

**OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISIONERS**

**In the Matter of  
County Ditch 44**

**ORDER FOR  
REDETERMINATION  
OF BENEFITS**

The Board of Commissioners, Drainage Authority for County Ditch 44, having held a public information meeting on Ditch 44 on January 26, 2015, having received a report of the County Ditch Inspector, Kevin Fellbaum, having reviewed the files and being fully advised in the premises, makes the following Findings and Order:

FINDINGS

1. That Ditch 44 was established in 1911.
2. That the benefits for Ditch 44 have not been redetermined since the original determination.
3. That because of the subdivision of land, it would be difficult for the County to establish who would appropriately be assessed for any work done on the ditch.
4. A review of the benefited areas indicates that the original determination does not accurately reflect those areas benefited by the ditch system, including lake front properties which are not currently included in the benefitted areas.
5. The original determination includes only some sections in the catchment area drained by the ditch, and do not reflect present day ditch viewing principals.
6. That the original benefits determined in the drainage proceeding do not reflect reasonable present day land values, which have increased over the past century.

7. Residents are concerned with the high water levels on Round and Head Lakes, Ditch 44 which serves as an outlet for these lakes is currently not functioning, and they interested in repair of the ditch.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That there shall be a redetermination of the benefits for Ditch 44.
2. That Sheldon "Tiny" Holm, Kevin Brennan, and Mike Johnson are hereby appointed as ditch viewers for the redetermination of benefits.

Dated: 2-3-15

  
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John Lindquist, Chair  
Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Larry Krohn, Clerk