

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202
Jefferson, WI 53549
June 8, 2020
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:30 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Magnoni, Hughes
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Board approved the agenda for June 8, 2020
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Agenda posted on County website
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Drain Board approved the minutes of the May 11, 2020 board meeting..
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Mike Humcke, dated June 1, 2020
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Beth Gehred, Lake Owners' Association
Barton Chapman, DATCP engineer
8. REPORT OF DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 36

The Drain Board and Attorney Griggs discussed the possible approach to legal action against the D.O.T. with reference to the culvert replacement under Hwy 16. Attorney Griggs advised the Board that he believed the better approach would be to continue to negotiate and try to reach an agreement.

B. DRAIN 44

1. Attorney Griggs reviewed the Application for Construction or Modification to Approve Specifications Pursuant to ATCP 48.36. Following the review, Engineer Barton Chapman discussed the background as to why this was necessary and how the procedure would flow. The Drain Board accepted the application and set the date of July 13, 2020, at 10 a.m. for the public hearing notice/landowners' meeting to discuss and review this application. Engineer Chapman requested that the Drain Board document and place into the drain file that an 18 inch drain tile (pipe) is under Gopher Hill Road.
2. Attorney Griggs reported that no additional offers have been received from the insurance company. The Board discussed the counter proposal suggested by Attorney Griggs which the Drain Board approved.
3. Secretary Magnoni indicated that he had many questions concerning the interpretation of both the statute and administrative code the Drain Board is expected to follow. He recommended to Mr. Chapman that training be conducted for drain board members if Mr. Chapman's employment time allocation permitted. The secretary had two questions of immediate concern from the board:
 - a. If a landowner, without notification to the Drain Board, replaces a culvert in the drain and the Drain Board finds out after the fact, what can or should the Drain Board do? Mr. Chapman answered that there are many statutory remedies available to the Drain Board including having the culvert removed by the landowner.

b. A number of culvert requests that come to the Drain Board are for replacement of field culverts due to newer farm equipment being so large that the 20 foot standard culvert length is not adequate. Mr. Chapman stated that culvert bank shore-up with cement blocks or culvert cap extensions would not require DATCP approval.

D. DRAIN 15

Chairman Hughes reported that he had talked to a Lake Mills Township supervisor who continues to claim they will remove the stones under Britzke Bridge. Dan Prunuske, Chairman Hughes and Secretary Magnoni have all been to the bridge site recently and report that the water was down, however, the water quality was not clear enough to photograph the bottom of the drain. Attorney Griggs indicated that he would be having a phone conversation with the circuit court on this issue within a few days.

9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

A. DRAIN 20

The letter correspondence from Mike Humcke was discussed. Ron Griebenow was to follow up with Mr. Humcke and, with Contractor Jaeckel, get this berm repair completed.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

The Drain Board reviewed and discussed the price quotation from Timewell Drainage Products. The comparison of prices between the two types of culvert products was discussed.

The Drain Board discussed with Attorney Griggs the non-payment of legal services for Drain #1. Attorney Griggs is to follow-up with the County.

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

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, July 13, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will also host the landowners' meeting public hearing for Drain #44.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of June 8, 2020.

Peter Magnoni, Secretary

Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board