

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting

Jefferson County Courthouse

311 S. Center Avenue, Room 202

Jefferson, WI 53549

August 8, 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 July 11, 2022, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Patricia Cicero from Land & Water Conservation and Anita Martin, Jefferson County Board District 13, and Bruce Degner, landowner, Drain 36 and Drain 44...
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:
 - A. **DRAIN 16**

Secretary Magnoni indicated he had visited the site, however, high vegetation growth limited access. (Photos were shown). Chairman Hughes, after reviewing engineering maps, indicated the culverts were 2 at 36 inches and 1 at 48 inches in width. No decision was made as inspection will be done after crop out. The suggestion for culvert inspection was made by Tyson Barnes. If the culverts do need replacing then it would make sense to clean out the ditch. This may require an assessment. Secretary Magnoni reported the names of the current landowners in this part of the drain (copy attached).
 - B. **DRAIN 41**

Secretary Magnoni presented the bid from Professional Vegetation Management of \$1500.00 for the section of the drain sprayed previously. Ron Griebenow was not able to get the bid from Jaeckel Brothers Inc. Ron stated he will get this bid in two weeks which is needed by Attorney Griggs for the assessment. The landowner meeting is confirmed for the September drain board meeting.
 - C. **DRAIN 44**

Secretary Magnoni reported that he had talked to Engineer Dan Prunuske concerning the current status of the objection raised by Bart Chapman, DATCP Engineer, related to the tiling. Prunuske stated that he needed to get additional information to Bart Chapman.
9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION
 - A. **DRAIN 36**

Landowner, Bruce Degner, reported on the D.O.T. meeting he attended at the Watertown Library. Bruce stated that he needed copies of Engineer, Dan Prunuske's opinion of who installed the culvert under Hwy 16. D.O.T. stated at the meeting that they had no information as to who installed this culvert. Chairman Hughes stated he would check his records to see if he had a copy of Dan's opinion. If he does not have a copy he will call

Dan Prunuske to get a copy from him. If this fails then contacting Attorney Griggs would be an additional source. Once a copy is secured then it will be sent on to Bruce Degner.

B. Patricia Cicero reported that she and Secretary Magnoni attended the County Finance meeting and both spoke on the subject of funding for the Drain Board's costs. The Finance Committee voted to approve \$10,000.00 of funding for 2023.

C. Patricia Cicero passed out copies of the proposed line item Budget Request. The Drain Board's opinion was that this funding level was adequate. Attorney Griggs also responded and was supportive of the funding amount.

D. The Drain Board discussed the possible assessment duties which could be performed by Land and Water Conservation. There was also discussion about the current status of the expenditure agreement between Jefferson County and the Drain Board. Patricia Cicero stated that she was drafting a sample agreement for future consideration.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

A. Ron Griebenow raised this question concerning Drain #36. A culvert under a private driveway (in our drain) was installed by the landowner a number of years ago. This culvert may need to be replaced. The Drain Board asked the Secretary to ask Attorney Griggs to render an opinion as to who is responsible to pay for the culvert and installation. The Drain Board asked Ron Griebenow to contact Jaeckel Brothers to remove trees along this section of this drain.

B. Chairman Hughes discussed a possible meeting with the City of Cambridge, the Town of Oakland Waste Water, and the Cambridge Waste Water Board to discuss the need to remove deadfall trees from the Drainage Ditch south of Hwy 18. The chairman stated he would do the contact to set up the meeting.

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The Drain Board reviewed and approved some invoices for payment.

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Drain #
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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, September 12, 2022, in Room 205, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. for all Drain 41 landowners. This will be a Zoom meeting...

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Moved to adjourn by motion by Chairman Hughes and seconded by Ron Griebenow. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of August 8, 2022
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board