Scott Hasburgh appeared for MnDOT and provided explanation of the request. There currently is a reinforced concrete twin cell box culvert running under Interstate 94. The culvert is ten feet wide by six feet high. This culvert is a part of CD 24. The proposal from MnDOT is an in-kind replacement with a minor change. The length of the culver will be increased sixteen feet from 178-feet to 194-feet. MnDOT is proposing a same size culvert replacement. The proposed plan matches the existing flow characteristics with the proposed box culverts and maintains the spillway elevation of Locke Lake as it exists today.
6. The hearing was then opened to public comment two comments were received from the public.

7. The Drainage Authority reviewed the opinions presented by two separate engineers. Both engineers agreed the alteration proposed by MnDOT would not affect or impair the efficiency of CD 24.
8. No credible evidence has been presented to the Drainage Authority to show that the proposed alteration by MnDOT for the culvert going under Interstate 94, a trunk highway, will not affect or impair the efficiency of CD 24.
9. The Board directed staff to prepare findings and an order consistent with the proceedings and to direct that MnDOT install riprap on the south side of the culverts to sufficiently protect the embankment on the inlet of the culverts.

Therefore, the Wright County Board of Commissioners makes the following:

ORDER

The Drainage Authority hereby approves the petition from the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation to alter a public drainage system pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 161.28 for Wright County Ditch 24 pursuant to the following conditions:

1. The installation of the culverts must comply with the plans and submittals on file with the Wright County Drainage Supervisor and as attached to the petition submitted by the Commissioner; and

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and, the motion passed and the findings and order were adopted by a vote of ___ yes and ___ no.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2021

WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
SEATED AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR WRIGHT
COUNTY DITCH 24

By _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners