

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
PROCEEDINGS**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

The St. Louis County Drainage Authority meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m., by Chair Commissioner Pete Stauber in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Tom Rukavina, Pete Stauber, Keith Nelson, and Steve Raukar - 6. Absent: Commissioner Dahlberg - 1.

St. Louis County Civil Division Head Attorney Kim Maki discussed the ditch petition process and the need to appoint an engineer to oversee the process.

Commissioner Dahlberg entered the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi discussed contract details.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to authorize the Public Works Director to secure services of both a qualified engineer and a qualified ditch viewer, if necessary, to fulfill their respective statutory obligations set forth in Minn. Stat. § 103E.715 in connection with the ditch repair petition filed by EIP Minnesota, LLC. Payment for these contracts shall be made out of Fund 178, Agency 178002, with funding coming from Ditching Fund balance. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. DA Resolution No. 15-01.

COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION No. 15-01

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapter 103E, the St. Louis County Board is required to convene as the County Drainage Authority to discuss and approve pending matters related to county ditches; and

WHEREAS, The County Drainage Authority has received a petition for the repair of a portion of County Ditch #1; and

WHEREAS, Upon receipt of a petition for repair, Minn. Stat. § 103E.715 requires the County Drainage Authority to appoint an engineer to examine the drainage system and make a repair report; and

WHEREAS, If certain repairs are recommended by the engineer, the statute also requires that a qualified ditch viewer be appointed to assess and report damages and benefits that will be occasioned by the repair;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners, acting in the capacity of the County Drainage Authority, hereby authorizes the Public Works Director to secure services of both a qualified engineer and a qualified ditch viewer, if necessary, to fulfill their respective statutory obligations set forth in Minn. Stat. § 103E.715 in connection with the ditch repair petition filed by EIP Minnesota, LLC with the St. Louis County Auditor on February 6, 2015. Payment for these contracts shall be made out of Fund 178, Agency 178002, with funding coming from Ditching fund balance.

Unanimously adopted March 10, 2015.

At 2:26 p.m., March 10, 2015, Commissioner Raukar, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Pete Stauber, Chair of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners



Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the County Board