



WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

March 7, 2023 - 8:00 AM

East Annex Public Meeting Room

300 North State Street – East Annex · Waseca, Minnesota 56093

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 in the Commissioners' Room, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Chair Blair Nelson, DeAnne Malterer, Doug Christopherson, Brian Harguth, and Brad Krause.

Other members present were Michael Johnson, County Administrator; Beth Weimert, Administrative Coordinator; Chris Howard, Ditch Management Coordinator; Brian Zabel, Land Use Planner; Tammy Spooner, Property and Election Services Director.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. A roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. County Ditch 31

Chris Howard discussed the tile improvement project that occurred on County Ditch 31. Waseca County CD 31 Improvement viewers report from April 18, 2014 was shared with the Board of Commissioners. Howard noted the county drainage authority has the ability and right to assess. There is no statute of limitations. The recommendation from Rinke Noonan is to put a letter together and hold an informal public meeting so questions can be answered and a review/sharing of beneficiary sheets and what assessments will look like moving forward. Discussions took place regarding reviewing all systems and moving forward to effectively communicate with owners.

Howard noted the goal is to structure this in a way to clean up the debt. Commissioners were in agreement that the staff's plan of renewing the 7 years at 1% is the best plan of action. They also noted that getting property owners to attend the public meeting is important. Brian Zabel, Land Use Planner, noted there are approximately 80 plus land owners. It was also noted that this assessment would start in 2024. Commissioners asked to be informed by staff of when the information goes out to land owners and what information is being sent out. Commissioner Krause also discussed being able to discuss the feedback.

3. Adjourn

The work session ended at 9:04 a.m.

Blair Nelson, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Beth Weimert, Clerk
Waseca County Administration

