

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
JOINT DRAINAGE AUTHORITY OF STEELE AND RICE COUNTIES SITTING AS THE
DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR JOINT DITCH 19
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM**

I. Call to Order

- A.** Roll call: all members present
Charlie Peters, Chair, Rice County
Steve Underdahl, Rice County
Jim Purfeerst, Rice County
James Brady, Steele County
John Glynn, Steele County
- B.** Purpose of Hearing presented by County Staff and John Kolb, Rinke Noonan.
- C.** Notice requirements reviewed by County Staff.

II. Findings of Obstruction

- A.** Presentation of findings of obstruction by County Staff and John Kolb, Rinke Noonan.
- B.** Landowner opportunity to speak:
Craig and Deb Henslin present (Deb Henslin is landowner)
The landowner acknowledges the obstruction and is willing to fix.
- C.** Motion to confirm ditch is obstructed based on findings and order, the landowner is responsible for the obstruction, and to approve that the landowner will fix and reseed before November 1, 2026. If the obstruction is not removed and the grassed waterway not reestablished by November 1, Drainage Authority staff will arrange for the removal and repair. The auditor shall make a statement of all costs associated with the obstruction, which will be filed in the County recorder's office as a lien on the Deborah Dicke-Henslin property. (Glynn, Purfeerst). Motion unanimously approved.

III. Repair for Failing Weir Structure

- A.** ISG presented preliminary design options, costs, and recommendations to engineer a repair for the failing weir structure.
- B.** Public comment and questions:
Joe Petricka requested clarification on engineering costs.
Tom Dressel requested clarification on the design for Option 1 regarding the placement of the structure.
Eric Dressel requested clarification on the design for Option 1 regarding repair versus improvement, as defined in statute.
- C.** Motion to proceed with Option 1 sheet pile weir replacement as presented and recommended by ISG, with an anticipated construction timeline of fall/winter 2026. (Glynn, Underdahl). Motion unanimously approved.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. (Brady, Purfeerst). Motion unanimously approved.