

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Landowners' Meeting Regarding Drain 41
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 203
Jefferson, WI 53549

July 11, 2016
9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: David Hughes, Ron Griebenow, Peter Magnoni, Attorney Andrew Griggs

Call to Order was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:30 a.m. for the Landowners' Meeting Drain 41

There were 12 landowners present; the names of landowners present are attached to these minutes.

Order of Business

DRAIN 41

After calling the meeting to order, Chairman David Hughes stated that the purpose of this meeting was to inform landowners regarding what had been done with this Drain. He indicated that the clean out consisted of tree removal, silt removal, and various drain upgrades. He stated that the work was done in the central and southern sections of the drain; no work was done in the northwestern section. He asked the landowners for input to the Drain Board regarding if they wanted work done in the northwestern section of this drain. The Chairman did state that the Drain Board did inspect the majority of the Drain, however, did not inspect the entire Drain.

Attorney Griggs reported that the value of the benefited acres in Drain 41 was approximately \$68,753.00 based upon the most recent county information. The attorney stated that a 16% assessment would raise approximately \$11,000.00 and a 20% assessment would raise approximately \$13,750.00.

The meeting was then opened to comment and questions from the landowners.

There was considerable discussion and comment made by landowners. They included concerns over individual landowners who were farming too close to the Drain, landowners not cleaning trees out of the Drain, landowners not knowing what they can or are supposed to do regarding the Drain, questions over the easement, and problems with communication. The Drain Board responded to these concerns by stating that landowners may clean trees, spray weeds, cut weeds along the Drain, and need to mark tile lines with a steel fence post covered by a PCV pipe. The easement question response was that the easement is 20 feet and begins at the crest of the bank and extends 20 feet into the fields. The question of trees was addressed by stating that trees are piled on the 20 foot easement with silt piled on the trees to speed

decomposition. If the landowners requests, the contractor will pile the trees on the landowner's property for burning. The spoils are spread on the 20 foot easement. Landowner may also spread the spoils beyond the 20 foot easement.

Following the above discussion, Karl Jaeger made a motion to assess at 16%. The motion was seconded by Tim Neitzel. Considerable discussion followed and the motion was withdrawn by Karl Jaeger and the second to the motion was also withdrawn.

Following additional discussion, the final motion was made by Bruce Degner to set the assessment at 20% of benefited acres raising \$13,750.00. He stated that this would provide excess funds if additional work needed to be done in the northwest section of the Drain. The motion was seconded by Karl Jaeger. The vote was taken by raising of hands, conducted by Chairman Hughes.

Vote Results: 7 voted for the motion
0 voted against the motion
5 did not vote

Motion carried.

With no further business before the Drain Board regarding the landowners of Drain 41 meeting, Chairman Hughes adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter H. Magnoni
Secretary

Attached: Landowner Sign In Sheet

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
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July 11, 2016
10:45 a.m.

Unapproved Minutes: July 11, 2016

Board Members Present: David Hughes, Ron Griebenow, Peter Magnoni, and Attorney Andrew Griggs

Call to Order was made by Chairman Hughes at 10:45 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the minutes of June 13, 2016.

Order of Business

DRAIN 15

1. Chairman Hughes reported that he personally inspected Britzke Road Bridge on the date of July 2, 2016, and no stones had been removed by the Lake Mills Town Board. A final inspection will be done on September 1, 2016, and if the work is not completed then Attorney Griggs is to proceed to file a motion in Jefferson County.

DRAIN 36

2. Attorney Griggs reported the landowners' notice from Drain 36 will be mailed soon for the meeting on August 8, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Drain Board discussed the purpose of this meeting that will be held for landowners prior to any cost assessment.

DRAIN 14-C

3. The Drain Board and Attorney Griggs discussed the bid results on Drain 14-C and made the decision to award the bid to Jaeckel Brothers on time and materials beginning with Milford Hunt Club during the months of July and August.

GENERAL

4. The Drain Board did approve the following bills for payment:

		<u>DRAIN #</u>	
a.	Griggs Law Group	\$106.59	41
b.	Griggs Law Group	\$105.00	36
c.	Griggs Law Group	\$ 52.50	15

Bills held due to fund shortfalls:

a. Jaeckel Brothers	36
b. Jaeckel Brothers	41
c. Griggs Law Group	14-C
d. Griggs Law Group	General
e. Expense Reports	14-C

The next meeting of the Drain Board was set for Monday, August 8, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. This August 8 meeting will be a joint meeting with both a Landowners Drain 36 meeting and the August Drain Board meeting.

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for meeting of July 11, 2016,
Peter H. Magnoni, Secretary