

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Highway Department Committee Room
1425 South Wisconsin Drive
Jefferson, WI 53549
December 12, 2022
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:31 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Chairman Hughes, Secretary Magnoni and Ron Griebenow.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ron Griebenow made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Chairman Hughes and carried.
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Agenda posted on County website
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ron Griebenow made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Chairman Hughes and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Matt Zangl, Anita Martin and Patricia Cicero
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 16

1. Secretary Magnoni indicated that he had been informed that Alliant Energy would be present at this meeting, however, no one attended. He explained that he was told by Randy Bermke of Alliant Energy that the wildlife fencing was incorrectly installed both on Drain Board ditches and private ditches. Mr. Bermke asked for an on-site inspection of the ditches, however, could not approve any expenditure for the inspection. He indicated he would call back if approval was given. No return calls have been received. Unpaid Drain Board expenses and follow-ups were given to Matt Zangl who volunteered to follow-up with Alliant on these open invoices.

2. Chairman Hughes reported that Dennis Kutz has repaired the rotted tile drain. The Chairman said that Kutz should send the bill to the Courthouse.

B. DRAIN 41

Ron Griebenow reported that the assessment has been completed, however, additional review of current landowners needed to be done by Land Information before the mailing could be sent out. The Drain Board discussed that the procedure for assessments is for Drain Board approval prior to mailings.

C. DRAIN BOARD 14

Chairman Hughes and Ron Griebenow reported that upon inspection of the drain they found that Landowner Walters had removed the beaver dam. Ron Griebenow stated that he believed a second beaver dam still existed further west. He also reported that he had not made arrangements for trappers for this drain.

D. DRAIN 36

1. Secretary Magnoni reported that the current energy invoice was not in the list of bills.
2. Chairman Hughes reported that he had requested three contractors' bids for under-road boring in order to determine the cost impact of getting this project completed. The contractors contacted were Michels, Waas and Badgerland. It was discussed that only the DOT could complete this project as the Drain Board does not have the authority to access across or under a state highway.

E. DRAIN 2

Chairman Hughes reported he had received no additional information from landowners concerning this beaver dam issue.

F. DRAIN 20

Ron Griebenow reported he had discussed the culvert replacement with Bob Lippert as to when it could be done. Ron also indicated that he had discussions with an additional landowner concerning a culvert replacement in this drain.

9. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

Secretary Magnoni reported that he and Patricia Cicero had met with the Finance Committee regarding using the County Budget allocation as a loan for emergency purposes if a specific drain account has insufficient funds. Secretary Magnoni and Patricia Cicero reported that the Finance Committee did approve this request as a direct expense of the allocation fund. The provision of a loan for repayment was not necessary. They also included with the approval that if the annual budget allocation was inadequate, the Drain Board would need to come back to the Finance Committee. In addition, if costs exceeding budget were incurred prior to the end of the budget period, the Drain Board could request a carry over to meet the expense obligation. The actual minutes of the Finance Committee concerning this issue will be provided when available.

DRAIN #36 - Chairman Hughes reported that there has not been any response from DATCP concerning the information submitted to them by Dan Prunuske.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

Patricia Cicero reminded the Drain Board members that Drain Board issues can not be discussed unless posted on the agenda.

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board reviewed and approved some invoices for payment:

- a. Griggs Law Group Multiple Drains
- b. 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.

Patricia Cicero reminded Drain Board members that per diem and travel expenses needed to be submitted prior to year end.

12. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Chairman Hughes made a motion to change the date of the January meeting from January 9 to January 16, 2023. Motion seconded by Secretary Magnoni and carried. The meeting will be 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 11:15 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by motion by Secretary Magnoni and seconded by Ron Griebenow. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of December 12, 2022
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board