

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting

Highway Department Committee Room

1425 South Wisconsin Drive

Jefferson, WI 53549

March 13, 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: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Anita Martin and Patricia Cicero
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 16

1. The Drain Board reported that no additional information had been received from Alliance Energy concerning the problem issue with the wildlife fencing. The Drain Board discussed the possibility of issuing a non-compliance warning and also discussed notifying DATCP about this situation. Action was tabled until the April Drain Board meeting. If removal and proper placement of the fencing is not completed, then the Drain Board will have to take these actions.
2. Secretary Magnoni reported he had received a call from David Schroeder who was requesting the Drain Board provide for him the location of drains in District Drain #16. Secretary Magnoni will meet with Mr. Schroeder on March 17 and will provide him with requested information. Anita Martin suggested that the Drain Board may want to pause due to the difficulties in understanding the engineering drawings and the actual placement of the drains. Chairman Hughes disagreed as he has many years of experience reading engineering drawings.
3. All three of the Drain Board members reported that they had not received any information concerning any response from Alliance Energy to Barton Chapman, who had previously requested information from Alliance.

B. DRAIN 41

Ron Griebenow reported that he has not received a bid from Jaeckel Brothers for the brushing project.

C. DRAIN BOARD 36

1. Chairman Hughes reported that no bid has been received from Waas Construction.
2. Ron Griebenow reported that the meeting he and landowner Degner had with Michels about their boring activity revealed that they were drilling the electrical lines further up on the road right away. Therefore, they were further away and not endangering the pump and culvert installation.
3. Secretary Magnoni reported that he had met with Brian Udovich of the Jefferson County Highway Department, updating him on the issues with the D.O.T.

4. Ron Griebenow reported that Attorney Griggs was working on the resistance that the D.O.T. has on the culvert replacement. Ron stated that Attorney Griggs was in contact with both senate and legislative elected officials concerning this issue. Brian Udovich who was part of these discussions via zoom reported that employee turnover at the D.O.T. was a large part of this problem.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Patricia Cicero distributed the final financial report for 2022 of monies contributed by Jefferson County for Drain Board activities. The Drain Board discussed the problems with bills not being paid on a timely schedule by the Finance Department. Patricia Cicero suggested that she and Secretary Magnoni visit the Finance Department after this Drain Board meeting to try to resolve the issue.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

a. **Duesterbeck Culvert**-Chairman Hughes reported that he had spoken to Jaeckel Brotherters about the need for culvert replacement for Duesterbeck and the Lippert culvert. Ron Griebenow stated that he was not aware of these culverts having been installed. Secretary Magnoni stated he had ordered culverts 48' by 60' from Timewise. Timewise stated that they would bill Jaeckel Brothers as they receive the best pricing. Secretary Magnoni talked to Jaeckel Brothers and asked them to pick up the culvert for installation.

b. Chairman Hughes reported that no additional information has been received regarding the Cambridge dead fall tree removal.

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

Chairman Hughes reported that he had spoken with Engineer Dan Prunuske who is on the Board of the State Drain Board Association as to when the annual meeting will be held. Mr.Prunuske indicated "very soon" which now has been reported to be on April 4 in Portage, Wisconsin.

11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board received and approved

a. Wisconsin Electric Drain #36

No other invoices were submitted. The Drain Board restated that Patricia Cicero and Secretary Magnoni are to visit the Finance Office after the meeting to inquire why invoices have not been presented to the Drain Board for approval and paid.

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, April 10, 2023, at the Highway Department Committee Room located at 1425 Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson, Wisconsin beginning at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will NOT be on Zoom.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by motion by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of March 13, 2023

Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board