

North Fork Crow River Watershed District
Proposed Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
JD1 BR12 FK3
September 20th, 2016

Managers Present: Berndt, Wuertz, Barchenger, Hanson
Managers Absent: Brauchler
Staff Present: Tara Ostendorf
Others Present: Ted Kaminski, Jon Roeschlein, Kurt Deter

Opening of Hearing:

Chairperson Wuertz opened the public hearing.

Record of Notice:

Ostendorf gave the record of notice.

Engineers report:

Ostendorf gave a summary of the findings and orders to date related to the JD1 BR12 FK3 violation. Ostendorf presented the approved findings of fact and order and the engineer’s memo highlighting recommendations, as well as the landowner notice sent to the affected parties.

Ostendorf explained that the options for the Board and landowners to consider would be as follows:

Closure Type	Recommended Tile Size	Grade
Partial Closure (Liebl Farms)	Additional 24” tile to existing	0.14% at current grade
Total Closure	18” tile for entire length	0.10 % slope at ACSIC grade

Public Comment:

Wuertz opened the meeting to public comment. Ted Kaminski, an affected landowner by the potential closure, stated that he was not in favor of closing the ditch and incurring the costs, as his portion of the alignment was very short and he would not receive a benefit by closing it. Kaminski stated that he was not opposed to closing the ditch, just not incurring the costs to do it. He would be fine with closing the ditch as long as he didn’t have to pay for it.

Board and public discussed closing the ditch and different options that the landowners could work out to fund the costs.

Board Decision:

Motion to authorize the closure subject to the landowners coming to an agreement on the cost made by Manager Hanson, seconded by Manager Berndt. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to close the public hearing made by Manager Barchenger, seconded by Manager Hanson. Motion carried.