

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DITCH #2 HEARING
Senior Citizens Building
Wednesday, June 9, 2010
9:00 a.m.**

At 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2010, Chairman Munsterman convened a public hearing on petitions for outlet of County Ditch #2. Present were Commissioners Kloos, Sayre, Staples, Munsterman, and Watzke, County Engineer Brian Giese, and Consulting Ditch Attorney Kurt Dieter of the Rinke Noonan Law Firm. Eleven citizens were also in attendance.

The County Engineer gave a brief overview of the petitions and showed the affected areas.

Attorney Dieter discussed the hearing process on a petition for outlet including the responsibilities of the petitioners and the board.

Munsterman asked Baker Township to present their petition first.

Baker Township Board Officer Dennis Wernsing described the current situation with Gravel Lake and the plan to open the ditch about 1000' toward natural drain toward County Ditch #2 with a metered tile for outlet.

Attorney Dieter noted the need for the DNR to set an elevation of the ordinary high water.

Munsterman moved to hear petition on Ritter's property.

Gary Dierks explained their plan to install seep tile on the petitioned land that would outlet into an existing 10" tile draining toward County Ditch #2.

Attorney Dieter recommended getting hydraulic analysis on the projects done by petitioners in order to determine impacts of new outlets on County Ditch #2 which would allow for the best decision and basis for outlet.

Regarding Baker Township's petition, Munsterman instructed Giese to call DNR for the ordinary high water determination and work with the township to get necessary hydraulic analysis.

Regarding Ritter's petition, Munsterman instructed Giese to provide a written report on where areas of the land currently drain and the capacity of a 10" tile outlet.

On a motion by Watzke, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the ditch hearing will continue on August 4, 2010 at the Senior Citizens Building.

Brian Giese, Interim County Coordinator

Don Munsterman, Chair