

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 203
Jefferson, WI 53549
January 8, 2018
9:30 a.m.

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

Guests: Catherine Wittenwyler

Call to Order was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:38 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the minutes of December 11, 2017 Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

ANNUAL REPORT

The Drain Board meeting agenda had posted the required District Annual Report and Public Hearing. The Board discussed the annual report with no questions raised by the public. The secretary reported that the annual report was delivered to the State Department of Agriculture and the Jefferson County Zoning Department. No drain district landowners or interested parties attended the public hearing for the annual report.

DRAIN 44

Ron Griebenow reported that contractor Kreugiger could start the clean out now, however, the assessment to landowners had not been sent out. The Jefferson County Treasurer came to the meeting to respond to the question, "could the county pay bills for this clean out before landowner funds were received". The treasurer, John Jensen, stated that the County could not finance the payment of bills awaiting the landowners' monies. The Drain Board has two options – 1. Borrow from a bank which is permitted, or 2. authorize the work telling the contractor that payment for services will be delayed for four months. The Board will discuss the delayed payment option with the contractor.

DRAIN 36

Secretary Magnoni reported that Engineer Dan Prunuske had not sent a letter to the DOT as promised. The Board directed Secretary Magnoni to follow up on this matter.

DRAIN 20

Chairman Hughes called Andy's Excavating during the board meeting to find out if the actual ditch cleaning had been completed. Andy's Excavating indicated the work had

not been completed due to the cold weather. The expectation is that the work will be completed by the week of January 15.

DRAIN 14-B

Ron Griebenow reported he had met with Tom Jaeckel on-site and discussed the work to be completed. This drain is seriously behind schedule based upon the date of the landowners' meeting and assessment of February 21, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE DATCP

Secretary Magnoni reported no current information had been received concerning the proposed legislation.

GENERAL – RESEARCH RESULTS

Secretary Magnoni discussed the research results concerning the legal voting requirement for landowners when voting for approval of cost assessments for ditch clean outs. The written report was submitted to board members prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The letter received from Judge Hue, Jefferson County Circuit Court was discussed. Attorney Griggs and Attorney Phillips will be responding to Judge Hue.
- b. Secretary Magnoni distributed photos of the west bank damage and graffiti at Britzke Bridge, Drain 15. He reported that the photos were sent to Attorney Griggs as requested December 18, 2017.

The Drain Board approved the following bills for payment:

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| a. Griggs Law Group | <u>DRAIN #</u> |
| b. We Energies | Multiple Drains |
| | 36 |

A bill was received from Dean Jaeger, landowner in Drain 36, for hauling ditch spoils for temporary pump. The Drain Board did not approve payment as this expense was not authorized.

The next meeting will be held on February 12, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for meeting of January 8, 2018,
Peter H. Magnoni, Secretary