BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN JUNE 22, 2021

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in special session by virtual meeting with the County Administrator appearing from the County Board Room of the Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Drotos, Greseth and Flanders all present and appearing by virtual meeting.

C/Anderson noted that the county board was acting as the Goodhue County Ditch Authority in this meeting.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

County Ditch 1- 20th Ave Culvert. Staff recommended the board make a decision on whether the culvert on County Ditch 1 be replaced according to the approved engineered plans and the subsequent contract bid, or if a change order should be made to re-use the existing railroad culvert.

Land Use Management Director read a statement received from Kenyon Township.

Chris Otterness, with Houston Engineering, Inc., reviewed the process the county has followed up to this point. Kale Van Bruggan with Rinke-Noonan, commented that there was shared liability if the change order is approved and the culvert fails.

C/Greseth commented that he did not think this entire process has been fair with the township.

Land Use Management Director, Lisa Hanni, pointed out that there were a number of public meetings that everybody was invited to attend prior to the board making the decision to approve the bid. There were no comments made during those meetings.

Mr. Van Bruggan reviewed the options for the board to consider.

C/Anderson noted that his concern was with safety and not following the engineer's recommendation for the culvert replacement on a public road.

¹ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Greseth and C/Majerus dissenting to approve to move forward with the currently approved plans to replace the 20th Avenue Culvert on the County Ditch 1 project.

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BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved to move forward with the currently approved plans for the replacement of the 20th Avenue Culvert on the County Ditch 1 project. (Motion carried 5-0)