

**Minutes of the Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority for
Le Sueur County Ditch 54 Special Meeting
Le Sueur County Justice Center, Le Center, MN
March 31, 2021
1:30 p.m.**

The Le Sueur –Rice Joint County Drainage Authority met on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.at the Le Sueur County Justice Center in Le Center, Minnesota. Le Sueur County Commissioner present; Lance Wetzel and Danny O’Keefe, Rice County Commissioners present; Jeff Docken and Jim Purfeerst.

Also present were Le Sueur County Auditor/Treasurer/Ditch Manager Dani Blaschko, Administrator Assistant Pam Herrmann and Nik Kadel as well as Bailey Griffin and Chuck Brandel with ISG. Paula O’Connell with Rice County was also present.

At 1:30 p.m. with the absence of Chair Gliszinski, there was a motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Purfeerst to nominate Lance Wetzel as Vice Chair. The Board unanimously approved.

Lance Wetzel called the meeting to order.

John Kolb gave the Purpose of the Hearing and Procedural Requirements.

Dani Blaschko gave the record of Notice Requirements. Notices were mailed March 10 and notices were posted beginning March 25th through today.

Chuck Brandel and Bailey Griffin with ISG gave the Engineers Repair Report for JD54. They recommended approval with bids in May and completion by August of 2022.

On motion by Docken, seconded by O’Keefe and unanimously approved, the Board opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Public comments were heard from: Mary Rehor and Rosalynn Wilson

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Purfeerst and unanimously approved, the public comment portion was closed.

John Kolb presented the Board Deliberation Action.

On motion by O’Keefe, seconded by Purfeerst and unanimously approved, the Board recessed the meeting for 5 minutes.

On motion by Purfeerst, seconded by O’Keefe and unanimously approved to reconvene the meeting.

On motion by Docken, seconded by O'Keefe and unanimously approved the motion that the drainage authority order the repair of JD54 as detailed in the engineer's report, that based on the repair report, the engineer's recommendation and the evidence presented, the drainage authority find that the engineer's recommended repair is necessary for the best interests of the affected property owners and best supports considerations of public utility, benefit and welfare; that based on the evidence presented, the work can occur within existing easements or rights of way acquired for the drainage system; and that the vice chair and auditor treasurer are authorized to sign findings and an order consistent with the findings herein.

On motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Purfeerst and unanimously approved to adjourn the public hearing.

Dani Blaschko presented the assessment roll, the expense breakdown and the Le Sueur County taxpayer summary.

On motion by Purfeerst, seconded by O'Keefe and unanimously approved the Order Certifying Assessment; a 2.9% lien to be spread over 8 years, 4% interest, with a minimum assessment of \$10.

On motion by Docken, seconded by Purfeerst and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST: _____
Le Sueur County Auditor/Treasurer Le Sueur County Vice Chairman