

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Highway Department Committee Room
1425 S. Wisconsin Drive
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549
November 11, 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 October 14, 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, Anita Martin, Patricia Cicero, Tracy Saxby and Nick Hasel
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 36

Bruce Degner stated that the pump was pulled and is now in his shop. No replacement or repair has been secured. The issue discussed was the need to determine the name of the pump contractor who installed the current old pump. Chairman Hughes is to follow up with the Michigan pump firm. Secretary Magnoni is to visit the County to attempt to find the invoice for the pump dating back to the 1980s. The Drain Board is attempting to determine what the assessment amount needs to be. Secretary Magnoni will discuss with Attorney Griggs if a staggered assessment is possible.

SPECIAL NOTE: A call has been made to Attorney Griggs, who stated he was not in favor of a staggered assessment, plus the cost to repair the existing old pump must be known before the assessment amount can be determined.

B. DRAIN 15

Chairman Hughes reported that the report from Dan Prunuske on redrafting the maps of Drain 15A have not been received. Without this report no assessment meeting can set.

C. DRAIN 16

Secretary Magnoni reported that no new information has been received from Nick Haus regarding the cleanout of this drain. Anita Martin reported that the PSC has granted the 4th extension to Badger Solar. Matt Zangl stated that he was of the opinion that the acquisition of Badger Solar by Dairyland would be approved.

D. DRAIN 41

Ron Griebenow reported that Jaeckel Brothers had completed the cattail and silt removal from this drain. He stated that the silt would be spread next spring and a separate bill would be charged for this work and would be submitted at that time. Ron Griebenow also reported on

advice given him by Attorney Griggs indicating that the Drain Board was obligated to replace the culvert, however only 20 foot which is the standard size. If the landowner wants a larger culvert size, then the additional cost for that increase would need to be paid for by the landowner.. The Drain Board awaits the response from the landowner before proceeding.

E. DRAIN 35

Landowner Nick Hasel addressed the Drain Board requesting directions concerning his plan to tile land that would drain into a district drain. After discussion Chairman Hughes stated that drain tiles that drain into private ditches do not need approval. He suggested that after the drain tile map is drawn, return to the Drain board if it appears that the tiling would drain into a district drain.

F. DRAIN BOARD AGENDA ADDITIONS

None

9. FINANCE REPORT- Patricia Cicero passed out the current flexible period report dated 11/11/24. No comments were made concerning this report.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION -None

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW-

Secretary Magnoni referred to attached Notice of Insurance Policy renewal. He referred the Drain Board to the call made to Mark DeVries, (date written on the notice), who stated that the renewal was in progress.

12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

- a. 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, December 9, 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.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of November 11, 2024
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board