

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Jefferson County Courthouse  
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202  
Jefferson, WI 53549  
January 14, 2019  
9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Ron Griebenow, Peter Magnoni, and Drain Board Attorney, Andrew Griggs

Board Members Absent: David Hughes

Guests: None

Call to Order, with a Quorum Present, was made by Attorney, Andrew Griggs at 9:40 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 20, 2018, Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

In the absence of Chairman Hughes, Attorney Griggs adjourned the Drain Board meeting and called to order the Landowners' Meeting for District Drain #2. (See separate minutes for Drain #2 Landowners' Meeting.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Following the adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting for Drain #2, the Drain Board meeting was called back to order at 10:25 a.m.

**DRAIN 36**

Attorney Griggs referred to his correspondence sent to the D.O.T. He stated that the D.O.T. had called him, however, he had not had the opportunity to return the call. Ron Griebenow reported on the amount of landowner displeasure he was receiving as a result of no activity in this drain district.

**DRAIN 44**

Ron Griebenow submitted an invoice from Kreuziger Drainage LLC for the amount of \$64,567.40. Ron Griebenow then made a motion to pay \$35,000.00 of this invoice at this time. Peter Magnoni seconded the motion. Ron Griebenow stated that he would now contact the Ixonia Bank to borrow the amount needed to pay the contractor in full.

The invoice for \$15,000.00 was received from Herr Directional Drilling LLC for boring and installing the drain line on Gopher Hill Road. The Drain Board then reviewed the claim submitted to Herr Directional as a result of the damage to the culvert, road damage, and associated costs. Secretary Magnoni received a copy of associated legal costs from Attorney Griggs which still needed to be submitted to Herr Directional. The net

difference of the amount billed and claims submitted will need to be part of the bank loan for this drain. Attorney Griggs stated that an additional landowner assessment can take place after January 1, 2020, to satisfy the remaining balance and repay the loan.

#### **DRAIN 20**

The assessment monies have been received and our contractor is ready to begin cleanout work. Contractor Jaeckel has requested a Drain Board site meeting to determine the starting and ending point for the cleanout. The Drain Board agreed to this meeting in the next 10 days.

#### **DRAIN 16**

Information previously received from Chairman Hughes indicated remaining concerns have been addressed. Landowner Rosecke apparently has a clear understanding as he did not attend this Drain Board meeting.

#### **UPDATE DATCP (DISSOLUTION)**

Attorney Griggs has filed a document for the final petition to the Circuit Court. He indicated he would send the postcard language which the County needs to complete the landowner mailing to Secretary Magnoni. The Board discussed the January 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court hearing. At this hearing, Judge Brantmeier set the final hearing date for March 21, 2019, beginning at 2 p.m. and would be addressing each drain individually targeted for dissolution. Due to the large number of postcard invitations, Judge Brantmeier requested the use of the County Board Room for the hearing.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **DRAIN 15**

Attorney Griggs and Ron Griebenow stated they are working on the billing information which will be completed shortly. Attorney Griggs advised that all prior costs not billed to the County due to no money in the Drain fund should be included.

##### **DRAIN 44**

The homeowner association meeting regarding their discharge of water into Drain #44 has not been arranged.

##### **DRAIN 14-B**

Ron Griebenow reported that Contractor Jaeckel has completed all work on this drain.

#### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

Secretary Magnoni reported that County Administration has reported to him that the Drain Board members are not covered under the County's policy for Workers' Compensation. Magnoni stated that he has requested a bid from a private insurance agent and expects to have it available at the February Drain Board meeting.

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LANDOWNERS' MEETING REGARDING DRAIN #2  
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9:40 a.m.

Board Members Present: Peter Magnoni, Ron Griebenow, and Drain Board Attorney, Andrew Griggs

Board Member Absent: David Hughes

Landowners Present: Names of landowners present are recorded in the Registration Book and are attached to these minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Attorney Andrew Griggs at 9:47 a.m.

Order of Business:

**DRAIN #2**

Attorney Griggs stated that the purpose of this meeting was because this drain had repair issues and needed further cleanout. He stated that no assessment had been done in 15 years. This drain has a total assessment value of \$14,389.50 at 100% and \$10,792.12 at the 75% level. The Drain Board recommended the 100% level as the fund only has a balance of \$1,079.52 with repair bills of \$5,261.83 waiting to be paid. The landowners had a number of questions for the attorney and Drain Board members. Following the questions and comments the following action was taken:

1. Attorney Griggs stated that a vote by the landowners was only advisory and would give the Drain Board some understanding as to how the landowners felt about the assessment and cleanout.
2. Jeff Gerner then made a motion to support 100% assessment to raise \$14,389.50.
3. Mr. Gerner's motion was seconded by Joe Brown who was acting as agent for Lisa Heinen.

The vote was called: 3 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 9 abstained.

The Drain Board's position was to immediately move forward to raise the assessment and begin repair and cleanout work. Attorney Griggs committed to immediately complete the assessment with a due date by March 31, 2019.

Secretary Magnoni reminded the landowners to mark their field tiles with metal posts with PCV pipe over the metal posts. He indicated that our contractor would be contacting each landowner concerning where to place woody growth and spoils. It is expected that cleanout work might begin immediately.

Attorney Griggs adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Magnoni, Secretary