

TO: Landowners on Freeborn County Ditch CD J-21

RE: Landowner informational meeting

**Wednesday April 1, 2020 9:00 AM**  
**Freeborn County Courthouse, (Commissioner Boardroom)**  
**411 South Broadway, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007**

The Freeborn County Drainage Authority ordered a Redetermination of Benefits of Freeborn County CD J-21. Two petitions for improvements have also been filed with the Drainage Authority. Viewers have been appointed to determine the benefits and damages to all property within the watershed of CD J-21. The redetermination of benefits and damages is the process in drainage law where Viewers determine a benefit value for each parcel within the watershed. The parcel benefit value is used to calculate a percent of total benefits. These percentages are then used to determine how much each parcel pays for repairs, maintenance, and improvements on the County drainage system.

The Viewers will explain the viewing process and will listen to any concerns. Landowners are encouraged to attend.

Viewers

Mark Behrends	507-383-6364
Bob Hansen	507-383-6288
Kendall Langseth	507-391-3438

**Note:** Because of privacy laws, the Ditch Viewers are unable to obtain information regarding land enrolled in government programs. This documentation is asked to be provided by the landowners. If you have land enrolled in a **permanent** government program such as WRP, CREP, RIM, or WREP, please contact us to provide this documentation. **(This may save you some money) (CRP acres do not qualify)** This also refers to any unique drainage situations.

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