

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting

Jefferson County Courthouse

311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202

Jefferson, WI 53549

July 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:32 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Chairman Hughes (by Zoom) and Secretary Magnoni. Ron Griebenow was absent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Chairman Hughes to correct the agenda, specifically Item C (Drain 44) which should be Drain 36 and with this correction moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Peter Magnoni. 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 June 13, 2022, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Peter Magnoni and passed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Magnoni introduced a letter from Randy Bermke of Alliant Energy confirming the 40 foot setback requirement for the fence line on the Crawfish River Solar Project. (See attached)

7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Patricia Cicero from Land & Water Conservation and Anita Martin, Jefferson County Board District 13..

8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 15MAIN

Attorney Griggs stated that no additional correspondence had been received from the Town of Lake Mills regarding the assessment issue.

B. DRAIN 16

Public Hearing Badger Solar Project

Emily Straka from Ranger Power and Matt Clementi from Stantec presented to the landowners in attendance the drain ditch maintenance work being proposed for the Badger Solar Project. There was considerable discussion from landowners on topics such as the 40 foot setback, future maintenance of the drainage ditches, field tile removal, status of the construction work and the culvert replacement issue with requests for the Drain Board to inspect culverts on the south entrance to the Crawfish River Solar Project. Emily Straka raised the question regarding the reason Ranger Power needed to pay for ditch cleaning in areas of the project where solar panels would not be installed. The Drain Board responded that it was because all drains ditches are part of the total system and if left uncleaned they would silt in the drain ditches that had been cleaned. The landowner names of those attending are attached to these minutes.

C. DRAIN 36

Attorney Griggs reported on the video conference he attended with D.O.T. on the subject of culvert replacement under Hwy 16. He stated that the D.O.T. was receptive to the replacement which has a construction time frame of 2025. The fund status for Drain 36 is \$4,387.90, not the \$17,614.09 which was noted in the agenda (item C/Drain 44). An assessment may need to be considered when the Hwy 16 project begins for Drain 36.

Bruce Degner stated that the public hearing on Hwy 16 was being held by the D.O.T on July 12 at the Watertown Library,

D. DRAIN 41

Secretary Magnoni stated that Professional Vegetation Management will be completing a bid for the aqua spraying of this drain. Ron Griebenow will be getting an estimate for the clean out of a section of the drain from Jaeckel Brothers. Both estimated bid costs are needed for the assessment. The assessment hearing for landowners is scheduled for September 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. Attorney Griggs suggested that the Drain Board attempt to get at least three estimates.

9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

- a. Patricia Cicero discussed the county's expenditures of the Drain Board for the first six months of 2022. The expenditures were 50% less than mid-point budget. The Drain Board commented that an unusual amount of time was spent for the solar projects in Drain Board districts. This resulted in Ranger Power paying Drain Board expenses and less work/time spent on maintaining district drains.
- b. No candidates have been identified to replace current Drain Board members at this point.
- c. The check from the insurance carrier has been credited to Drain 44.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

- a. A suggestion was made by Anita Martin that a written contract be created between Jefferson County and the Drain Board. This contract would spell out the costs to the County with categories for each cost item. Anita asked if Attorney Griggs could draft a sample and send it on to Corporate Counsel. for review. Attorney Griggs stated he would be agreeable to this task and would draft a sample for Corporate Counsel.
- b. Patricia Cicero suggested that any work for on-going assessments that could be done by her department could reduce legal expenses and might result in a cost savings. Attorney Griggs then outlined all the various steps in the assessment process. Attorney Griggs suggested he would be supportive of this suggestion and would look for tasks that could be performed by Land & Water Conservation.

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

With only one Drain Board member present to approve invoices, approval of the invoices was delayed until the next Drain Board meeting.

12. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting of the Drain Board is Monday, August 8, 2022, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 202. This will not be a Zoom meeting...

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Moved to adjourn by motion by Chairman Hughes and seconded by Secretary Magnoni. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of July 11, 2022
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board

DRAIN 16 LANDOWNERS: JULY 11, 2022, JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER (920)

Dave Schreder	N 5163 Co. Rd. A Cambridge	920-650-7384
Russ Taylor	W 1540 Gopher Hill Rd	920-998-9342
Emily Strala	226 N. Morgan St. Chicago 60607	303-478-4664
MATT CLEMENTI	SMATEL - 12080 Corporate Parkway ^{MEADOW} 53092	262-617-9113
Anita Martin	TC Board District 13 Lake Mills	920 285 6875
Camdi Pitzer	W 4977 Popp Rd Jefferson	920-605-0052
Chris Fusha	W 7006 County Road J	920-723-5775
Tyson Barnes	W 7002 County Rd J	920-728-2681
Tom Chapman	N 4589 Pioneer Dr. Sullivan	414-861-8166
Barb Schuster	N 4426 Cty Rd Co Fort	920-674-3941
GERALD SAYRE	N 4212 CITY RD G FERT	920-674-2511
GEORGE SAYRE	W 6891 CITY RD J JEFFERSON	920-674-3098
Mary Kich	N 1685 Brumley Brook Ln	920-650-1162
Paul Akers	N 5010 Hwy 6 Lake Mills	920-728-2227
Bob Howard	W 5787 mud Lake Rd Lake Mills	920 605 6278



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Crawfish River - Follow up on setbacks from drainage

1 message

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Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 7:10 AM

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Cc: "Bermke, Randy" <RandyBermke@alliantenergy.com>

Greetings,

My apologies on the delay for the drainage district set back verification.

This Email is to confirm that the 40 foot setback requirement from the district #16 drains to the project fence line is being meet for all areas on the Crawfish River project.

Please let me know if this Email is sufficient for your needs or if you require something more formal.

We appreciate the cooperation your teams have provided for our project and look forward to solid long term relationship.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thanks

Randy

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