

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202
Jefferson, WI 53549
February 10, 2020
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by Secretary Magnoni at 9:33 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Griebenow, Magnoni; Absent - Hughes
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Board approved the agenda for February 10, 2020
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Agenda posted on County website
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Drain Board approved the minutes of the January 13, 2020 board meeting..
6. CORRESPONDENCE: January 17, 2020 letter received from Mike and Dawn Peters
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Landowners Mike and Dawn Peters from Drain District 44
8. REPORT OF DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 36

On January 14, 2020, a meeting was held in Madison with the D.O.T. regarding the tiles under Highway 16. All Drain Board members were present including Attorney Andrew Griggs and DATCP Engineer Bart Chapman. The outcome for corrective action is expected in the near future. Secretary Magnoni was asked to follow-up with the D.O.T. by email.

B. DRAIN 33

Secretary Magnoni reported on a January 23, 2020, meeting with landowners Kuhl and Haerterich and contractor Jaeckel. All parties agreed to the work to be done with costs not to exceed \$3,000.00. Secretary Magnoni reported that the work was completed during the week of February 3 through 7.

C. DRAIN 44

1. Landowners Mike and Dawn Peters appeared before the Drain Board with concerns over the process of installation of the replacement tile. They submitted a copy of a letter to Attorney Griggs concerning their assessment being higher than it should be. Their letter also explained the issue with Guardian Pipeline cutting off drainage to the drainage ditch. They also submitted a copy of a paid invoice totaling \$1,252.00 for replacing a culvert damaged by the pipeline and farmer traffic which they are submitting to the Drain Board for reimbursement to them. The Drain Board stated that Attorney Griggs was out of town and an engineer's opinion of their claim of improper assessment was needed. This opinion had not been received as of the date of this Board meeting. The Drain Board asked the Peters to put into writing the issue of culvert replacement resulting from pipeline and farmer use. This request for Board consideration was difficult to understand and needed to be in written form. No action was taken by the Drain Board on any items presented by Mike and Dawn Peters.

2. The Drain Board is waiting for Attorney Griggs' return to complete the release form for both Contractor Kreuziger Drainage and the Town of Ixonia.

3. Secretary Magnoni reported that the insurance company for Herr Drilling has contacted him concerning the need for a response to their offer to settle this claim. Magnoni said the response was awaiting Attorney Griggs' return.

D. DRAIN 2

Secretary Magnoni reported on the site inspection of the open ditch with Landowner Jeff Gerner and Chairman Hughes. Secretary Magnoni reported that Chairman Hughes, at a later date, also met with Contractor, Tom Jaeckel on the site. This clean out cost was time and materials. Secretary Magnoni reported this clean out was completed during the week of February 3 – 7.

9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

A. DRAIN 20

Ron Griebenow reported that Contractor Jaeckel was working on a section of this drain. Another section scheduled for cleaning needed the landowner's presence to make a firm decision for the tree removal placement. Griebenow said he would coordinate the landowner meeting with Tom Jaeckel.

B. DRAIN 15D

Secretary Magnoni reported that Chairman Hughes met with the landowner and Contractor Tom Jaeckel. Chairman Hughes reached agreement with the landowners that they would personally employ Contractor Jaeckel for the cleanout under Drain Board supervision. Contractor Jaeckel was informed in writing that all costs for this cleanout were to be billed to the landowner, not the Drain Board.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

A. Attendance at the Drainage School was not approved by the Board.

B. Secretary Magnoni discussed the problem of landowners not being reachable because only 30% of landowners have land lines. Cell phone numbers are not published. Future notification will be by U.S. mail in letter form.

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

	<u>DRAIN #</u>
a. Griggs Law Group	Multiple drains
b. Jaeckel Brothers	Multiple drains
c. We Energies	36

The detail of invoices paid can be reviewed in the County Finance Office, Room 309. Jefferson County Courthouse.

12. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Drain Board will be Monday, March 9, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of February 10, 2020.

Peter Magnoni, Secretary

Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board