

UNAPPROVED
JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 203
Jefferson, WI 53549

March 8, 2016
9:30 a.m.

Unapproved Minutes: March, 2016

Board Members Present: David Hughes, Ron Griebenow, Peter Magnoni

Call to Order was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:30 a.m.

Guests present included Steve and Kathleen Duwe from Drain 14-C

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the February 8, 2016 minutes.

Order of Business

DRAIN 45

1. Update: A letter from the Board attorney was sent to the landowners informing them of the “touch-up” cleanout. Contractor, Tom Jaeckel did inform the Board that he would not be able to begin the touch-up until the frost was out of the ground. Target date to begin – approximately April 1.

DRAIN 14-C

2. Update: The Drain board attorney did send a letter to landowners for the meeting to take place at the Courthouse; date set is March 29 at 9:30 a.m. The Drain board felt that additional ditch inspections were necessary to prepare for the March 29 meeting. The date of March 11 at 9:30 a.m. was selected to do additional inspections of 14-C. The Drain Board directed the secretary to remind Attorney Gibbs that in the upcoming assessment his notification needs to include notice that landowners need to mark tile outlets. If tile outlets are not marked the Drain board or the contractor are not liable for any damage.

DRAIN 41

3. Update: The letter sent to the landowner for the special assessment was discussed. The landowner did respond by making a full payment for the damage done due to placing obstructions in the ditch. Contractor Jaeckel did inform the board that this work will begin as soon as the frost is out of the ground. This drain will be short of funds with the contractor possibly waiting until a future assessment for full payment.

DRAIN 15

4. Update: The Drain Board has not heard any response from the Lake Mills town Board regarding the Britzke Road issue. Sixty days have passed – time requested by the Town Board, therefore, the Drain Board requested that the Drain attorney proceed with legal action and not waste any additional legal costs attempting to resolve the problem through negotiations. The Drain board requested that the legal action include all costs associated with this issue over the last five years. The Drain board was informed that Paul Ninneman did pay the cost of the culvert placed in his ditch.

DRAIN 36

5. New Item: The Drain board directed the secretary to notify legal counsel to send landowners' notice for assessment. This assessment is necessary due to the previous monies owed, future pump costs, damage to culvert and clean out. The Board indicated that the landowner meeting be set for June or July 2016. The landowners' names have been sent to Griggs Law Group office by the County.

GENERAL

6. The Drain Board discussed the UW-Extension meeting in New London or Oshkosh. The Board did not see a need to attend at this time.

GENERAL

7. Drone Use: The Drain board discussed the aerial drone company, DMZ Aerial, as a possible method to photograph drains in the County. This would help meet the annual DAP requirement. The Secretary was directed to contact the firm and invite them to the April 11 monthly Board meeting.

GENERAL

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

			<u>DRAIN #</u>	
a.	Griggs Law Group	Statement #148	\$ 87.50	General
b.	Griggs Law Group	Statement #41	\$271.25	14-C
c.	Griggs Law Group	Statement #35	\$673.75	15
d.	Griggs Law Group	Statement #25	\$218.75	14
e.	Griggs Law Group	Statement #41	\$131.25	45
f.	WE Energies	8008-337-968	\$ 14.35	36
g.	WE Energies	"	\$ 15.71	36

With no further business before the Drainage Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.
Respectfully submitted for meeting of March 8, 2016,

Peter H. Magnoni
Secretary