

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202
Jefferson, WI 53549
November 8, 2021
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:30 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Chairman Hughes, Secretary Magnoni, and Ron Griebenow
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Chairman Hughes to approve the agenda; seconded by Ron Griebenow. Motion carried.
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Agenda posted on County website
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021, monthly Drain Board minutes and the October 25, 2021, Landowners' Meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed 3-0.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: None

7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Anita Martin (Jefferson County Board District 13), Patricia Cicero (Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department), Marc DeVries (Jefferson County Finance Director), Cindy Diestelmann (Jefferson County Finance Systems Specialist), and J. Blair Ward (Jefferson County Corporation Counsel)

8. GENERAL ITEMS REQUESTED BY JEFFERSON COUNTY:

Blair Ward explained to the Drain Board that the County has decided to set the Drain Board per diem rate at \$40 per Wis Stats 88.17 item number 7. He later stated that the effective date of the change would be December 1, 2021. The Drain Board questioned if the per diem rate per Wis Stats had been changed since it was set a number of years ago. Marc DeVries stated that he believed the Finance Committee would continue funding the expenses of the Drain Board at the current level of \$10,000.00 annually. Secretary Magnoni indicated that the appointments of all Drain Board members have expired and he did not believe any of the board members were seeking reappointment. Blair Ward stated that Patricia Cicero has been assigned to assist the Drain Board and she would accept the responsibility of finding replacement board members. The Drain Board reminded Ms. Cicero that individuals must meet requirements of Wis Stats 88.17 number 2h. Secretary Magnoni stated he believed the Drain Board members would stay on during this period of transition. Secretary Magnoni also questioned the County concerning their authority to make these changes. Blair Ward went on to explain that they did have the authority and suggested that a transition plan, qualifications for Drain Board members, and a future funding formula for the County be considered. The Drain Board did not take any action on any items discussed/proposed by the County.

9. REPORT OF DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 15 MAIN, 15A, 15B, 15C, AND 15D

The Board discussed the Landowners' Meeting of October 25, 2021, and stated that the assessments were to be sent out by December 1, 2021, with payment due by year end.

Future work on these drains would need to wait until assessment monies were received.

B. DRAIN 44

Chairman Hughes stated that Engineer Dan Prunuske had not sent any new information regarding the mapping request made by DATCP.

C. DRAIN 16

The Board discussed the request of Ranger Power for a meeting. Attorney Griggs had suggested three possible meeting dates,,however, he has not received any response. The engineering maps and action plans will need to be submitted to DATCP following a meeting with Attorney Griggs.

D. DRAIN 32

Ron Griebenow reported that a hold up was because a landowner had not harvested his soybeans. In addition, there was a question regarding which side of the drain spoils were to be placed. Secretary Magnoni stated that the soybeans had now been harvested and spoils were to be placed on the west side of the drain. We need to move ahead as the contractor is available and west weather is forecasted.

9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

DRAIN 15MAIN/BRITZKE BRIDGE

The Drain Board expressed concern that Lake Mills Township Attorney Lee Leverton, had called Drain Board Chairman Hughes demanding that the Drain Board seek out a contractor, prepare bid specifications, provide mapping, etc. Secretary Magnoni stated that Attorney Griggs has reminded Mr. Leverton not to directly contact Drain Board members. Magnoni stated that to help move this project along he did meet with Contractor Jaeckel at Britzke Bridge to review the status of stones in the ditch, review the bank removal site to enter the ditch and where to place the stones when removed. From the ditch. However, Lake Mills Township has a contractor who, under oath in court, stated he would complete the stone removal at a cost of \$5,000.00. The Circuit Court gave Lake Mills Township 90 days to remove the stones.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW: None

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

	<u>DRAIN #</u>
a. 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 date for the next meeting of the Drain Board is Monday, December 13, 2021, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 202.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. moved by motion by Chairman Hughes and seconded by Ron Griebenow.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of November 8, 2021,
Peter Magnoni