

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting

Jefferson County Courthouse

311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202

Jefferson, WI 53549

June 13, 2022

9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:35 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Chairman Hughes, Secretary Magnoni, and Ron Gribenow
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Chairman Hughes to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ron Gribenow. Motion carried.
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Agenda posted on County website
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Hughes made a motion to correct the minutes (#11, Approval of Invoices, Room #309, Finance Office) to Room #109, and with this correction approves the minutes of the May 9, 2022, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Gribenow and passed 3-0.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Magnoni made note of the attachment to the minutes of correspondence sent to Ranger Power regarding the application of Badger State Solar Project.
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Landowners, Bruce Degner and Greg Rupnow from Ixonia Drain #41 attended the meeting as did Patricia Cicero from Land & Water Conservation.
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

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

1. The Drain Board reviewed with photos the completion of brushing work north of Britzke Bridge, on the east side of the drain. Chairman Hughes made a motion to brush the west side of Main North ½ mile to lateral one of Britzke Bridge north. Secretary Magnoni seconded the motion which passed. Following this motion the Drain Board requested that Jaeckel Brothers not proceed at this time with this brushing until a later date, allowing all cots to be evaluated. The Drain Board also reviewed, with photos, the completion of work south of Britzke Bridge to Hwy 18. This brushing included both the west and east side of the drain.

2. The Drain Board discussed the assessment work done by Design Tech and reviewed State Statute 88.48 of the Wisconsin State Administrative Code. They also watched the video of the Town of Lake Mills board meeting concerning this issue of assessments. Chairman Hughes made the following motion concerning this assessment and reimbursement issue with the Town of Lake Mills: Invoice #2022-3 Valia Excavation, this cost will be considered by the Drain Board to be the late entry fee into the drainage district and payment for the years of benefit without being assessed. Invoice #2022-2 Jaeckel Brothers, will be reduced by the cost of the assessment, the cost of work done by Design Tech engineer, and the legal costs of Attorney Griggs and a final balance check will be issued to the Town of Lake Mills. Copies of all invoices provided by the engineer and legal counsel are to be included with the check along with an explanation sent by Attorney Griggs to the Town of Lake Mills, as final payment for reimbursement to remove stones from Drain 15Main. This motion was seconded by Ron Gribenow and

passed. The Drain Board requested that Secretary Magnoni send a draft copy of the explanation notice to the Drain Board for their review with the final reviewed draft to be forwarded on to Attorney Griggs.

**B. DRAIN 41**

Chairman Hughes made a motion to change the agenda to allow guests, Rupnow and Degner to address the Drain Board. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and carried. Bruce Degner stated he wanted his request to do maintenance on this drain withdrawn. Greg Rupnow stated that he did not have access to 3 ½ acres of land across from the drainage ditch due to poor conditions of the culverts. After discussion it was decided that Ron Griebenow would visit the area and measure the current culverts to determine the exact size. This drain would require an assessment as the funds in the drain would not support culvert replacement. There was no decision by the Drain Board.

**C. DRAIN 16**

Secretary Magnoni reviewed the correspondence sent to Ranger Power dated May 12, 2022, Ranger Power is now upgrading their engineering maps which are needed to conduct a landowner/public hearing. Currently this meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2022, however, Ranger Power needs to confirm this date as landowners' notices need to be sent out.

**D. DRAIN 20**

Ron Griebenow reported that Jaeckel Brothers did deliver the culvert to landowner property and it will be installed after crop out.

**E. DRAIN 44**

Secretary Magnoni communicated a directive from Attorney Griggs that the insurance claim check is to be picked up and deposited with County Finance into Drain 44. Ron Griebenow is to pick up the check and get it deposited with County Finance..

**F. DRAIN 41**

The request from a landowner from Dodge County for admittance to this drain is not moving ahead.

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

The Drain Board discussed older agenda items including Drain Board appointees, status of Dane County drain issues, per-diem rates and mileage. The Drain Board asked Patricia Cicero if she could secure accounting of county costs for the past six months of Drain Board expenses paid by the County. No decisions were made on any of these items.

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

**11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

The Drain Board reviewed and approved some invoices for payment:

	<u>DRAIN #</u>
a. We Energies	36
b. Griggs Law Group	Multiple Drains
c. Jaeckel Brothers (approved by on hold)	15Main, A, B, C, D

The detail of invoices paid can be reviewed in the County Finance Office, Room 109. Jefferson County Courthouse.

12. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting of the Drain Board is Monday, July 11, 2022, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 202. This meeting could be a landowner/public hearing on the Badger Solar Project.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Moved by motion by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of June 13, 2022  
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board