

**PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY DITCH #20
PARTIAL ABANDONMENT
April 17, 2018**

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 for the public hearing for the partial abandonment (Lateral A) of County Ditch #20. Chairman Olson called the hearing to order with Commissioners Athey, Backer, Berning and Sandberg present. Also present were Dillon Dwyer of the Ortonville Independent, County Engineer Todd Larson, Highway Maintenance Supervisor Darby Karsky and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Chairman Olson reviewed the purpose of the meeting. He stated that petitions had been received from Jim Becker and Keith Anderson requesting the partial abandonment of that portion of Big Stone County Ditch #20 located within the E1/2 SW 1/4 in Section 36 of Almond Township.

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

Engineer Larson reported that he was representing Jim Becker as he farms his property. He stated that the abandonment of this lateral does not diminish the existing tabulation of benefits paid to CD 20 from these properties, and that the benefits will remain the same.

With no other public present for comments, Chairman Olson closed the oral portion of the hearing at 10:10 AM.

Auditor Knutson reviewed the proposed Findings of Fact and Order for the board's consideration as prepared by Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter. Motion by Berning, seconded by Athey and carried to approve the Findings of Fact and Order for the partial abandonment.

Chairman Olson declared the hearing adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor