

**County of Sibley
Ditch Drainage Authority
Basement Meeting Room, Sibley County Courthouse, Gaylord, MN Proceeding
Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

The Sibley County Ditch Drainage Authority convened in the City of Gaylord, MN on Wednesday, June 4, 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 MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer Marilee Peterson. Members of the Joint Drainage Authority Board present: Sibley County Commissioners Lyle Grochow and Steve Saxton, Nicollet County Commissioner Marie Dranttel and Kurt Zins and Renville County Commissioner David Hamre. Also present were Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer Marilee Peterson, Sibley County Attorney Don Lannoye, Sibley County Ditch Inspector John Wenninger, Sibley County Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Charlene Pelletier and Nicollet County Drainage Inspector Nate Henry.

2) INTRODUCTIONS

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

3) ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

a) Nomination for Chair

Auditor-Treasurer Peterson called for nominations for Chair of the Joint Drainage Authority. A nomination was made by Commissioner Grochow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to nominate Commissioner Saxton. A motion was made by Commissioner Grochow and seconded by Commissioner Zins for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Saxton as Chair of the Joint Drainage Authority. Motioned Passed.

b) Nominations for Vice-Chair

Chair Steve Saxton called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Joint Drainage Authority. A nomination was made by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Grochow to nominate Commissioner Kurt Zins. A motion was made by Commissioner Grochow and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Kurt Zins as Vice-Chair of the Joint Drainage Authority. Motioned Passed.

4) APPROVE THE AGENDA AND ANY AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Grochow to approve agenda. Motion Passed.

5) MINUTES

- a) Request Approval of proceedings of the December 11, 2023, JD 7 SNR Tree Removal Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Grochow to approve the proceedings of the December 11, 2023, JD 7 SNR Tree Removal Meeting as amended. Motion Passed.

6) PETITION TO USE DRAINAGE SYSTEM AS OUTLET

- a) Present Robert A Fischer petition of Use Drainage System as an Outlet

Robert A Fischer presented a petition requesting the use Joint Ditch 7 SNR to outlet his property in section 35 of Severance Township in Sibley County and section 2 of West Newton Township in Nicollet County. Of the 160 acres 70.3 acres are already benefiting from JD 7 SNR. When inspecting the current tile it was discovered that 38.30 acres that are included in JD 1 SN have already been tiled into JD 7 SNR. For these 38.3 acres it seems to be an oversight when that they were not included when predetermination was completed and petitioner Fischer would like this corrected. The remaining 45.95 he would like permission to tile and outlet into JD 7 SNR.

- b) Accept petition for the Use of Drainage system as Outlet that it is valid and meets the statutory requirements stated in 103E.401

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Grochow to accept the Robert A. Fischer petition for the Use of the Drainage system as Outlet, as the petition is valid and meets the statutory requirements stated in 103E.401. Motion Passed.

7) PUBLIC DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

Public comment was heard.

8) VIEWERS/ENGINEER

- a) Consider appointing engineer to create hydrology study

A motion was made by Commissioner Saxton and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to not appoint an engineer to create a hydrology study as it seems that the drainage system has the capacity for the additional acres. Motion Failed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Grochow to appoint ISG as engineer to prepare a hydrology study to determine if the drainage system has the capacity for the outlet. Motion Passed.

- b) Consider appointing viewers to determine benefits and submit viewer's report

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamre and seconded by Commissioner Zins to appoint Scott Henderson, Kody Fossum, Ken DeGier, Randy Kramer and Larry Murphy from H2Over Viewers as the viewers to determine benefits and submit viewer's report. Motion Passed.

9) OTHER ITEMS

10) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Grochow to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m. Motion Passed.

Attest:

Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer

Chair of the Drainage Authority