

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Highway Department Committee Room  
1425 S. Wisconsin Drive  
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549  
October 14, 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 approve the agenda. 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 September 9, 2024, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Reports on emails and telephone calls.
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Bruce Degner, Matt Zangl, Brian Udovich, and Anita Martin
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

**A. DRAIN 15A – 15D**

The Drain Board discussed the current status of the assessments for these drains. The report from Engineer Dan Prunuske regarding the redrafting of the maps of Drain 15A, has not been received. Without the redraft of the maps, the Drain Board decided to not set an assessment date in the future until the redraft has been received. This was discussed with Attorney Griggs, who is in agreement to wait for the redraft of the maps

**B. DRAIN 41**

Discussion between Ron Griebenow and landowner, Bruce Degner resulted in moving forward, after crop out, the time for cleaning of cat tails from this drain.

**C. DRAIN 36**

Landowner Dean Jaeger reported to the Board that the pump was not working. He has contacted an electrician to look at the pump to determine if to fix or replace. The Drain Board at the suggestion of Attorney Griggs, to move ahead to set a landowner assessment date without the bid results from the D.O.T. This date is Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The location is the County Highway Department Committee Room. Secretary Magnoni will notify the County to send landowner names to Attorney Griggs. The assessment amount will need to wait for the cost of the pump and also needs to include any outstanding bills. Chairman Hughes stated that the Drain Board will need to review the new pump set up if the D.O.T. project would happen to fail and not proceed. The Drain Board asked the Secretary to get the value of the Drain to determine the amount that could be assessed.

**D. DRAIN 16**

Anita Martin reported that Badger Solar has possibly filed for bankruptcy. She said the PSC received a proposal from Dairyland Solar to purchase Badger. Secretary Magnoni reported he had received a request from Nick Haus, who may be representing the new owners who want to

immediately clean the drain that was to be cleaned in the original contract with Badger Solar. Mr. Haus requested copies of the maps of this drain which was included in the proposal with Badger Solar. Secretary Magnoni reported he did make copies of the maps, illustrating the actual cleaning areas, and mailed them to Nick Haus. The Drain Board awaits additional information concerning this request.

#### **D. DRAIN BOARD AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None

#### 9. FINANCE REPORT-None

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

#### 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. 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.

#### 13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Drain Board will be on Monday, November 11, 2024, at the Highway Department Conference Room, 1425 South Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson, WI 53549, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This **will be** a Zoom meeting.

#### Special Note

The Drain 36 Assessment Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Jefferson County Highway Department Committee Room, 1425 S. Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549.

#### 14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of October 14, 2024  
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board