

PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY DITCHES #5 AND #21
August 28, 2007

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the Highway Department at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, for the continuation of the County Ditch #5 and #21 public hearing from August 21, 2007. Chairman Tomschin reconvened the hearing with Commissioners Olson, Athey, Janssen and Sandberg present. Also present were Ditch Viewer John Cunningham, Bill Pansch, Don and Janet Stock, Earl Holgerson, Gary Haugen, Darin Ehrenberg, Paul Maas, Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter, County Engineer Nick Anderson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Mr. Deter provided clarification of the proceedings for an improvement including the signatures required for a petition.

Mr. Cunningham reported that he had spoke with an additional landowner that may benefit from County Ditch #21 so additional viewing would need to be done. Cunningham also explained the land classification system used for valuing benefited acres.

Mr. Deter stated the benefits of being included in a county ditch system. Being in a system allows you to tile into the system and gives you the right to have a say in the repairs or improvements made.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Sandberg and carried to accept the viewers' report for County Ditch #5 as presented. Attorney Deter will prepare the final order.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Olson and carried to continue the hearing on County Ditch #21 until Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 10:00 AM to allow the viewers time to finalize the viewers' report.

General drainage questions were discussed with Attorney Deter.

Chairman Tomschin declared the hearing on County Ditch #5 adjourned at 11:04 AM. The hearing on County Ditch #21 will be recessed until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

Doug Tomschin, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor