

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

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by David 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 add Drain #41, under “C. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS” and the approve the agenda as amended. 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 August 12, 2024, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Email from Anita Martin. See item #10, “PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION”
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Patricia Cicero, Bruce Degner, Matt Zangl, and Brian Udovich
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 36

The Drain Board discussed the issue of the assessment to be “Not later than December 31, 2024,” contained in the County/Drain Board Memorandum of Understanding. Brian Udovich will ask Corporate Counsel if this agreement stipulation requires a contract amendment because the D.O.T. will not have bid results until after January 2025. No other information was given concerning this project.

B. DRAIN 15 MAIN THROUGH 15D

Secretary Magnoni reported that the special assessment formula was not received from Dane County via DATCP. Chairman Hughes reported that he was working with Dan Prunuske, engineer, who agreed that the Drainage District map for Drain 15 Main was not correct. Dan stated he would attempt to get the map corrected. Dan also agreed that a flat rate assessment was the way to go, with a possible benefitted acres amount of \$50,000 with a 10% assessment. Chairman Hughes is to get a time line so the Board and attorney can plan for the landowners’ meeting. It was agreed that the current date of December 10 was not possible. It was agreed to set a new date in February 2025, subject to the availability of Attorney Griggs and having corrected maps.

C. DRAIN 41

Ron Griebenow reported that he had met with Andy’s Excavating regarding the culvert replacement. Ron received a bid from Andy’s in the amount of \$8,475.00 to replace the culvert. The Drain Board tabled this bid as current funds do not support payment of this bid amount and there is a question of this culvert being in the District or not.. Ron is to follow-up with Jaeckel Brothers to remove cattails from this drain.

D. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS

None

9. FINANCE REPORT

Patricia Cicero passed out September flexible period report indicating that \$5,452.64 of the \$10,000.00 county allocation has been spent year to date.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

a. Solar ordinance update – The Drain Board discussed the email from Anita Martin as it related to any new information on Badger, Crawfish, Whitewater or Sinnissippi solar projects.

SPECIAL NOTE: Following the Drain Board meeting, Secretary Magnoni received a call from Emily Straka of Ranger Power, representing Badger Solar. She indicated that Badger was requesting a 3rd request for an extension until July 1, 2025. However, Badger must be under construction by May 31, 2025, or landowners' rental leases will expire. The third request for extension to the PSC will be reviewed this month.

b. Erosion control and storm water ordinances – No new information was given concerning these two issues.

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW-None

12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

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| a. Griggs Law Group | Drain #36 |
| b. Griggs Law Group | Drain # 15Main-#15D |

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, October 14, 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 10:25 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Chairman Hughes and seconded by Ron Griebenow. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of September 9, 2024
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board