

**County of Sibley
Ditch Drainage Authority
Basement Meeting Room, Sibley County Courthouse, Gaylord, MN Proceeding
Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

The Sibley County Ditch Drainage Authority convened in the City of Gaylord, MN on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 1:30 PM pursuant to notice given as required by law. Members of the board present noted in Call to Order.

1) CALL JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY 1 NS TO ORDER

Members of the Joint Drainage Authority Board present: Sibley County Commissioners Lyle Grochow, Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal and Steve Saxton, Nicollet County Commissioner Kurt Zins. Also present were Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer Marilee Peterson, Nicollet County Public Services Manager Jaci Kopet, Sibley County Attorney Don Lannoye, Sibley County Ditch Inspector John Wenninger, and Nicollet County Ditch Inspector Nate Henry. Absent Nicollet County Commissioner Marie Dranttel

The meeting was called to order by Auditor-Treasurer Marilee Peterson

Auditor-Treasurer Marilee Peterson welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made.

a) Nomination of Chair

Auditor Treasurer Peterson called for nominations for Chair of the Joint Ditch 1 NS Drainage Authority. A nomination was made by Commissioner Koch and seconded by Commissioner Lilienthal to nominate Commissioner Kurt Zins. A motion was made by Commissioner Koch and seconded by Commissioner Lilienthal for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Kurt Zins as Chair of the Joint Ditch 1 NS Drainage Authority. Motion Passed.

b) Nominations for Vice-Chair

Chair Kurt Zins called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Joint Ditch 1 NS Drainage Authority. A nomination was made by Commissioner Koch and seconded by Commissioner Helget to nominate Commissioner Christian Lilienthal. A motion was made by Commissioner Koch and seconded by Commissioner Helget for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Christian Lilienthal as Vice-Chair of the Joint Drainage Authority. Motioned Passed.

c) Request approval of proceeding of the November 4, 2020 JD 1 NS repair hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Lilienthal to approve proceedings of the November 4, 2020, JD 1 NS repair hearing. Motion Passed.

2) CALL JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY 6 SN TO ORDER

The JD 6 SN meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Saxton.

a) Request approval of proceedings of the July 25, 2023 JD 6 SN Haas/Forst Crossing Removal Hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Koch to Approve proceedings of the July 25, 2023 JD 6 SN Haas/Forst Crossing Removal Hearing. Motion Passed.

3) CALL JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY 20 SN TO ORDER

The JD 20 SN meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Koch.

- a) Request approval of proceedings of the July 25, 2023 JD 20 SN Dam Repair Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Grochow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve proceedings of the July 25, 2023, JD 20 SN Dam Repair Hearing. Motion Passed.

4) PRESENTATION

- a) Presentation of repair package #13 by Sibley County Drainage Inspector

Ditch Inspector Wenninger presented a PowerPoint with photos outlining repair package #13 which includes repairs JD 1 NS #24-357 for \$10,800, JD 6 SN #24-104, 24-440 & 24-441 for \$27,005 and JD 20 SN #24-379 for \$1,757.50.

5) PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

The meeting was opened for Public Comment and Questions. All interested parties were heard from.

6) JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY 1 NS

- a) Consider approving repair package #13 which includes JD1NS repair 24-357.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lilienthal and seconded by Commissioner Koch to approve repair package #13, which includes JD1NS repair 24-357 for \$10,800. Motion Passed.

Discussion was had about the minimum repair limit with Nicollet County. The Nicollet County Drainage committee will meet to discuss and will be in contact with the Sibley County Attorney to discuss their proposal.

- b) Motion to adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Lilienthal and seconded by Commissioner Koch to adjourn the Joint Ditch 1 NS meeting at 1:55 p.m. Motion Passed.

7) JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY 6 SN

- a) Consider approving repair package #13 which includes JD6SN repairs 24-104, 24-440 & 24-441

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Koch to approve repair package #13, which includes JD6SN repairs 24-104, 24-440 & 24-441 for \$27,005. Motion Passed.

b) Motion to adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Koch to adjourn the Joint Ditch 6 SN meeting at 1:56 p.m. Motion Passed.

8) JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY 20 SN

a) Consider approving repair package #13 which includes JD20SN repair 24-379.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saxton and seconded by Commissioner Grochow to approve repair package #13, which includes JD20SN repair 24-379 for \$1,757.50. Motion Passed.

b) Motion to adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Grochow to adjourn the Joint Ditch 20 SN meeting at 1:57 p.m. Motion Passed.

Attest:

Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer

Chair of the Drainage Authority