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**JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD**  
 Monthly Board Meeting  
 Jefferson County Courthouse  
 311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202  
 Jefferson, WI 53549  
 January 10, 2022  
 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: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed 3-0.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Patricia Cicero submitted copies of “Drainage Board Duties, Appointments, and Recommendations for Appointments”.
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Patricia Cicero from Land & Water Conservation and Anita Martin, Jefferson County Board District 13.
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

**A. DRAIN 16**

The Drain Board discussed the various items presented at the December 20 presentation by Ranger Power and Stantec for the Crawfish River Project. Secretary Magnoni reported that landowner Abendroth requested an on site appointment concerning a question he had regarding the cleaning of the drains. Magnoni did visit the site, answered the question and did report this activity to Ranger Power.

Chairman Hughes requested that the action taken by the Drain Board, setting the 40 foot setback, be checked for filing with Jefferson County. This action was taken at the August 13, 2018, Drain Board meeting, establishing the policy. DATCP’s opinion on establishing the policy was reviewed and discussed at the July 9, 2018, Drain Board meeting. At the June 9, 2018, Drain Board meeting the Board discussed the need for the policy and requested DATCP’s opinion.

Secretary Magnoni stated that the request by Ranger Power to have the Drain Board contractor, Jaeckel Brothers, do the maintenance and culvert installation had not been scheduled by the project’s general contractor. The expectation is that it will be scheduled during the next two weeks.

The Drain Board has not received a response from Bart Chapman, CATCP, regarding approval of the Crawfish River Project.

**B. DRAIN 15 MAIN**

The Drain Board was unaware of the status of the assessment for the Town of Lake Mills from Attorney Griggs. The billing for the construction work was sent to Attorney Griggs by the Town attorney.

**C. DRAIN 30**

Secretary Magnoni reported that the inspection of the Stoney Creek blockage was not complete due to deep snow and cold temperatures. He stated that he will complete this assignment within the next week.

**D. DRAIN 32**

Ron Griebenow reported that the project of maintenance was now complete with the cost being \$2,000 less than the assessment estimate. The invoice was received from the contractor, approved for payment, and this project is considered finished.

**E. DRAIN 44**

The Drain board has not received any communication from Engineer Dan Prunuske concerning the project estimate sent to DATCP for approval. The Board has not received any additional information from Attorney Griggs concerning the insurance settlement.

**9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Patricia Cicero reported that she had sent copies of the Drain Board duties to various governmental units seeking nominations to the Drain Board. She also reported that Jefferson County was also considering raising the per diem rate (Wis Stats #88.17, item 7) which allows the county to reimburse addition per-diem dollars over the state policy amount of \$40.00. This change was being considered based upon the County’s better understanding of the actual staff work done by the Drain Board. Anita Martin asked if the Drain Board would consider changing its meeting time to allow for interested parties to attend other meetings. After discussion of this item no action was taken.

Discussion concerning the notification to developers who build in drain district areas about getting prior approval and possible assessments was explored. This policy was directed to Drain Boards by Bart Chapman, DATCP in his statement, if you dump water into a drainage district ditch you are to be assessed. Patricia Cicero volunteered to call and discuss this matter further with Bart Chapman of DATCP.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW: None**

**11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

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|                          | <u>DRAIN #</u>  |
| a. We Energies           | 36              |
| b. Griggs Law Group      | Multiple Drains |
| c. Jaeckel Brothers, Inc | 32              |

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, February 14, 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 10:45 a.m. Moved by motion by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of January 10, 2022,  
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board