

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Highway Department Committee Room
1425 S. Wisconsin Drive
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549
July 15, 2024
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by David Hughes at 9:31 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 remove “which district map”, item c. Drain 15 Main through 15D, from the agenda and also make the correction of the month “June” to July. Ron Griebenow seconded the motion 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 June 10, 2024, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: See agenda-DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Patricia Cicero, Bruce Degner, Danielle Thompson, Matt Zangl, Anita Martin, Brian Udovich, Dean Jaeger, and Tracy Saxby.
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 41

-Ron Griebenow reported that due to flooding, he and Andy’s Excavating were not able to enter property to review culvert size.

-Secretary Magnoni reported that the DNR permit application for spraying was denied due to a variety of conditions. Their conditions would be difficult to overcome so the contractor and the Drain Board would not be moving forward for spraying. Bruce Degner stated he had reviewed the drain and he believed that one section was blocked by cattails and if they were removed the drain would flow. The Drain Board decided to move ahead with cleaning the section with a back hoe after crop out.

B. DRAIN 36

A significant number of changes have occurred so agenda items listed were not addressed. Brian Udovich reported on the work done with the DOT to produce a Permit Application, State/Municipal Financial Agreement, and Memorandum of Understanding, which was drafted by Danielle Thompson, Jefferson County Corporate Council. Secretary Magnoni reported that Drain Board attorney, Andy Griggs had contacted him to arrange a conference call to address these items on Tuesday, July 16 at 11 a.m. Brian Udovich and Bruce Degner will join the Drain Board in this conference call. The Drain Board did not take action on the produced documents awaiting the legal advice from attorney Griggs. If the legal advice did not create obstacles then the Drain Board would call a special meeting to move forward to approve these proposals. The meeting requirement for a special meeting is post agenda not less than 24 hours prior to the special meeting.

C. DRAIN 15 MAIN THROUGH 15D

Secretary Magnoni reported that the assessment month has been changed from September to November, however the date and time has not been set. Magnoni also said after discussion with the County Treasurer putting the assessment on the tax roll was not an issue. The Secretary also

said that Bart Chapman was securing the special assessment formula used by Dane County. Tracy Saxby displayed the district maps necessary for the special assessment. The Drain Board must decide on the match-up of properties within district boundaries. The Drain Board believes the district boundaries should follow the parcel lines. Tracy Saxby will print the district maps which Secretary Magnoni will pick up in the future. Matt Zangl stated the meeting of this assessment must be held at the County Board meeting room due to security reasons.

D. DRAIN 30

Chairman Hughes reported that the new information is that Drain 16 also had damage to their field culvert which proved to be damage from the solar project trucks and not related to the Drain Board repair responsibilities.

E. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS - None

9. FINANCE REPORT

Patricia Cicero passed out the current month's financial report. Secretary Magnoni reported that he met with Marc DeVries concerning the unpaid \$800.00 plus bill from Attorney Griggs. No progress was made as Mr. DeVries requires a contract between the County and Mr. Griggs' law firm.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

- a. Directory of officials will be picked up by Secretary Magnoni this month.
- b. Plat books: Matt Zangl reported they will be available sometime in 2025.
- c. Sinnissippi Solar: no new information
- d. Badger Solar: PSC has not made a decision on Badger's request for a third extension.
- e. Matt Zangl reported that a new solar project is in planning for the Whitewater area. This project will be in both Jefferson and Walworth Counties.

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW-None

12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board received and approved the following invoices:

- a. We Energies (2 months) Drain #36
- b. Kutz Drainage Drain #30

The detail of invoices paid can be reviewed in the County Finance office, 302 South Center Avenue, mobile office across from the County building.

13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Drain Board will be on Monday, August 12, 2024, at the Highway Department Conference Room, 1425 South Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson, WI 53549, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This **will not be** a Zoom meeting.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of July 15, 2024
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board