

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting

Jefferson County Courthouse

311 S. Center Avenue, Room 203

Jefferson, WI 53549

June 11, 2018

9:30 a.m.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the minutes of April 9, 2018, Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

DRAIN 44

The Drain Board reviewed the current status of matters affecting this drain. The procedure for securing a bank loan was in place, however, the contractor withdrew due to other work. The contractor will be able to proceed after crops are out in the fall.

DRAIN 36

The Drain Board reviewed the April 11 email indicating that WisDOT was continuing to assess drainage under STH16 and Drain #36. This email from Richard Vela was in response to engineer, Dan Prunuske's challenge (3-22-18) regarding the position of WisDOT in their March 13, 2018 letter. The Drain board directed the Board Chairman to contact Richard Vela regarding this issue and to involve DATCP in this follow-up.

DRAIN 14-B

The Drain board discussed the April 17, 2018 inspection of 14-B. The Drain Board decided that contractor Jaeckel was to do brushing of the ditch and touch-up. A full cleanout is not to be done at this time.

DRAIN 15

The Drain Board reviewed the correspondence from attorney, Alex Phillips. The Drain Board's position is that they will accept the County Highway Department's or the State Engineer's decision as to whether or not the project has been completed and is satisfactory per the contract the Town has with the DOT. The acceptable contract from the Drain Board's point of view is to restore the stones according to their original design and specifications.

STATUS OF DATCP DISSOLUTION

The Drain Board reviewed the informational email sent by Secretary Magnoni and the letter sent to Judge Brantmeier outlining what can be done. The Drain Board awaits Judge Brantmeier's decision to move forward.

DRAIN 30 AND DRAIN 2

Chairman Hughes reported that a landowner in these drains reported blowouts which need attention. A contractor had been contacted, however, has not corrected the problem. If the contractor cannot get to this problem, then the corrective action cannot occur until after crops are out in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS**DRAIN 20**

Ron Griebenow reported that a landowner in Drain 20 (Jim Gilbert, telephone #262-719-4671) reported trees down in the drain that were causing flooding of his low ground planted field. Ron reported this drain had not been cleaned out for nine years and was in poor condition. Ron will do an on-site inspection, however, the Drain Board directed the Secretary to move forward to initiate the landowner assessment process for total cleanout for Drain 20 and Drain 13. It is noted that Drain 13 is in the Court process for dissolution as a stop order exists. Landowners will need to petition for removal of this stop-work order through the Circuit Court.

DRAIN 16

Ron Griebenow reported that the drain culvert needs replacement on the David Huebner property. The Drain Board approved this expense and directed Ron to contact Jaeckel Brothers for replacement.

Chairman Hughes reported he had been contacted by a group who were interested in a solar panel farm on property which is in our drain district. This group was to attend our meeting to discuss this issue, however, they did not show up at this meeting.

POLICY: DATCP INQUIRY

The Drain Board discussed the possibility of establishing policy concerning the establishment of a 40 foot set back for landowners who build fences, buildings, or plant woodie species or trees. The Drain Board directed the Secretary to research policy through DATCP.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Chairman Hughes reported that he now has a new mailing address: David Hughes, 3632 County Road C, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495.

The Drain Board approved the following bills for payment:

	<u>DRAIN #</u>
a. Griggs Law Group	multiple drains
b. We Energies	36
c. Jaeckel Brothers	multiple drains
d. Design Tech	36

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

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for meeting of June 11, 2018,

Peter H. Magnoni, Secretary