

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

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:35 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Hughes and Magnoni; Absent - Griebenow
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Board approved the agenda for November 9, 2020
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Agenda posted on County website
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Drain Board approved the minutes of the October 12, 2020 board meeting.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: None
8. Report of Special Meeting – All Drain Board members present.

The Drain Board discussed the points made by Attorney Griggs at the October 28, 2020, special meeting held in Watertown. This special meeting was necessary due to the Marc DeVries memo of October 5, 2020, concerning the Finance Committee's decision to cease funding of the Drain Board effective January 1, 2021. At the special meeting, Attorney Griggs stated he would be informing all stakeholders who will be affected by the action of the Finance Committee. At present, Attorney Griggs has advised the Drain Board to pause all work in progress until this matter is resolved.

9. REPORT OF DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 15 MAIN

1. Secretary Magnoni reported that he had met on site with contractor Jaeckel to review the bid on stone removal at Britzke Bridge. Following this review, the final status of all bids was sent to Attorney Griggs to be referred to the Town of Lake Mills.
2. Secretary Magnoni reported that he and contractor Jaeckel, along with landowner Larry Stockfish, completed a total inspection of 15 Main north of Britzke Bridge. The purpose of this inspection was to obtain agreement between contractor Jaeckel and landowner Stockfish concerning the cleanout work to be done. Following this inspection, contractor Jaeckel and landowner Stockfish were provided county maps detailing where the work was to be done.

B. DRAIN 44

1. The Secretary reported that Attorney Griggs had received a final offer from the insurance company regarding their insured, Herr Well Drilling. Attorney Griggs asked the Drain Board for their opinion concerning this offer. The Drain Board agreed that this offer was not acceptable and asked the Secretary of the Drain Board to discuss this matter with Attorney Griggs regarding any legal action going forward.
2. The Secretary reported that Attorney Griggs had communicated that Bart Chapman of DATCP had requested an affidavit of mailing and the newspaper publication proof

which Attorney Griggs forwarded to him. The Drain Board awaits DATCP response to the Application/Modification approval.

C. DRAIN 20

Ron Griebenow had reported to Secretary Magnoni prior to this board meeting that he and contractor Jaeckel had not yet inspected this drain.

D. DRAIN 32

Secretary Magnoni reported that he and contractor Jaeckel had met on site and walked the drain to determine the extent of this cleanout. The Board directed Secretary Magnoni to send contractor Jaeckel a letter and county map asking him to produce a cost estimate. A copy of this letter and map should be also sent to landowner Smith. In addition, Secretary Magnoni will have county land information send a list of landowners to Attorney Griggs to begin the assessment. The landowner meeting is to be scheduled in January 2021, the first date that all Drain Board members will be present.

9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

None

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

1. Secretary Magnoni reported on the slow-down on the annual report project due to the pause recommended by Attorney Griggs.

2. DRAIN 36

Secretary Magnoni reported that he and board member, Griebenow had completed a drain inspection due to a landowner complaint of unapproved field tiling. The site was photographed with photo copies attached to the agenda. Attorney Griggs has advised not to proceed at this time concerning this issue.

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

	<u>DRAIN #</u>
a. Griggs Law Group	Multiple drains
b. We Energies	36
c. Jaeckel Brothers	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, December 14, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of November 9, 2020.
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board