

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202
Jefferson, WI 53549
December 20, 2021
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by Secretary Magnoni at 9:34 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Secretary Magnoni, Ron Griebenow and Attorney Andrew Griggs. Board Member absent - David Hughes
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Secretary Magnoni to move “Report of Drains: A. Drain 16” to 10:00 a.m and approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Ron Griebenow. Motion carried.
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Agenda posted on County website
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ron Griebenow made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Secretary Magnoni and passed 2-0.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Magnoni presented an email printout from Casey Palon, CJP Excavating LLC, requesting to be placed on our contractor list.
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Thirteen landowners from Drain 16 attended to be present during the Crawfish River Project presentation. The attendees’ names are attached to these minutes. In addition, Emily Straka (Ranger Power), Matt Clementi (Stantec), and Dana Halverson (Alliant Energy) were present.
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 15

The Drain Board discussed the work completed by Jaeckel Brothers, contractor for the stone removal at Britzke Bridge. Attorney Griggs reported that the assessment to landowners had been sent out. Secretary Magnoni reported that landowner, Stenjen, in 15 Main had telephoned and was concerned about his assessment. He asked if it was possible for an individual landowner to be removed from the Drainage District. Secretary Magnoni will discuss this question with Attorney Griggs and respond to Mr. Stenjen.

B. DRAIN 16 (PUBLIC HEARING)

There were 13 landowners attending this meeting to hear and discuss the Crawfish River Project. Emily Straka of Ranger Power and Matt Clementi of Stantec presented progress on this project to this group. There were many questions asked by the landowners. The Drain Board asked if anyone in attendance opposed this project or were of the opinion that the Drain Board should oppose it. There was no response from the group of landowners. Ranger Power stated that they had agreed to the clean out of the drain included in the project area so future cleanouts would not become an issue. This clean out and all other costs would be paid by Ranger Power and not be charged to the district drain. In addition, Ranger Power wants to use the Drain Board contractor to do the maintenance work and possibly the installation of the five culverts. They asked that

Secretary Magnoni arrange a meeting between the project's general contractor and the Drain Board's maintenance contractor so work can begin. The Drain Board stated that a set back of 40 feet (more if possible) with an ideal set back of 75 feet should be agreed to prior to the installation of the wild life fencing. This set back is important due to spreading of spoils so not to cause a high damming berm which would hold back surface water. Ranger Power stated that they would approve 40 feet and consider extending the set back to a greater area. The Drain Board reminded everyone that the Crawfish River Proposal submitted to DATCP has not been approved as of this date.

C. DRAIN 30

Secretary Magnoni reported that a landowner telephoned and reported a possible blockage on Stoney Creek, backing up water into Drain 30. Magnoni stated he had walked the creek up to I94, however, the blockage seemed to be north of I94. Magnoni was attempting to get landowner permission to enter private land to inspect. If blockage was found he would report it to the DNR for removal.

D. DRAIN 32

Secretary Magnoni reported that Contractor Jaeckel had completed the maintenance from County Q to about ½ mile north of West Road. The contractor was working on the tree removal before completing the maintenance work.

E. DRAIN 44

Attorney Griggs reported to the Board that Engineer Dan Prunuske had sent a cost estimate to DATCP for the land mapping, however, DATCP has not yet responded to the cost estimate. Attorney Griggs also reported that he has sent an acceptance letter of the offer made by the insurance company for damage done on the Drain 44 issue.

9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

There were no additional updates or discussions on items presented by Jefferson County personnel on November 8, 2021.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

There was considerable discussion regarding the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Association of County Drainage Boards. Topics discussed were the name change and assessment of residential properties, business properties, and municipalities that are in drainage districts. The Drain Board approved the annual dues of \$100.00 for 2022 on a motion by Ron Griebneow, seconded by Secretary Peter Magnoni. Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

| | <u>DRAIN #</u> |
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| a. We Energies | 36 |
| b. Griggs Law Group | Multiple Drains |
| c. Wis. Assoc of County Drainage Boards | General |

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, January 10, 2022, 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 11:07 a.m. moved by motion by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Secretary Magnoni.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of December 20, 2021,
Peter Magnoni, Secretary,
Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board

