

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
*Before the*  
**Redwood County Commissioners**  
**SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR**  
**County Ditch 33 Branch 5**

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**In the Matter of:**

**the Redetermination of Benefits of  
CD 33 Branch 5**

**FINDINGS AND ORDER  
INITIATING THE REDETERMINATION  
OF BENEFITS AND APPOINTING  
VIEWERS**

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The Redwood County Board of Commissioners, sitting as the drainage authority for CD 33 Branch 5, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.351, based on the record and proceedings, Commissioner Theis moved, seconded by Commissioner Groebner to adopt the following Findings and Order:

**Findings:**

1. The Redwood County Board of Commissioners is the drainage authority for CD 33 Branch 5.
2. CD 33 Branch 5 was established in 1955. Benefits for CD 33 Branch 5 were determined concurrent with establishment in 1955, prior to the initiation of modern, intensive farming and drainage practices within Redwood County.
3. The current benefits roll reflects the benefitted properties, benefitted areas, and benefit values as determined by viewers based on assumptions regarding the future use and drainage of said properties.
4. Since the original establishment of CD 33 Branch 5 and the original determination of benefits and damages, land uses and drainage practices have changed to accelerate and increase the flow of water to the drainage system changing the nature and value of benefits accruing to lands from construction of CD 33 Branch 5.
5. Since the original determination of benefits and damages, land values have changed within the benefitted area of CD 33 Branch 5.
6. The drainage authority finds that the conditions required for the initiation of a redetermination of benefits exist, that the original benefits and damages do not reflect reasonable present day land values, and the benefitted areas have changed.

**Order:**

Based on the foregoing Findings and the entire record of proceedings before the Board, the Board, acting as the drainage authority for CD 33 Branch 5, hereby orders as follows:

- A. The Board shall follow the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 103E.351 to conduct a redetermination of benefits for CD 33 Branch 5.
- B. That Jim Weidemann, Steve Johnson, and Todd Hammer are hereby appointed as viewers to redetermination and report the benefits and damages for CD 33 Branch 5.

After discussion, the Board Chair called the question. The question was on the adoption of the foregoing findings and order, and there were 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent, and 0 abstentions as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
WAKEFIELD	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALFER	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GROEBNER	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VANHEE	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
THEIS	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the Chair declared the motion passed and the Findings and Order adopted.



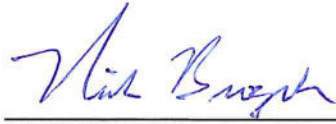
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Rick Wakefield, Chairperson

Dated: 1-21-2025

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I, Nick Brozek, Redwood County, Land Use Supervisor, do hereby certify that I have compared the above motion; findings and order with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the CD 33 Branch 5 and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof. The above order was filed with me, Redwood County, Land Use Supervisor, on January 21, 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this  
21 day of January 2025.



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Nick Brozek