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Carver County Board of Commissioners  
Request for Board Action

**Agenda Item Name:** Consider Ditch Maintenance Costs for Joint Ditch 5 (JD5)  
**Department:** Property & Financial Services  
**Contact:**  
**Presenter:** David Frischmon Ditch Administrator  
**Contract Name & Number:**  
**Meeting Date:** September 23, 2025  
**Item Type:** Ditch/Rail Authority

**Strategic Initiative: Taxpayer Value and Customer Service:** Providing the best value and optimal customer service.

**Background/Justification:**

The Ditch Authority for Joint Ditch #5 is responsible for maintenance of the public ditch system in accordance with MN Statute 103E.701 and 103E.705. Branch #7 of Joint Ditch #5 is a tile line that is almost 70 years old and in need of replacement. This branch of tile line is 1,000 feet of 15 inch tile and 300 feet of 12 inch tile. If approved, this work will be done after the crops have been removed from the field.

**Action Requested:**

Consider Adoption of a recommended \$27,370 repair project for Branch #7 of Joint Ditch #5.

**Fiscal Impact:**

| Funding: | Amount Budgeted: |
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**Related Fiscal/FTE Comments:**

No county levy dollars are used on ditch-related projects.

## Joint Ditch 5 (JD5) – March 11, 2025 Draft Minutes

A Special Meeting of Carver and McLeod Counties Joint Ditch 5 (JD5) was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on March 11, 2025. David Frischmon, Ditch Administrator convened the special meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Carver County Commissioners Fahey, Lynch, Udermann along with McLeod County Commissioner Schmalz were present in the Carver County Board Room. McLeod County Commissioner Krueger was present at the McLeod County Government Center. Also in attendance was Janet Betsinger, McLeod County Deputy Auditor-Treasure and Connie Kurtzweg, McLeod County Auditor-Treasure.

Tim Lynch nominated John P Fahey to serve as Chair of JD5. On vote take to elect John P Fahey as Chair for JD5, Motion carried unanimously 5-0 by Roll Call.

Tim Lynch nominated Nathan Schmalz to serve as Vice Chair of JD5, Matt Udermann seconded. On vote take to elect Nathan Schmalz as Vice Chair for JD5, Motion carried unanimously 5-0 by Roll Call.

Nathan Schmalz moved, Tim Lynch seconded to approve the Minutes from November 12, 2024. Motion carried unanimously 5-0 by Roll Call.

Dave Frischmon requested consideration to adopt the Recommended \$123,308 Special Assessment for Buffer Strip Payments and for Redetermination of Benefits Costs.

Nathan Schmalz moved, Tim Lynch seconded to adopt the \$123,308 Special Assessment for Redetermination of Benefit costs for JD5 with the option if over \$250 to pay over 5 years at 4% interest. Motion carried unanimously 5-0 by Roll Call.

Nathan Schmalz moved, Matt Udermann seconded to adjourn the JD5 Special session at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried unanimously 5-0 by roll call.

Dave Frischmon  
Ditch Administrator

**CARVER COUNTY DRAINAGE SYSTEM – REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE FORM**

Carver Soil & Water Conservation District

11360 Hwy 212

Cologne, MN 55322

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: Roger Engelmann

Status: ☒ Landowner ☐ Renter ☐ Other

Landowner Name (If not same as applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Landowner Address:

Street: 12547 Zebra Ave

City: NYA Zip: 55368

Telephone: 320-238-2341

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

Request Date: April 24, 2025 Drainage System No: JD#5

Township Name: Young America Section #'s of requested repair: Sec. 7

Give a description of the type of maintenance that is requested and attach a map of the area.

Description: Branch #7 of JD#5 is a tile line that is in need of replacement. The existing tile is almost 70 years old and is cracking and breaking.

**SOIL & WATER REVIEW INFORMATION**

Date of project inspection: April 24, 2025

Inspection Comments: The tile is broken and has lateral cracks in the adjacent sections. Tile will be patched for spring planting but needs to be replaced in the fall.

We received 3 estimates for replacing all of Branch #7 which includes 1,000 feet of 15" tile and 300 feet of 12" tile. The low bid was \$26,370 plus \$250 for each private tile hook-up (estimate 4 hook-ups). Request the ditch authority approve the replacement of Branch #7.

**Project Approval:** Soil & Water Mike Wanous

Division Director \_\_\_\_\_

County Ditch Board (if exceeds \$10,000) \_\_\_\_\_

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