

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

January 9, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: David Hughes and Peter Magnoni

Board Members Absent: Ron Griebenow

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

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the minutes of December 12, 2016 Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

DRAIN 36

The Notice to Landowners was delayed due to Engineer Dan Prunuske informing the Drain Board he could not complete the engineering report by the date of January 30, 2017. Dan did commit to completing the report by the end of February 2017. The Board directed the Secretary to notify Attorney Griggs to schedule the meeting at the end of February 2017.

DRAIN 14-A

The Notice to Landowners was cancelled because the Drain Board erred in drain selection. After further review it was noted that the drain involved should be 14-B. The Drain Board directed the Secretary to advise Attorney Griggs to not notify the landowners in 14-A. The Secretary is to notify Jefferson county to send the landowners' names in 14-B to Attorney Griggs and schedule a landowners' meeting at the end of February 2017.

DRAIN 14-C

In December 2016, the Drain Board completed an inspection of Drain 14- C of the completed work, including meeting with landowners who may have had questions or concerns. The work had been 2/3 completed with the northeast section being the last to clean out.

DRAIN 33

Drain 33 which was cleaned out in 2015 is experiencing weed growth which is reducing water flow. Landowners Michel, Battist, and Degolier requested that the Drain Board complete a spraying application of this drain in summer 2017. The Drain Board

approved this request with Chairman Hughes to contact and make arrangements with the spraying contractor.

SUSPENDED DISTRICTS

The Drain Board addressed the issue of suspended or non-active districts which currently are part of the Jefferson County Drain Board. The Drain Board discussed a possible method to address this issue. A possible course of action would be to call in the current landowners and indicate that the Drain Board is planning to complete an assessment. The landowners would then be requested to vote on the future status of their drain. There would be two options:

1. Vote to clean the drain out – then a separate meeting would be held to review the work to be done and the cost.
2. Vote to dissolve the drain. This would involve the Drain Board submitting a legal request to the circuit court for a legal abandonment of the Drain. This action would also require an assessment to pay for legal and administration fees. The Drain Board directed the Secretary to discuss this matter with Attorney Griggs, work with Jefferson County on current landowner names, and complete a review of the historical files.

JEFFERSON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Department of Jefferson County met with the Drain Board informing the Board that a recent IRS audit required that Jefferson County could no longer pay per diem effective January 1, 2017. All Boards of Jefferson County would be required to be placed on Jefferson County payroll. The Administrative Staff indicated the additional employee benefits that Board members would be entitled to under the new employment arrangement. Board members Hughes and Magnoni completed various employment paperwork for employee status. Ron Griebenow is to complete these forms in February 2017.

GENERAL

1. The Drain Board directed the Secretary to contact and arrange a meeting with the DNR regarding the pump and ditch collapse in Drain 15.
2. The Drain Board directed the Secretary to contact attorney Griggs to get a cost estimate to take a Drain through the circuit court for Drain dissolution.

The Drain Board did approve the following bills for payment:

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| | <u>DRAIN #</u> |
| a. Griggs Law Group | 15-A |

The next meeting of the Drain Board was set for Monday, February 13, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for meeting of January 9, 2017,
Peter H. Magnoni, Secretary