

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**February 16, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday February 16, 2021. Members present: Commissioners Edwin, Forman and Herman in person, with Commissioners Shoff and Belshan via Zoom.

Commissioner Herman offered the following motion;

**MOVED**, approving the agenda as presented with the addition of the item under 6f, Report of Sheriff.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-036**  
**Approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda as provided**  
**in the Freeborn County Board Rule of Procedure 9(A)**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Board is the governing body of Freeborn County, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Board has implemented a Consent agenda to perform the duties of the board in a more effective and efficient manner, and

**WHEREAS**, the following items have been placed for approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners on the current Board meeting Consent Agenda as provided by the Board rules of procedure, being routine and of a regular action;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, to place the following are hereby approved for appropriate action:

- 1) Approval of the January 12, 2021 Workshop minutes; and
- 2) Approval of the February 2, 2021 Freeborn County Board meeting minutes.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioners Edwin, Forman and Herman provided Board Committee updates. Commissioners Shoff and Belshan had no updates regarding Board Committees.

Commissioner Shoff asked if there was any public comment, and there was none.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-037**  
**Accepting the Resignation of Richard Walther**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services has the responsibility for providing a quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees;

**WHEREAS**; Richard Walther has been employed as a Child Support Officer since April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1988 and is resigning his position effective February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, to accept the resignation of Richard Walther as a Child Support Officer effective on or about February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-038**  
**Permission to fill the Freeborn County Child Support Officer Position**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

**WHEREAS**, Richard Walther, Freeborn County Child Support Officer has resigned his position effective February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the board approves the filling of the vacant Freeborn County Assessor position.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-039**  
**Placing Joseph Hunter, Social Worker CPS, on Regular Full Time  
Employment Status with Freeborn County**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Hunter has successfully completed his required probationary employment period with Freeborn County and does provide the necessary services to his department and the public,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, to place Joseph Hunter, Freeborn County Social Worker CPS, on regular full time status.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-040**  
**Placing Jacob Stockwell, Truancy Officer, on Regular Full Time  
Employment Status with Freeborn County**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

**WHEREAS**, Jacob Stockwell has successfully completed his required probationary employment period with Freeborn County and does provide the necessary services to his department and the public,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, to place Jacob Stockwell, Freeborn County Truancy Officer, on regular full time status

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken with Commissioners and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-041**  
**Approving an Agreement with University of Minnesota**  
**to begin the Process of Completing a County Geologic Atlas**

**RESOLVED**, approving entering into an agreement with the University of Minnesota for creating a geologic atlas of Freeborn County.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion Commissioner Belshan moved to table Resolution.

Commissioner Belshan moved to table the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-042**  
**Approving an Agreement with University of Minnesota**  
**to begin the Process of Completing a County Geologic Atlas**

**RESOLVED**, approving entering into an agreement with the University of Minnesota for creating a geologic atlas of Freeborn County.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken with Commissioners Belshan and Edwin voting yay and Commissioners Forman, Herman and Shoff voting nay, the Chair declared the resolution failed.

Since Resolution 21-042 to table Resolution 21-041 failed, the Board returned to vote on Resolution 21-041. A vote was taken with Commissioners Forman, Herman and Shoff voting yay and Commissioners Edwin and Belshan nay and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

At approximately 9:00 a.m. the Board Chair opened up a public presentation regarding the Hayward Solar Project. Present via zoom were Laura Cunningham, Portfolio Manager with Good Steward Consulting, Mike Roth, Project Developer with Tenaska, Joe Sedarski of Westwood, Shane Glinski, Assistant Project Manager with Good Steward Consulting and Tracy Skaar, Hayward resident assisting with the project.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-043**  
**Approving the Contract Amendment with UCare**

**Whereas**, Freeborn County Community Health Board approve the contract amendment with UCare for increased fee for service for Family Home Visiting services.

**Whereas**, Minnesota Statute 145A states that a Community Health Board will promote healthy communities and healthy behavior through activities that improve health in a population, such as investing in healthy families; and address issues of health equity, health disparities, and the social determinants to health;

**Whereas**, Freeborn County Public Health will foster healthy beginnings, improve pregnancy outcomes, promote school readiness, prevent child abuse and neglect, reduce juvenile delinquency, promote positive parenting and resiliency in children, and promote family health and economic self-sufficiency for children and families through the Family Home Visiting program;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners/Freeborn County Community Health Board does hereby approve the contract amendment with UCare for the Family Home Visiting services payment.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-044**  
**Approving Authorizing Loans from the General Fund**  
**to Ditches with Shortages for 2020**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners authorize loans to the following ditches:

County Ditch No.8 IMP		\$	23,800.00	Project Currently in Progress
	11	\$	44,100.00	
	15 IMP	\$	42,700.00	Project Currently in Progress
	17	\$	7,300.00	
	28	\$	18,000.00	
	31 IMP	\$	90,900.00	Project Currently in Progress
	32 IMP	\$	80,600.00	Project Currently in Progress
	34	\$	10,000.00	
	54	\$	26,700.00	
	68 IMP	\$	16,800.00	Project Currently in Progress
	71	\$	41,500.00	
	79	\$	35,000.00	
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		\$	437,400.00	
Judicial Ditch No.	J5	\$	6,200.00	
	J12 IMP	\$	44,500.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J18	\$	2,300.00	
	J20	\$	3,200.00	
	J21 IMP	\$	100,200.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J21 IMP BR. A	\$	63,700.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J27 IMP	\$	59,300.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J30	\$	1,900.00	
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		\$	281,300.00	
		\$	718,700.00	

from the General Fund at an annual interest rate of 3% to cover cash shortages for 2020; and

FURHTER BE IT RESOLVED, that loans will be repaid through the application of 2021 assessments.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-045**  
**Granting Tobacco Licenses**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Freeborn County grants tobacco licenses to the following applicants:

Hollandale Three in One Bar & Restaurant, Hollandale  
Han's Off-Sale, Hollandale  
Staples Enterprises, Inc, Alden  
Vet's Oil Company, Inc, Manchester Township  
Noajax, Inc, Clarks Grove  
Geneva Bar & Grill, Geneva  
Freeborn County Co-op Oil, Alden

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-046**  
**Approving Federal Project Advance**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Freeborn is planning to construct SP 024-070-031 in the year 2022, which has been programmed by the ATP in the STIP or work plan for the year 2023 and,

**WHEREAS**, Freeborn County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project through the use of an advance from the County State Aid Highway Fund to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Construction Account and,

**WHEREAS**, repayment of the funds so advanced will be made from Federal fund no later than the year in which the ATP has programmed the project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this advance for financing SP 024-070-031 of the County of Freeborn in an amount up to \$232,965 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9, and to authorize repayments from their state aid account or from local funds within a requested and approved repayment schedule should said project fail to receive Federal funds for any reason.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Herman.  
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-047**  
**Authorizing Sponsorship and Agreement with Bath Township**

**WHEREAS**, Bath Township would like to improve 780<sup>th</sup> Avenue between CSAH 31 and CSAH 35 in Freeborn County, and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Minnesota has made grants available through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) specifically to townships for work like what is needed on 780<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRIP grant program requires a County Sponsor when townships apply in order to qualify for the funding; and

**WHEREAS**, Freeborn County wishes to support the efforts of townships to improve and maintain their roads and bridges;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County supports the submittal of the LRIP application for this improvement project; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County will be the project sponsor and fiscal agent for all grant funds awarded to Bath Township; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bath Township that will define the responsibilities of the Township and the County.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.  
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-048**  
**Authorizing Sponsorship and Agreement with London Township**

**WHEREAS**, London Township would like to improve 890<sup>th</sup> Avenue between CSAH 34 and CSAH 1 as well as other segments of London Township Roads outlined in their application for state funding in Freeborn County, and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Minnesota has made grants available through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) specifically to townships for work like what is being proposed by London Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRIP grant program requires a County Sponsor when townships apply in order to qualify for the funding; and

**WHEREAS**, Freeborn County wishes to support the efforts of townships to improve and maintain their roads and bridges;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County supports the submittal of the LRIP application for these improvement projects; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County will be the project sponsor and fiscal agent for all grant funds awarded to London Township; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with London Township that will define the responsibilities of the Township and the County.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-049**  
**Accepting \$150.00 in Donations to Sheriff's Department**

RESOLVED accepting \$150.00 in donations from Freeborn County citizens. The donated funds will be put towards the sheriff's office equipment fund (01-201-6601).

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, approves the deposit of \$150.00 of donated funds into the 01-201-6601 line item.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-50**  
**Accepting a \$200 Donation to Sheriff's Department**

RESOLVED, accepting a \$200.00 donation from Freeborn County citizens. The donated funds will be put towards the sheriff's office equipment fund (01-201-6601).

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, approves the deposit of \$200.00 of donated funds into the 01-201-6601 line item.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman moved to table the following resolution until the March 16, 2021 regular board meeting:

**RESOLUTION No. 21-051**  
**TABLED: Allowing Deputies to Assist with Mutual Aid for Enbridge Line 3 Route Security Detail**

**Resolved** to allow the Freeborn County Sheriff to send deputies outside of the county's 200 mile travel distance in support of the Enbridge Line 3 security detail. The resolution would take effect once the 18 Minnesota sheriffs of the Northern Lights Task Force requests mutual aid from Minnesota Law Enforcement agencies, and the resolution will end when the task force ends the mutual aid request.

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge Line 3 pipeline construction route will pass through 18 Minnesota counties, consisting of 337 miles of pipeline.

**WHEREAS**, The 18 Minnesota county sheriffs who comprise the Northern Lights Task Force, may request mutual aid sometime in the future from many Minnesota law enforcement agencies.

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office has trained approximately 75% of the patrol and transport deputies to date in Mobile Field Force response and they are in the process of equipping all trained deputies with personal protective equipment.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Freeborn County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, approves a resolution to allow the Freeborn County Sheriff to deploy Freeborn County deputies to the Enbridge Line 3 construction sites from the time the mutual aid request is received until the time the aid is rescinded.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-052**  
**Appointing Kristen Wasmoen to Freeborn County Extension Services Advisory Board**

**RESOLVED**, that Kristen Wasmoen is appointed to a three year term on the Freeborn County Extension Services Advisory board beginning January 5, 2021 through January 1, 2024.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-053**  
**Certifying the Acquisition of Land by the US Fish and Wildlife Services**

In accordance with a Procedural Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, dated May 23, 1962, and subsequently amended, certification by the County Board of Commissioners for acquisition of lands by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requested.

Representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service met with the Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County, State of Minnesota, on February 2, 2021, and informed the Commissioners that an Agreement for the Purchase of Lands has been secured from Kim A. Meyer and Julie K. Meyer on the following described lands:

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 SE1/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the southeast Quarter (NE1/4 SE1/4), Section 18, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4 SW1/4) of Section 17, the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW1/4 SE1/4) of Section 18, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 SW1/4), Section 17, all in Township 101 North of Range 21 West of the 5th P.M. (To be determined by survey).

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 21-054**  
**Setting Workshops Dates**

**RESOLVED**, setting workshops to occur the second Tuesday of each month until December 14, 2021.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 21-055**

**Appointing Freeborn County Administrator as the Freeborn County  
Board of Commissioners representative to the Freeborn County Law Library Trustees**

**WHEREAS**, per MN State Statute 134A.03 BOARD OF TRUSTEES; COMPOSITION.  
§Subdivision 1., a member of the county board shall be selected by it at its next regular meeting after the order establishing the library is filed and thereafter at the annual election as member of the Board of Trustees, and

**WHEREAS**, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioner has the authority to appoint, as a representative to a board of governance, the County Administrator to act on behalf of the Board,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioner appoints Thomas Jensen, Freeborn County Administrator as the Trustee to the Freeborn County Law Library.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.  
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 21-056  
Approval of Claims**

**RESOLVED**, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before February 19, 2021.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 457,822.68
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 534,773.71
05	Human Services	\$ 169,264.50
06	Public Health	\$ 137,235.07
31	Capital Improvement	\$ 25,170.28
40	County Ditch	\$ 20,539.32
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 95,183.88
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 4,130.80
77	Recorder's Clearing	\$ 1,690.00
	<b>FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,445,810.24</b>

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 74  
Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$9,358.04  
Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.  
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Chair Commissioner Shoff continued the meeting until 1:00 p.m.

At approximately 1:00 p.m. the Chair reconvened the board meeting for the continuation of the final hearing on County Ditch 15 improvement. See agenda below:

**BEFORE THE FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR FREEBORN COUNTY DITCH #15**

**AGENDA**

**Continued Final Hearing  
February 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners' Room, Freeborn County Government Center**

- I. Opening of Continued Final Hearing – *Board Chairperson*
- II. Status of Continued Hearing – *Kurt Deter*
- III. Engineer's Amended Report – *Steve Penkava*
- IV. Public Comment and Questions Regarding Amended Engineer's Report
- V. Viewers' Report – *Viewers*
- VI. Public Comment and Questions Regarding Viewers' Report
- VII. Attorney Comments
- VIII. Possible Action by Drainage Authority
  - 1) Continue hearing if additional information is required.
  - 2) Establishment of Improvement, if:



- a. The Final Engineer's Report and Viewers' Report have been made and other proceedings have been completed under Minnesota Statutes 103E.
- b. The reports made or amended are complete and correct.
- c. The damages and benefits have been properly determined.
- d. The estimated benefits are greater than the total estimated costs including damages.
- e. The proposed drainage project will be of public utility and benefit and will promote the public health.
- f. The proposed drainage project is practicable.
- g. That the repair portion allocated by the engineer as repairs is assessed against all property benefitted by the entire drainage system and the balance of the cost of the Improvement is assessed against the property benefitted by the Improvement.

If the project is established, the engineer is directed to proceed to plans and specifications for awarding the contract.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-057  
Approving the Redetermination of Benefits  
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103E.351**

**BEFORE THE FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
FOR FREEBORN COUNTY DITCH #15**

**Findings of Fact and Order Establishing  
Improvement to Freeborn County Ditch #15**

**WHEREAS**, a Petition was submitted requesting the Improvement of portions of Freeborn County Ditch #15; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Penkava was appointed the duly appointed engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, a Final Engineer's Report was filed with the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, three viewers were appointed to do a benefit and damages determination for the Improvement to Freeborn County Ditch #15; and

**WHEREAS**, the Viewer's Report for the Improvement to Freeborn County Ditch #15 was submitted to the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, an initial final hearing was held on January 19, 2021, and continued until February 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commissioner's Room of the Freeborn County Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, an Addendum to the Final Engineer's Report was submitted concerning extending the Improvement approximately 1,000 feet to include a private ditch on the Nielsen property; and

**WHEREAS**, an Addendum to the Viewers' Report was submitted by the viewers; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Penkava explained that extending a branch on the Nielsen property approximately 1,000 feet of open ditch, might have some retention benefit and the cost would be approximately \$37,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Behrends, one of the duly appointed viewers, gave the Viewers' Report indicating that in the viewers' opinion, the cost of extending the branch approximately 1,000 feet of open ditch would be a cost to the approximate 200 acres that are within the subwatershed of that extension, and there was extensive discussion concerning the fact that the extension might be desirable, but was not appropriate to be included in this Improvement project, but could be petitioned at a later date as a Lateral; and

**WHEREAS**, the landowners and the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Freeborn County Ditch #15, expressed their support and seek outside funding for this extension as part of a separate project or separate funding source.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based on all the evidence presented and the complete Freeborn County Ditch #15 file, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Freeborn County Ditch #15, makes the following Findings of Fact and Order:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Final Engineer's Report and Viewers' Report, as presented at the January 19, 2021, initial final hearing, have been completed under Minnesota Statutes 103E.
2. The reports made or amended are complete and correct.
3. The damages and benefits have been properly determined.
4. The estimated benefits are greater than the total estimated costs, including damages.
5. The proposed drainage project will be of public utility and benefit and will promote the public health.
6. The proposed drainage project is practicable.
7. The separable maintenance portion, recommended by the engineer, shall be allocated as a repair cost and the balance of the cost of the Improvement shall be an Improvement cost.
8. That the landowners and the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Freeborn County Ditch #15, support, as a separate project, the possible extension of the open ditch on the Nielsen property to provide a better outlet in that area and possibly provide some retention benefits.

**ORDER**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordered that the Engineer's Report and Viewers' Report, attached as Exhibit A, and presented at the January 19, 2021, initial final hearing, are hereby adopted and that the Improvement to Freeborn County Ditch #15, is hereby established as initially recommended by the engineer. That the Viewers' Report that is approved related to this Improvement is attached as Exhibit A. That the engineer is directed to proceed toward final plans and specifications toward the awarding of a contract.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021. FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR FREEBORN COUNTY DITCH #15 By: Christopher Shoff, Its Chairperson

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Chair, Commissioner Shoff adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher N. Shoff  
Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Jensen  
Clerk/Administrator