

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY WITH REGARDS TO DITCH ASSESSMENTS

On a motion by Kircher and second by Kneisl, the following was adopted by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners is the Ditch Authority for Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners desires to ensure that ditch assessments are as minimal of a hardship to landowners as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the ditch authority of Todd County establish the following policy regarding assessments, effective January 1, 2012 for all expenses accrued after January 1, 2012:

1. No expense shall be retained by the County for a period longer than three (3) years. Regardless of the total expense accrued on the ditch, provided it is greater than \$1.00, the County Auditor/Treasurer shall mail assessments to those landowners with benefited acres to that ditch.
2. Assessment letters shall be prepared and mailed at such time expenses accrued are equal or greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
3. The County Auditor/Treasurer shall ensure ditch assessments are afforded a forty five (45) day grace period before interest begins to accrue to assessed land owners.
4. Effective for assessments made in 2011, The County Auditor/Treasurer shall affix an interest charge of no greater than two (2) percent per year for unpaid ditch assessments.
5. Unpaid ditch assessment shall be assessed on the tax statement of any landowner who has benefitted acres on that ditch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a project be immediately commenced which will ensure all ditch assessments are as accurate as current documentation will allow, to ensure accuracy of all ditch assessments, county wide, and that all expenses incurred to this point for all ditches be appropriately assessed during 2013.

STATE OF MINNESOTA }
COUNTY OF TODD }

I, Nathan W. Burkett, County Administrator, Todd County, Minnesota hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office of Todd County in Long Prairie, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on October 4, 2011, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting. Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of October, 2011.

Nathan Burkett, County Administrator