At 8:00 a.m. the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission was called to order by Chairman Klose. Roll call was answered by Douglas Kaiser, Craig Neys, Dennis Ova, Dale Marks, and Mark T. Klose.

Mike Zimmerman, County Highway Superintendent, presented preliminary cost figures for raising the grade on the inundated portion of County Highway 67 south of Cleveland and north of Gackle. Also present was Steve Thompson, Interstate Engineering. Mr. Zimmerman also presented cost estimates to build a new road around the basin wetland to mitigate any possible future need for another grade raise. The cost estimates were: Cleveland south grade raise - \$545,688; Cleveland south realignment \$766,308; Gackle north grade raise - \$337,788 plus pre-engineering for grade raises - \$32,459.25 or \$42,459.25 for a grade raise north of Gackle and realignment south of Cleveland. The cost estimates included a high estimate of 20% for construction engineering. These two projects would qualify for ER (Emergency Relief) funding or 80% federal funds and 20% local funds. The realignment project would only qualify for 80% federal funds for an amount equal to the cost of the grade raise. Any amount over the grade raise cost would be 100% local funds.

A motion was made by Kaiser and seconded by Marks to authorize Interstate Engineering, Inc. to prepare plans for the two grade raises and to prepare a concept report for going around the basin wetland south of Cleveland. Roll call vote - Ova, Marks, Kaiser, Neys and Klose all voted aye.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ova and seconded by Neys. At 8:21 a.m. the July 17, 2007 special Stutsman County Commission meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:	
Noel A. Johnson	Mark Klose
County COO (Auditor)	Commission Chairman