

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

February 13, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

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

Landowners Present: Steve Duwe and Dean H. Jaeger

Guest Present: Dennis M. Beggs, Chairman, Rock County Drain Board

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 January 9, 2017 Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

**SUSPENDED DISTRICTS**

The Drain Board discussed and reviewed the current status of suspended drains and inactive drains which included the following:

- a. Drains 1, 11, 14C, 17, 19, and 24 which have stop work orders
- b. Drains 9, 25, 29, 34 and 42 which have no account balances
- c. Drains 13, 14A, and 43 which have low account balances

Following discussion the Drain Board directed the Secretary to review all files in categories B and C to determine if additional stop work orders exist.

**DRAIN 36**

The Drain Board reviewed the correspondence from Attorney Griggs regarding the scheduled landowners' meeting set for Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at Ixonia Town Hall at 7 pm. Landowner Dean Jaeger addressed the Drain Board regarding a past bill that was paid by Mr. Jeger and needed to be reimbursed to him. The Drain Board did approve Mr. Jaeger's request and approved the reimbursement. Ron Griebenow gave a report on the current condition of this drain.

**DRAIN 14-B**

The Drain Board reviewed the correspondence from Attorney Griggs regarding the scheduled landowners' meeting set for Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 9:30 at the Jefferson County Court House, Room 202.

**DRAIN 33**

Peter Magnoni reported that he and contractor, Tom Jaeckel, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, walked and inspected the east section of Drain 33. Following the inspection Contractor Jaeckel repaired two south bank blow-outs and cleaned 300 yards of weed growth. In addition

permission was received from Landowner Libei to create a shallow ditch 100 yards south of the two blow-outs to divert ground water flow which caused the blow-outs.

#### **DRAIN 15**

The meeting scheduled with the DNR regarding the pump spillway and ditch collapse was held on January 31<sup>st</sup> on the property. Drain Board members Hughes, Griebenow, and Magnoni were present. In addition to the DNR, Land Conservation and NRCS were also present. The group did a physical inspection of the problem. The problem was clearly apparent with the government agencies agreeing to correct the problem as soon as possible.

#### **DRAIN 32**

Steve Duwe, landowner, addressed the Drain Board concerning his interest in completing a clean out of Drain 32. Chairman Hughes suggested that Mr. Duwe discuss this interest with other landowners in this drain and make a combined request to the Drain Board which will then complete an inspection and then schedule a landowners' meeting prior to contracting for the work.

#### **ROCK COUNTY CHAIRMAN**

Dennis Beggs, Chairman of the Rock County Drain Board, was present and asked a number of questions concerning procedural and administrative matters. Mr. Beggs' visit was educational, seeking to gain insight on how the Jefferson County Drain Board approached drain issues. This exchange was both informative and beneficial.

#### **JEFFERSON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

The Drain Board did complete all remaining paperwork to transform to a new employment arrangement required by Jefferson County.

Ron Griebenow made a motion, seconded by David Hughes, to raise the per diem to \$55.00 per meeting and increase the mileage rate to 53.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2017, in order to bring the Drain Board to the same level as all other Jefferson County boards. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **GENERAL**

The Drain Board did approve the following bills for payment:

|                     | <u>DRAIN #</u>          |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Griggs Law Group | General/Multiple Drains |
| b. Jaeckel Brothers | 14-C                    |
| c. WE Energy        | 36                      |
| d. Dean H. Jaeger   | 36                      |
| e. Jaeckel Brothers | 33                      |

The next meeting of the Drain Board was set for Monday, March 13, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Respectfully submitted for meeting of February 13, 2017,  
Peter H. Magnoni, Secretary