

**BIG STONE AND STEVENS COUNTY BOARDS  
COMBINED DITCH #10/11  
June 1, 2015**

The Big Stone/Stevens Joint Ditch Authority for Combined Ditch #10/11 met at the Inadvertent Café in Clinton on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Roger Sandberg called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with Big Stone County Commissioners Wade Athey and Brent Olson and Commissioners Phil Gausman and Ron Staples from Stevens County present. Also present were Big Stone County Engineer Nick Anderson, Deputy Auditor Sharon Finke, Dave & Diane Vogt, Walt Wulff, Robert Sime, Jim Wulff, Wayne Summer, Mark Blackwelder, and Tom Hofer.

Engineer Anderson presented a map showing the progress of the ditch cleanout and the amount of work remaining to be done. The ditch fund currently has a negative balance of \$6,488.19. It is anticipated that it will cost another \$10,000 to complete the project. Engineer Anderson recommends installing inlets at a cost of \$12,000 - \$15,000 when the cleanout is complete. Discussion was held regarding the buffer strip requirement, which is set at 16.5' for this ditch.

Motion by Staples and seconded by Gausman to spend an additional \$25,000 to complete the entire project. Prior to calling the vote, Commissioners Staples and Gausman amended their motion to include assessing \$15,000 per year over the next three years. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Athey, seconded by Staples and carried giving the Big Stone County Board of Commissioners the authority to approve up to \$15,000 per year in maintenance expenditures without holding a joint ditch meeting.

Chairman Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 10:16 AM.

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Roger Sandberg, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Finke, Deputy Auditor