

**Yankton-Clay Ditch Board**  
**February 14, 2017**

The Clay and Yankton County Commissioners met jointly as the Yankton-Clay Ditch Board at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at Toby's Lounge in Meckling, SD.

Members present—Clay County: Richard Hammond, Micheal Manning, Travis Mockler, Phyllis Packard, Leo Powell, Auditor Carri R. Crum, Highway Superintendent Rod Polley, and Weed Supervisor Dennis Ganschow. Yankton County: Raymon Epp, Don Kettering, Todd Woods, Auditor Patty Hojem, and Planning & Zoning Administrator Pat Garrity.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Travis Mockler.

A motion was made by Manning and seconded by Packard to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting as presented. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

Old Business:

Ditch fund balances were noted as follows. Clay County Yankton-Clay Creek Ditch \$119,868.70 and Yankton County Yankton-Clay Creek Ditch \$89,977.66.

The following claims were reported to the landowners present at the meeting:

Mileage/Meeting Per Diem for 2016 Meeting

- D. Bodenstedt \$42.64
- C. Crum \$30.04
- R. Epp \$42.64
- D. Freng \$42.64
- P. Hojem \$42.64
- M. Manning \$30.04
- T. Mockler \$30.04
- P. Packard \$30.04
- L. Powell \$30.04

Meal for 2016 Meeting

- First Bank Card \$78.25

Advertising

- Broadcaster Press \$42.00
- Observer \$16.63
- Press & Dakotan \$23.16
- Star Publishing \$27.00
- The Equalizer \$14.50

Weed Spraying

- Clay County Weed Department \$48.25

Powell moved, seconded by Manning and carried to approve the claims.

New Business:

The current levy of 8% (eight percent) of the original cost of the ditch in the Yankton-Clay Ditch District for the year 2017 payable in 2018 was discussed among the landowners present at the meeting. Landowners were favorable with keeping the levy at 8%. Manning moved, seconded by Packard and carried to set the levy at 8% for 2017 payable 2018 taxes.

The potential need for spraying and/or removal of trees along the ditch was discussed amongst the landowners present.

At 1:12 p.m., a motion was made by Packard and seconded by Manning that the meeting be adjourned and convened as Clay Creek Ditch Board.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Travis Mockler.

A motion was made by Manning and seconded by Epp to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting as presented. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

#### Old Business:

Ditch fund balances were noted as follows. Clay County Clay Creek Ditch \$44,098.60 and Yankton County Clay Creek Ditch \$70,753.54.

The following claims were reported to the landowners present at the meeting:

##### Advertising

- Broadcaster Press \$42.00
- Observer \$17.18
- Press & Dakotan \$24.88
- Star Publishing \$27.00
- The Equalizer \$14.50

##### Engineering Services

- Johnson Engineering Co. \$10,800.00

##### Ditch Cleanout

- Jerke & Sons Construction \$53,459.33

#### New Business:

Landowners present for the meeting discussed whether to retain the current levy of 40% (forty percent) of the original cost of the ditch in the Clay Creek Ditch District for the year 2017 payable in 2018, or to reduce it. The consensus of those present was to leave the levy at 40%. Jim Petrik moved, seconded by Frank Orr and carried to set the levy at 40% for 2017 payable 2018 taxes.

Those present briefly discussed what Phase 3 of the Clay Creek Ditch Cleanout Project, which is nearly complete. Frank Orr also discussed trees that may need to be removed on the north side of the creek.

It was briefly discussed that any digging on the laterals will be finished.

Crum reported the ditch fund balances for the laterals.

At 1:24 p.m., a motion was made by Powell and seconded by Manning that the meeting be adjourned and convened as Clay County Ditch Board to discuss the Prairie Center Ditch. All voting aye, motion carried.

It was reported that spraying along the Prairie Center Ditch will be done in the spring.

Crum reported the ditch fund balance.

At 1:26 p.m., a motion was made by Manning and seconded by Packard and carried to adjourn and convene jointly as the Yankton-Clay Ditch Board for the purpose of electing officers. All voting aye, motion carried.

Nominations were accepted for Chairman. Powell moved, seconded by Hammond to nominate Mockler as Chairman. Packard moved, seconded by Powell that nominations be ceased and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mockler. All voting aye, motion carried.

Nominations were accepted for Vice-Chair. Kettering moved, seconded by Epp to nominate Debra Bodenstedt as Vice-Chair. Powell moved, seconded by Packard that nominations be ceased and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bodenstedt. All voting aye, motion carried.

At 1:27 p.m., Epp moved, seconded by Packard and carried to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Carri R. Crum, Clay County Auditor  
Patty Hojem, Yankton County Auditor

Travis Mockler, Chairman  
Yankton-Clay Ditch Board