

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Highway Department Committee Room  
1425 South Wisconsin Drive  
Jefferson, WI 53549  
January 16, 2023  
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: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow 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 December 12, 2022, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Chairman Hughes and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Matt Zangl, Anita Martin, Patricia Cicero, Bruce Degner, Nick Haus, and Michael McBride
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

**A. DRAIN 16**

1. Nick Haus, DESRI, and Michael McBride, DESRI, representing Alliant Energy, addressed the Drain Board and confirmed that the wildlife fencing had been incorrectly installed both on Drain Board ditches and on private ditches. Nick Haus stated that he was opening discussions only and was not making any requests at this time. Mr. Haus' discussion centered on would the Drain Board consider a modification to the approval given on the set back of the wildlife fencing, not only on the current installation, but on remaining areas of the Crawfish Solar Project and all future projects including the Badger Solar Project. Matt Zangl from the County stated that they could review County data on Lidar for the wildlife fencing. Matt suggested that Mr. Haus and Mr. McBride attend the February 12 Drain Board meeting to look at alternatives to the set back line on the drain ditch banks. This subject was discussion only, however, the reaction of the Drain Board was to remain with the original 40 foot set back approval at this time.
2. Mr. Haus stated that he needed W-9 tax forms from Drain Board members to pay the outstanding invoices.
3. Secretary Magnoni stated that the DATCP approval has been received for the Badger Solar Project.

**B. DRAIN 41**

Ron Griebenow reported that assessment monies has been received. Ron Stated that he has discussed brushing with Contractor Chris Haines of Bark River Brush Service. The service being discussed is both brushing and spraying of ditch banks. There was also discussion about culvert repair/replacement in this drain and payment of invoices held awaiting assessment monies.

### **C. DRAIN BOARD 36**

Chairman Hughes reported that as of this date no bids had been received from the contractors for under-road borings.

### **D. DRAIN 15**

Chairman Hughes reported on his discussions with the City of Cambridge about the dead fall tree removal. The Cambridge Community Foundation has received a bid from Jaeckel Brothers, sent to the Village of Cambridge, in the amount of \$8,500.00. This bid included the following conditions:

1. Village of Cambridge responsible to get right-of-ways and permissions from landowners to allow contractor to enter property.
2. If additional trees need cutting, the Village of Cambridge is to help with this effort.
3. All debris is to be piled along the bank 35 feet away from the creek bank.
4. The area to be cleaned is from Hwy 18 (north) to Hwy 12 (south). Trees and brush ready to or fallen into the creek are to be removed.

This drain maintenance is in the discussion stage with no decision made by the Drain Board.

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

- a. Chairman Hughes reported that he has discussed Drain Board appointment with Tom Anfang as a replacement for Ron Griebenow on the Drain Board. Chairman Hughes indicated that Mr. Anfang has said he would serve on the board but would not serve as either chairman or secretary.
- b. The Drain Board had discussion concerning the authority process of county employees performing Drain Board work. These discussions centered around statutory authority granted in Chapter 88.wis.stats and Administrative Code Chapter ATCP48 Wis Adm Code to County offices as calls are received from landowners, contractors, government officials, realtors, and other stakeholders concerning Drain Board matters. No action was taken by the Drain Board.
- c. Secretary Magnoni reported that the Finance Department had denied the payment of the personal phone bill, previously approved by the Drain Board on November 14, 2022, unless a detailed break of calls was provided. Secretary Magnoni stated he would prefer to cancel this landline as the telephone bill does not provide detail of calls received/placed but charges set fee for monthly service. He will give plenty of notice of landline cancellation to the County.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:**

- a. Patricia Cicero suggested that an agenda item be placed on the monthly agenda (Finance Report) which would follow "Report of the Drains" and before the "Previous Agenda Items...". The Drain Board secretary supported this suggestion which will be added on the February agenda.
- b. Anita Martin requested that the Drain Board consider changing the monthly meeting from the second Monday of the month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in order for her to attend other county meetings. No action was taken by the Drain Board.
- c. Secretary Magnoni reported that he had left three messages to Richard Gum to determine where the state drain board association is to meet. No response has been received to date.

**11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

The Drain Board reviewed and approved some invoices for payment:

- a. Griggs Law Group                      Drain #41
- b. Wis Electric                              Drain #36

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 next meeting of the Drain Board will be on Monday, February 13, 2023, at the Highway Department Committee Room located at 1425 Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson, Wisconsin beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by motion by Chairman Hughes and seconded by Ron Griebenow. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of January 16, 2023  
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board

