

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD

Monthly Board Meeting

Highway Department Conference Room

1425 South Wisconsin Drive

Jefferson, WI 53549

October 9, 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. 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 September 11, 2023, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Chairman Hughes and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Reported below under Drain #15
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Anita Martin, Patricia Cicero, and Brian Udovich
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 15

-Chairman Hughes stated he received a call from Todd Lord in Cambridge regarding an inquiry from the DNR concerning the tree and brush removal. The inquiry questioned why erosion control was not incorporated when the work was done. Mr. Lord explained to the DNR that the project was supervised by the Drain Board and he suggested they contact Chairman Hughes. Patricia Cicero commented that she also received an inquiry from the DNR concerning the erosion control issue.

-Patricia Cicero reported that her department was working on a NRCS project regarding the Koshkonong Creek watershed. This project was on the agenda at the April 4, 2023, state association meeting, presented by Steve Becker, State Conservation Engineer for NRCS, and reported on in the April 10, 2023, Drain Board minutes.

-Patricia Cicero reported that she did not have actual estimates for the county videographing services. Chairman Hughes stated that he had a call from Matt Zangl in zoning, which is the department responsible for videographing. Chairman Hughes stated that the discussion was just informational about a possible no charge experimental filming for Drain 15.

B. DRAIN 36

-Chairman Hughes reported that Barton Chapman of DATCP could not interfere in a Drain Board disagreement with another state agency. Mr. Chapman suggested that he review the records of the Town of Ixonia to determine if more information was available concerning the history of this issue. Bruce Degner has reviewed Ixonia records and Chairman Hughes has reviewed county records. Both efforts have not produced needed materials. Efforts to contact landowners along Hwy 16, attempting to find abstracts, have not received any response to date. No action was taken by the Drain Board.

-Brian Udovich reported that his contact with the State County Board Association has not produced any response at this point concerning other county's experiences with issues with the DOT.

-Patricia Cicero reported that her contact with the DNR indicated that this ditch was not considered a navigable waterway.

-Secretary Magnoni stated that he has written an inquiry to Attorney Griggs, however, it has not been sent awaiting the reports from Chairman Hughes, Brian Udovich, and Patricia Cicero. No action was taken by the Drain Board.

C. DRAINS 20 AND 41

Ron Griebenow reported that he had met with contractor Lucas Vellema concerning the brushing for both of these drains. Ron stated that he did not receive actual bids on these drains, however, he would follow up and request them. Ron also stated he wanted to follow-up with his request to Jaeckel Brothers for a bid on these brushing projects.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Patricia Cicero distributed copies of the October Flexible Period Reports.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

Chairman Hughes reported that Matt Zangl in Zoning called him and asked if the Drain Board wanted an explanation as to why agriculture was exempt under the Post-Construction Storm Water Management ordinance. Chairman Hughes said he declined the offer.

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW:

The Drain Board and Patricia Cicero discussed the access code to review drain files which have been digitized. Secretary Magnoni asked if the original files for each drain were going to be retained as hard copies and returned to Zoning? Patricia Cicero stated that they were, however, she did not know where they would be located in the Zoning office.

12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board received and approved

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Drain #36

The detail of invoices paid can be reviewed in the Jefferson County Courthouse, County Finance office, 311 South Center Avenue, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Drain Board will be on Monday, November 13, 2023, at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Committee Room C 1021, First Floor, located at 311 South Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of October 9, 2023
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board