

**PROCEEDINGS OF ROSEAU COUNTY & KITTSOON COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**STATE DITCH NO. 72 JOINT DITCH AUTHORITY**

March 14, 2005

State Ditch No. 72 Joint Ditch Authority comprised of Commissioners of the Kittson County Board of Commissioners and the Roseau County Board of Commissioners met at the Roseau County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. on March 14, 2005. Members present were: Kittson County Commissioners Craig Spilde and Leon Olson; Roseau County Commissioners Orris Rasmussen, Mark Foldesi and Alan Johnston. Also present were: Roseau County Engineer Brian Ketring, Roseau County Assistant Engineer Tim Erickson, Two Rivers Watershed representatives Dan Money, Dick Novacek, Boyd Johnson, Mel Wang, and Jim Kukowski and landowners Virgil Gryskiewicz, Rodney Sikorski and Rick Sikorski. Roseau County Commissioner Alan Johnston chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Roseau County Commissioner Alan Johnston.

The group discussed Roseau County's Ditch No. 72 System. Key concern of the group was water flowing out of Ditch System No. 69 over County Road #7 and into Ditch No. 72. Dan Money distributed a handout tracking the flow of water over County Road #7 from May 11, 2004 until July 6, 2004. He noted peak flows at four different stations. (See file for copy of handout)

Possible solutions discussed include:

- Construct a dike with culverts to meter the flow to determine what amount of water is actually coming into the system.
- Reassess Ditch No. 72 benefit area and expand to include some of the Ditch No. 69 landowners who are in fact receiving benefits – classify as dual benefit
- Work south of Roseau to find methods to stop or slow water from entering the system from that direction.
- Look into International Joint Commissioned Report to determine what can come into the United States from Canada and what can go from the United States into Canada and to clarify what in fact this treaty states. (Current spillway is a result of this treaty.)
- Look into what is being done at the outlets in Kittson County on Ditch No. 85.
- Repair main Ditch of #72 from the Roseau County line west.
- Put traps on the Roseau River at the outlet of the laterals of the Ditch No. 69 System. (It was discussed that some of the water is coming from the Roseau River back up the laterals of the Ditch No. 69 System, as that is where the water comes over the road.)
- Clean and repair Ditch No. 51 (Roseau River).
- Check sizing on culverts on Ditch System #72 to determine if sizing is contributing to the water issue dynamics by restricting flow.

It was agreed that Roseau County Engineer Brian Ketring and Kittson County Engineer Kelly Bengtson would assess possible solutions and report back at the next Joint Ditch meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Teresa Harren  
County Coordinator

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Orris Rasmussen  
Board Chairman