

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting

Highway Department Committee Room

1425 South Wisconsin Drive

Jefferson, WI 53549

November 14, 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 correct agenda item #10 (Bob Lippert Drain #14 culvert issue to Drain #20). He then made a motion to approve the agenda as corrected. Both motions seconded by Ron Griebenow and 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 October 10, 2022, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Magnoni referred to correspondence/material sent to Richard Vela, D.O.T., from Daniel Prunuske, Engineer. Magnoni Also referred to correspondence from Attorney Griggs to Barton Chapman, DATCP, regarding the Drain Board's approval of District 16/Badger Solar Project.
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Bruce Degner, Anita Martin and Patricia Cicero
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

**A. DRAIN 16**

The Drain Board discussed the on-site visit of Drain 16 requested by Alliant Energy. The Drain Board asked Patricia Cicero to inquire at the Solar update meeting about the issue of incorrectly constructed wildlife fences.

Secretary Magnoni discussed the legal opinion concerning public posting of Drain Board meetings which was provided by Attorney Blair Ward.

Chairman Hughes reported that he had not heard the status of the tile repair/maintenance issue from contractor Dennis Kutz.

Secretary Magnoni reported on the proposal on the Badger Solar Project submitted by Attorney Griggs to DATCP.

**B. DRAIN 41**

Ron Griebenow reported that the assessment had not been sent to landowners. After the assessment is sent then work can begin on this drain.

**C. DRAIN 14**

Ron Griebenow reported on the progress of fixing the beaver problem in this drain. It was decided that Chairman Hughes and Ron would visit the site following this meeting.

**D. DRAIN 36**

The Drain Board reviewed Engineer Dan Prunuske's file material received on the D.O.T. issue. The Board discussed the options available with input from landowner, Bruce Degner. There was no direction authorized, other than attempting to get cooperation from the D.O.T. The Drain Board discussed high energy costs of the pump. Secretary Magnoni reported that something must have been done because the energy costs went from \$200 last period down to \$29 for this most recent period.

9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

**DRAIN 36**

Chairman Hughes reported there had not been any response or notification from DATCP concerning this issue.

**DRAIN 33**

Secretary Magnoni reported on the dam removal by Jaeckel Brothers and the problems with the beavers.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

**DRAIN 2**

Chairman Hughes reported that he had not heard from Jeff Gerner about the beaver dam problem. Hughes thanked Patricia Cicero for the detailed map she provided for him on this drain.

**DRAIN 14**

Ron Griebenow reported that he had this issue being worked on with Jaeckel Brothers. The issue involves a field culvert collapse according to landowner, Bob Lippert .

Secretary Magnoni reported that he had met with Marc DeVries, Finance Director for Jefferson County, regarding the possibility of establishing an emergency fund. A problem occurs when an emergency occurs and the respective drain is short on funds. Mr. DeVries suggested that Magnoni meet with the Finance Committee to discuss this issue. The Finance Committee is scheduled for December 7, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The Drain discussed the request of Secretary Magnoni to cover the cost of maintaining a phone land line used only for Drain Board purposes. Following discussion Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the land line cost with receipts. Ron Griebenow seconded the motion which passed.

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board reviewed and approved some invoices for payment:

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| a. We Energies      | Drain #36       |
| b. Griggs Law Group | Multiple Drains |
| c. Jaeckel Brothers | Multiple Drains |

The detail of invoices paid can be reviewed in the County Finance office, 302 South Center Avenue, mobile office across from the County building.

12. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting of the Drain Board is Monday, December 12, 2022, at the Highway Department Committee Room located at 1425 Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson, Wisconsin beginning at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be a Zoom meeting for Chairman Hughes.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of November 14, 2022  
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board