

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 203
Jefferson, WI 53549
December 11, 2017
9:30 a.m.

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

Guests: Dean and Bonnie Jaeger

Call to Order was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:36 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the minutes of November 27, 2017 Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

DRAIN 44

Landowners Dean and Bonnie Jaeger attended this meeting to express their displeasure with the Drain Board's handling of the November 27, 2017 landowners' meeting. In particular they commented on the number of people who received notice of the meeting who were not in the district. They also commented that a large number of people in the district did not attend the meeting due to the time the meeting was held and the understanding that the purpose of the meeting was ditch cleanout, not main tile replacement. The Jaegers requested that the Drain Board, in future notices to landowners, state the actual purpose of the meeting, the estimated cost impact and how the vote will be taken. The Drain Board chairman responded by discussing the procedure followed for notification of the meeting, presenting the work to be done, and the procedure concerning how the voting did take place. The Board thanked the Jaegers for attending this meeting and will take into consideration their comments for future notification of meetings and voting.

Ron Griebenow presented to the Board his follow-up work in discussing the work to be done in Drain 44 with a Dodge County contractor. The contractor is Kreugiger Drainage LLC of Juno, Wisconsin. The bid price to correct this main tile problem was estimated based upon per foot costs. The exact completion price cannot be determined as soil type and depth problems vary in this region.

DRAIN 36

The Drain Board indicated that no letter addressed to the DOT had been received from engineer, Dan Prunuske. Dean Jaeger asked for the name of the DOT contact person as he wants to do a followup on this matter. Secretary Magnoni provided the name to Mr. Jaeger.

DRAIN 20

Chairman Hughes reported to the Board that all trees and woody growth had been removed, however, the actual ditch cleaning would begin in a few days. The Drain Board decided to do an onsite inspection of this drain after this meeting is adjourned.

DRAIN 14-B

Ron Griebenow reported he had not met with Tom Jaeckel on site, however, this site visit would take place shortly.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE DATCP

Secretary Magnoni reported that the proposed legislation had not been signed by the Governor. The bill has been returned for rewrite changes to some part of the legislation.

ANNUAL MEETING

Secretary Magnoni reported to the Board that the notice for public hearing for the annual report will be posted and held on January 8, 2018, due to scheduling issues in December 2017. The Annual Meeting will be combined with the monthly Drain Board meeting. The Annual Meeting will be properly posted to meet the requirement and the Secretary will have a copy of the annual report available for viewing.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman David Hughes made a motion that effective immediately no Drain Board member shall meet individually with a district landowner to discuss drain issues. Drain Board members may advise landowners that they must bring their concerns to the official monthly Drain Board meeting or submit their concerns to the Board in writing. Drain Board members need to be aware that the Drain Board will not support any violation of this policy. Ron Griebenow seconded this motion which passed.

The Drain Board directed the Secretary to contact DATCP and request the statutory voting procedure for assessments and report back in January.

The Drain Board approved the following bills for payment:

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| a. Griggs Law Group | Multiple Drains |
| b. Professional Vegetation Management | 33 |

The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will include the required annual meeting.

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for meeting of December 11, 2017,
Peter H. Magnoni, Secretary