

PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY DITCH #20
REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS
September 12, 2017

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the courtroom at the Courthouse at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 for the public hearing for the redetermination of benefits for County Ditch #20. Chairman Backer called the hearing to order with Commissioners Berning, Olson and Sandberg present. Commissioner Athey was absent. Also present were Edward Anderson, Ditch Viewers John Cunningham, Mark Dietz and Eldon Knutson, Ditch Attorney Maury Noonan, County Engineer Todd Larson, Maintenance Supervisor Darwin Karsky, County Auditor Michelle Knutson, and Deputy Auditor Holly Wellendorf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Attorney Noonan reviewed the purpose of the meeting. He stated that the viewers would present their report and there would be an opportunity to ask questions.

Auditor Knutson reported that the notice was mailed, posted and published as required.

Viewer Cunningham provided history on the ditch, explained their process for determining benefits/damages and reported that additional acres have been added. In addition, a 16.5-foot buffer will now be established along the ditch. Cunningham stated that Lateral A was incorporated into this redetermination.

Chairman Backer asked for public comments. No comments were heard.

Mr. Noonan reviewed the approval criteria for the board's consideration. Motion by Olson, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the revised Findings of Fact and Order approving the Redetermination of Benefits.

Chairman Backer declared the hearing adjourned at 9:14 AM.

Jay Backer, Chairman

ATTEST:_____

Michelle Knutson, Auditor