

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Highway Department Committee Room
1425 S. Wisconsin Drive
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549
January 8, 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: Motion to approve by Ron Greibenow, seconded by Chairman Hughes 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 December 11, 2023, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Hughes stated he will address under Drain 15.
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Patricia Cicero, Anita Martin, Brian Udovich, Bruce Degner, Joe Strupp and Jerry Kokkonen

8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 15

The Drain Board reviewed the letter of support sent to Land and Water Conservation for the NRCS watershed project for Drain 15 and Drain 23 (Dane County) with copies sent to Chapman (DATCP) and Becker at NRCS. The Drain Board authorized the letter to be sent.

Patricia Cicero introduced Joe Strupp and Gerry Kokkonen, who did an informative presentation of videography completed on two sections of north Drain 15. This project was a test of what could be a service to the Drainage Districts. Suggestions were given for how future planning might improve. Costs to the Drain Districts for this service will be provided at the February Drain Board meeting.

Chairman Hughes gave a report concerning the current status of the response to the DNR issue. He stated that a response was necessary as compliance to Wis Stats 88 under the various sub-chapters may not be fully understood. He also stated that the City of Cambridge may need to have a meeting with the Drain Board before moving forward.

B. DRAIN 36

Brian Udovich reported that the meeting with DOT Secretary, Craig Thompson, will possibly take place in January 2024, because a meeting in December 2023 could not be arranged.

C. DRAIN 16

Secretary Magnoni reported on the current status of the Badger Solar Project and its request for an additional year of extension to delay construction. Anita Martin reported that she had contacted the PSC to determine if they were going to give Badger Solar an extension to delay construction another year. The PSC has not responded to Ms. Martin's request as of the date of

this Drain Board meeting. Hopefully the Drain Board will have Ms. Martin's response by the February 2024 meeting

D. DRAIN 20/41

Ron Griebenow reported that Jaeckel Brothers will begin brushing and culvert replacement or repair this month. Ron also reported that it was still the interest of the Drain board to move forward in 2024 with the ditch spraying of these drains. As previously agreed, Vegetative Management Services in Plover, Wisconsin will secure all DNR permits in March 2024 with spraying to be done in July/August.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Patricia Cicero distributed copies of the current finance reports and again made everyone aware that all bills need to be submitted prior to end of 2023. There was discussion concerning legal charges that may not have been applied against the Jefferson County budget. Secretary Magnoni is to review the charges.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

- a. The Erosion Control and Storm Water Ordinance remains with the work group of the county.
- b. Anita Martin reported that a solar project ordinance has been submitted to the County Board of Supervisors. Anita Martin stated that the Drain Board needed to look into this ordinance as the Board has a vested interest. Bruce Degner stated that there are other parties in Jefferson County who also have vested interests and should be notified. Ms. Martin informed the Board that this ordinance sets up rules for new solar projects being submitted to Jefferson County.

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW: None

12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

No invoices were received from County Finance for approval.

13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Drain Board will be on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Highway Department Conference Room, 1425 South Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson, WI 53549, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Motion for the location was made by Chairman Hughes and seconded by Ron Griebenow and carried.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of January 8, 2024
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board