

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

Board Members Present: David Hughes and Ron Griebenow

Absent: Peter Magnoni

Guest: Dean Jaeger (Drain 36)

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

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the minutes of June 11, 2018, Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

DRAIN 36

The Drain Board reviewed Chairman Hughes' letter to Richard Vela, DOT, and Mr. Vela's response to Engineer Dan Prunuske indicating DOT was having the issue reviewed by their legal department.

DRAIN 15

The Drain Board discussed the response from Attorney Alex Phillips indicating that the Town of Lake Mills Board is moving forward to remove the stones under Britzke Bridge. Chairman Hughes reported that he had completed an inspection of Britzke Bridge on July 8 and determined the water level was low enough to complete the stone removal.

DRAIN 20/13

The Drain Board reviewed the email from Attorney Griggs concerning landowner assessment for Drain 20, possibly to include Drain 13. The date selected for the meeting is August 13 at 10 a.m. A drain inspection must be completed prior to the August 13 meeting to determine the extent of the clean out. Ron Griebenow and Peter Magnoni are to complete the inspection.

DRAIN 16

Ron Griebenow discussed the culvert replacement on the Huebner property. Ron Griebenow and Peter Magnoni are to complete an inspection to make sure the culvert is the responsibility of the Drain Board.

The Drain Board indicated that there continues to be no contact from the group interested in the solar panel farm in this district.

DRAIN 44

There was no additional information concerning the status of this drain.

DRAIN 14-B

There was no additional information concerning the status of this drain.

DRAIN 30/2

The repair of the reported blow-out will need to be completed in the fall after crop-out.

STATUS OF DATCP DISSOLUTION

The Drain Board discussed the recent correspondence from Attorney Phillips indicating that Jefferson County had signed off on the plan submitted by Secretary Magnoni to dissolve seven Jefferson County district drains. Attorney Phillips' email indicated he was corresponding with Judge Brantmeier to get his final approval of the plan. However, the Drain Board directed Secretary Magnoni to move ahead and make arrangements. The Board also suggested the property owner meeting be held on a Monday at 1 p.m. during the later part of September if possible.

DATCP INQUIRY

The opinion of DATCP regarding the Drain Board establishing a 40 foot set back indicated that the policy could be established, however, all district drains would require a public hearing prior to establishment. DATCP suggested that the current statute allows the Drain Board to establish a 40 foot set back on an individual drain depending on current issues. Chairman Hughes directed the secretary to research the statutes and present a policy at the August meeting that could be used when a larger set back is needed for individual district drains.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dean Jaeger addressed the Drain Board representing concerns of landowners in District Drain 36 who are experiencing crop loss due to flooding. Chairman Hughes and Ron Griebenow explained the contact currently in process with DOT and the current high cost of pumping water under the highway. To correct this drain issue the culvert under Hwy 16 must be replaced due to the current culvert not handling the water.
2. The Drain Board reviewed a letter from the Racine County Drain Board dated June 27, 2018, requesting a donation for legal costs associated with drain issues in Racine County. The Drain Board denied the request.

The Drain Board approved the following bills for payment:

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

The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. The Drain Board approved this date also for the landowners' meeting for Drain 20 and possibly for Drain 13 beginning at 10 a.m. This meeting time assumes the landowners' assessments are sent out in time.

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

Respectfully submitted for meeting of July 9, 2018, by Chairman David Hughes. The minutes were written by Secretary Magnoni per notes taken by Chairman Hughes.