

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 203
Jefferson, WI 53549
August 13, 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 July 9, 2018, Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

DRAIN 36

The Drain Board discussed the non-response from Richard Vela, DOT Legal Department concerning the Hwy 16 culvert issue. The Drain Board directed Secretary Magnoni to prepare all documents concerning this issue and meet with Drain Board attorneys to review the legal process which may be the only available option.

DRAIN 15

The Drain Board discussed the current position of the Lake Mills Town Board concerning the stone removal at Britzke Bridge. Currently we await lower water levels to be able to photograph the stream bottom.

DRAIN 16 - Inspections

1. Secretary Magnoni and Board Member Griebenow reported on the culvert inspection on the David Huebner property. The board approved the replacement which is scheduled after crop out this fall.
2. Secretary Magnoni and Board Member Griebenow reported on the drain inspection on the Anfang properties. Mr. Anfang reported a blow out reducing water flow. The inspection did not uncover any obstruction in the drain with water flowing at a high level.

GENERAL

The Drain Board approved the proposed 40 foot set back policy on a motion by Chairman Hughes, seconded by Griebenow and passed. This policy will be used only on individual drains when conditions may adversely affect the operation and maintenance of a district drain.

Chairman Hughes adjourned the Drain Board meeting at 10:25 a.m. to conduct the Landowner Meeting scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Hughes called the monthly Dain Board meeting back into session at 11:30 a.m.

STATUS OF DATCP DISSOLUTION

Secretary Magnoni reported that the following arrangements had been made for the dissolution hearing.

DATE: October 9, 2018, at 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Jefferson County Fair Park Activity Center

POSTCARD: Postcard wording has been approved; mailing scheduled for last week of August.

WEBSITE: Website wording has been approved with website to be available prior to postcard mailing.

The Drain Board discussed the arrangements for the meeting including set-up, who will conduct the meeting, and other arrangements needed for a possible large number of attendees.

The Drain Board discussed the Circuit Court dissolution hearing scheduled for September 19 at 2:30 p.m. Attorney Alex Phillips explained the necessity for this hearing, however, every Drain Board member need not attend.

OLD BUSINESS

The Drain Board briefly reviewed Drain #s 44, 14-B, 30/2. The Drain Board directed Ron Griebenow to write a letter to area landowners in Drain 44, addressing homeowner development which is causing water issues downstream in Drain 44.

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

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

The detail of invoices paid can be reviewed in the County Finance Office, Room 109, Jefferson County Courthouse.

The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for meeting of August 13, 2018

Peter H. Magnoni, Secretary

Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board
Landowners' Meeting Regarding Drain #s 20, 20-A, and 13
Jefferson County Courthouse Room 205
Jefferson, WI 53549
August 13, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: David Hughes, Peter Magnoni, Ron Griebenow, and Drain Board Attorneys, Andrew Griggs and Alex Phillips

Landowners Present: Names of landowners present are recorded in the Registration Book at the time of arrival for both Drains 20, 20-A, and 13. Their names are part of the permanent record minutes.

Materials to Assist: The drain maps for 20, 20-A, and 13 were displayed on two television screens for viewership. Each landowner was also given printed drainage district boundary maps prepared by Gerald Kokkonen of the Jefferson County Department of Land and Water Conservation.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Hughes at 10:35 a.m.

Order of Business:

DRAIN 20 AND 20-A

David Hughes introduced the Drain Board members and attorneys. He stated the purpose of this meeting was to hear comments from landowners concerning the proposed clean out of these drains. He stated that comments should only be made by landowners in Drains 20 and 20-A and not from landowners in Drain 13. A separate part of the meeting would be for comments from landowners in Drain 13. Chairman Hughes explained the background as to why joint notices were sent out and why the Drain Board was considering a continuing cleanout of Drain 20 and 20-A. He then called on Attorney Andrew Griggs who stated that there was \$523,000 of benefitted acres in Drain 20 and 20-A. An estimated assessment to do the projected work with a 5% cash reserve would require an assessment totaling approximately \$73,117.10. He stated that a 14% assessment would raise the amount of \$73,220.00.

Six landowners in Drain 20 and 20-A spoke to this proposed clean out giving their names, Drain #s and number of acres they owned. The general discussion centered around the individual landowner's cost based upon their benefitted acres, the 14% assessment, and their actual cost. Other comments raised questions as to when the work would begin.

Following landowner comments, Chairman Hughes stated that based upon the projected benefitted acres, the cost, and the interest expressed by landowners, the Drain board would proceed to clean this drain with work projected to begin after crops are out this fall 2018. Wherein a 14% assessment was recommended and, hearing no objection, it was ordered by the Drain Board.

DRAIN 13

Chairman Hughes then opened the meeting to hear comments from landowners in Drain 13. He stated that they were invited to this meeting because some landowners received both notices and because Drains 20 and 20-A are in the center of Drain 13. In addition he stated that Drain 13 along with six other drains with court-ordered stop work orders were petitioned for Administrative Dissolution by DATCP. All Drain 13 landowners will be receiving a notice during the last week of August of an informational website and meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. on October 9, 2018, to discuss this issue. The other reason

landowners in Drain 13 were sent the notice was in the event they wanted to petition the court immediately to remove the stop work order (issued 9/21/1945). Then the Drain Board could begin engineering work to determine benefitted acres, complete an assessment, and clean out this drain.

Ten landowners in Drain 13 spoke to this issue of Administrative Dissolution, concerns over where their property was in relationship to the drain, support of dissolution, support of removing the stop work order, questions concerning small one-acre properties, where the drain actually was in Drain 13, and properties that currently were not usable due to high water.

Chairman Hughes referred landowners to the engineering maps for review, including two current maps of Drains 20 and 20-A and the 1945 map of Drain 13. He restated that this meeting for Drain 13 was informational only and no action was in order at this time.

Chairman Hughes adjourned this meeting at 11:25 a.m. following this period of landowner questions, comments and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Magnoni, Secretary