

**Minutes of the Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority for
Le Sueur County Ditch 54 Special Meeting
June 25, 2020
2:30 p.m.**

The Le Sueur –Rice Joint County Drainage Authority met on Wednesday, June 25, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the Le Sueur County Courthouse in Le Center, Minnesota. Le Sueur County Commissioner present; Dave Gliszinski (remote), Lance Wetzel (remote), and Danny O’Keefe Rice County Commissioner present Jeff Docken (remote). Absent: Jake Gillen

Also present were Le Sueur County Administrator Darrell Pettis, Dani Blaschko, Ditch Manager, Paula O’Connell Rice County (remote), attorney John Kolb (remote) and Lead Viewer Brian Murphy H2Over viewers (remote).

At 2:40 p.m. Chairman Gliszinski called the meeting to order and reviewed the business for the day.

Attorney John Kolb reviewed the Purpose of the Hearing and the Procedural Requirements.

Ditch Manager Dani Blaschko read the Record of Notice Requirements into the record.

Lead Viewer Bryan Murphy from H2Over Viewers presented information regarding the viewing process, the determination of benefits and damages for lands within County Ditch 54.

At 3:20 p.m. Chair Gliszinski opened the public hearing for public comments on CD 54.

Elliott Ruhland read his June 23, 2020 letter on the Final Hearing on Viewers Report of Benefits and Damages for the Redetermination of benefits for Le Sueur County Ditch No. 54 into the record. A copy of the letter will be included in the official record.

Lead Viewer Murphy responded to the letter. There is an error on the Outlet Benefit for CD 22. The CD 22 Outlet Benefits did not account for the area inside the City of Montgomery, this will be corrected and a new Viewers Report will be generated. This change will increase the Outlet Benefit for CD 22 and will lower the benefit percentage for CD 35. The process to calculate outlet benefits was also discussed.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Wetzel and approved via roll call vote 4 to 0 with Gillen absent, the Board directed staff to prepare findings and an order consistent with the proceedings, including responses to all comments received through the public comment process; that the draft findings and order be written to affect adoption of the redetermined benefits, confirmation of the viewers’ reports, and awarding damages for establishment of the grass strips; and that we recess this hearing to the Board’s regular meeting on July 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at which meeting we will consider findings and an order as discussed.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Administrator

Joint Drainage Authority Chairman