

**Minutes of the Le Sueur - Scott Joint County Ditch 4 and Scott-Le Sueur  
Joint Ditch 1 and Lateral 2 of Joint Ditch 1 Meeting  
Le Sueur County Courthouse, Le Center, MN  
January 31, 2019  
2:00 p.m.**

The Le Sueur - Scott County Joint Ditch Board met on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Le Sueur County Courthouse located at 88 S. Park Ave. in Le Center, Minnesota. Those Commissioners present from Le Sueur County were Dave Gliszinski, Danny O'Keefe and John King. Those Commissioners present from Scott County were Barb Weckman Brekke and Tom Wolf.

Also present were Le Sueur County Administrator Darrell Pettis, Le Sueur County Auditor-Treasurer Pam Simonette, Ditch Manager Dani Blaschko, Scott County Surveyor Jim Hentges and Attorney John Kolb with Rinke-Noonan.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by Weckman Brekke and unanimously approved, the Board approved the nomination of Commissioner King as Joint Board Chair for Le Sueur – Scott Joint Ditch 4.

Dani Blaschko, Le Sueur County Ditch Manager presented a Le Sueur – Scott Joint Ditch 4 account review and lien proposal recommending a 140% lien for Le Sueur County parcels & a 116% lien for Scott County parcels to be spread over 5 years beginning with taxes payable in 2020. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum.

The Board Chair opened for public comments on the proposed lien.

One comment was received from Chuck Retka.

On motion by Wolf, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved, the Joint Ditch Authority approved and authorized the Board Chair to sign an Order Certifying Assessment on Le Sueur – Scott Joint Ditch 4.

Le Sueur County Administrator Darrell Pettis reviewed a September 2017 Feasibility Study and the Board Chair requested public comments on the repair and improvement options.

Comments were received from Chuck Retka, Kevin Fogerty, Kenny Neisen, Dave Woesthoff, and Dave O'Brien.

Attorney John Kolb explained the process and requirements for landowners to submit an improvement petition to the County.

On motion by Gliszinski, seconded by Wolf, the Joint Ditch Authority approved to initiate a redetermination of benefits on Le Sueur – Scott Joint Ditch 4.

After further discussion, on motion by Gliszinski, seconded by Wolf and unanimously approved, the Joint Ditch Authority approved an amendment to stay action on the redetermination of

benefits for 6 months, at which time if an improvement petition is not received the redetermination will move forward.

On motion by Weckman Brekke, seconded by King, Commissioner Wolf nominated as Joint Board Chair for Scott – Le Sueur Joint Ditch 1. Wolf then nominated Brekke and the motion failed for lack of a second. The Board approved 3-1 to elect Wolf as the Joint Board Chair.

Dani Blaschko, Le Sueur County Ditch Manager presented a Scott- Le Sueur Joint Ditch 1 account review and lien proposal recommending a 645% lien for Le Sueur County parcels & a 405% lien for Scott County parcels to be spread over 5 years beginning with taxes payable in 2020. The interest rate is 4% with a \$10.00 minimum.

On motion by Weckman Brekke, seconded by King and unanimously approved, the Joint Ditch Authority approved and authorized the Board Chair to sign an Order Certifying Assessment on Scott – Le Sueur Joint Ditch 1.

Attorney John Kolb then reviewed the redetermination of benefits process and the Board Chair requested public comments. Comments were received from Richard Krentz and Dave Woesthoff.

On motion by King, seconded by Weckman Brekke and unanimously approved, the Joint Ditch Authority approved to initiate a redetermination of benefits on Scott – Le Sueur Joint Ditch 1.

On motion by Weckman Brekke, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved, the Board approved the nomination of Commissioner Wolf as Joint Board Chair for Lateral 2 of Le Sueur – Scott Joint Ditch 1.

Attorney John Kolb then reviewed the redetermination of benefits process and the Board Chair requested public comments. Comments were received from Richard Krentz and Tom Krentz.

On motion by Weckman Brekke, seconded by King and unanimously approved, the Joint Ditch Authority approved to initiate the redetermination of benefits on Lateral 2 of Scott – Le Sueur Joint Ditch 1.

On motion by Weckman Brekke, seconded by Gliszinski and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution of Intent to Consolidate Drainage Systems. The systems to be consolidated are Scott – Le Sueur Joint Ditch 1 and Lateral 2 of Joint Ditch 1.

Commissioner Wolf adjourned the meeting.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Le Sueur County Administrator**

**Le Sueur-Scott JDA Chairman**

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**Scott – Le Sueur JDA Chairman**