
**STATE OF MINNESOTA
SWIFT, CHIPPEWA, AND KANDIYOHI
JOINT COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR
SWIFT CHIPPEWA KANDIYOHI JOINT DITCH 18**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Swift Chippewa Kandiyohi Joint County Drainage Authority Board of Commissioners, sitting as the public drainage authority under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E (“Drainage Authority”) for Swift Chippewa Kandiyohi Joint Ditch 18 (“JD 18”), will hold a public hearing on December 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter as the agenda allows, in the Commissioners Room, in the basement of the Swift County Law Enforcement Center, 301 14th Street North, Benson, Minnesota.

At the public hearing, the Drainage Authority will consider a proposal by the Chippewa County Highway Department to replace the 64’ timber slab span bridge with a 2-line configuration of 16’ x 12’ reinforced concrete boxes with end sections at the 90th Avenue crossing of the JD 18 drainage system between the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section 3 and the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section 2, Township 119 North, Range 38 West (Louriston Township), Chippewa County, Minnesota. The public hearing will be held pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 103E.525 and 163.17. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.525, approval of the box culverts’ capacity is being sought by the Director of the Division of Ecological and Water Resources in the Department of Natural Resources. The Chippewa County Highway Department and its engineering consultants at Widseth, Inc. have filed a plan showing in detail the alteration or change to replace the existing bridge with box culverts, and a report of findings that the proposed alteration to the crossing will be a minor alteration or change to the JD 18 drainage system that will not affect the functioning or efficiency of the JD 18 drainage system. A copy of the plan and engineer’s report of findings is available for public inspection at the Chippewa County Ag and Drainage Department Office at 629 North 11th Street, Montevideo, MN 56265 and is available for viewing during normal business hours, or by contacting Chippewa County Public Drainage Manager, Josh Macziewski at josh.macziewski@chippewa.mn or 320-269-2662.

All owners of property affected by JD 18 are invited to attend public hearing. Written comments will be accepted by mail or email to the Chippewa County Public Drainage Manager, Josh Macziewski. Written comments may be mailed to Chippewa County Ag and Drainage Department, 629 North 11th Street, Montevideo, MN 56265 or emailed to josh.macziewski@chippewa.mn. Any comments received by mail or email prior to the public hearing will be read into the record at the public hearing.

/s/ Tesa Tomaschett, Administrator
Swift County, Minnesota

/s/ Michelle May, Auditor-Treasurer
Chippewa County, Minnesota

/s/ Mark Thompson, Auditor-Treasurer
Kandiyohi County, Minnesota

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