

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Highway Department Committee Room  
1425 South Wisconsin Drive  
Jefferson, WI 53549  
May 8, 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: 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: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Anita Marten, Patricia Cicero, Brian Udovich, and Dean Jaeger
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

**A. DRAIN 16**

Secretary Magnoni reported he had met with Alliant Energy on the solar project site. He stated that after further review it was determined that the wildlife fencing was incorrectly installed on a private ditch not on a drainage ditch. Therefore, the Drainage Board is not involved. This has been confirmed in writing by both Alliant Energy and Jefferson County Zoning.

**B. DRAIN 41**

Ron Griebenow reported that the clean out of the silting and brushing will need to wait until winter. He further reported that the landowner agreed to this. There was additional discussion about continuing brushing this drain into Dodge County. No action was taken by the Drain Board.

**C. DRAIN 36**

Brian Udovich reported he had met with state D.O.T. officials who in effect stated that they would not accept responsibility for culvert replacement on this drain. A copy of the D.O.T. written response is attached to these minutes. Brian Udovich and the Drain Board then discussed replacing the 18” culvert at landowner expense. This would require D.O.T. to issue a state permit before this work could begin. Chairman Hughes stated he would review the Drain 36 files and discuss this approach with Engineer Dan Prunuske regarding both the engineering and application for the state permit. There was discussion about the Drain Board filing a lawsuit against the D.O.T. No action was taken by the Drain Board on this issue.

**D. DRAIN 20**

Ron Griebenow reported on the status of the Duesterbeck and Lippert culverts. The Lippert culvert was completed by contractor Jaeckel Brothers. The Duesterbeck culvert will wait until next fall/winter. Jaeckel Brothers will pick up culverts from Time Well now and will bill the Drain Board.

### **E. DRAIN 15**

Chairman Hughes stated he was meeting with the City of Cambridge after this Drain Board meeting to get an update on the progress of dead tree removal. The Drain Board also discussed the need to move forward on the brushing north of Britzke Bridge and north of Hwy 18. No action on brushing was taken.

### **9. FINANCE REPORT**

Patricia Cicero passed out a four month financial report of County expenditures for Drain Board matters. She also reported that drone services that could be provided by Jeffersopn County would include \$50 per hour for custom work, staff time costs (estimate not available yet), and possible other costs not identified at this time. It is also important to note that these county services would only be available if the County had time free. Discussion also included reviewing the agreement of the draft contract with Jefferson County. Secretary Magnoni will meet with Patricia Cicero to further work on the agreement.

### **10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION None**

### **11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW: None**

### **11. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

The Drain Board received and approved

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| a. Griggs law Group | Drain #41 |
| b. We Energies      | 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, June 12, 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 11:15 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by motion by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of May 8, 2023  
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board