

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
Monthly Board Meeting
Highway Department Committee Room
1425 S. Wisconsin Drive
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549
February 12, 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 Chairman Hughes, seconded by Ron Griebenow 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 January 8, 2024, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Hughes stated he will address under Drain 15. Secretary Magnoni will address under “Previous Agenda Items...”
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Patricia Cicero, Brian Udovich, and Bruce Degner
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 15

Patricia Cicero stated that the costs for videography services has not been completed.

Chairman Hughes stated that he had responded directly to DATCP engineer, Bart Chapman, regarding the boundary dispute for the Cambridge clean out issue. He stated that Mr. Chapman changed his position with the DNR and apologized for his error in reading the engineering maps. The Drain Board awaits the response from the DNR.

B. DRAIN 36

Brian Udovich reported that he was unable to schedule a meeting with Secretary Thompson.

Bruce Degner stated that he had begun reviewing old records in Zoning looking for land sales to the State. Mr. Degner asked the Drain Board for help in this review of records as it is a time consuming job. Secretary Magnoni and Ron Griebenow stated they would help. The date and time was set for February 27 from 9a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Zoning Conference Room. The boxes of old records will be in the Conference Room.

C. DRAIN 16

Secretary Magnoni reported that he had not heard from anyone concerning the Badger Solar project request for an additional year extension from the PSC.

D. DRAIN 20/41

Ron Griebenow reported that he had met with Jaeckel Brothers on site to get this project started. Jaeckel Brothers stated that currently the ground conditions were too soft for heavy machinery to drive over. If conditions improve due to cold weather they could then move forward. However, if the conditions do not improve it may be late spring before work can begin.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Secretary Magnoni stated that he talked to Donna Miller in the Finance Department, who stated that \$800.00 in legal bills, dating back to 2022, had not been paid due to not having detailed information. Secretary Magnoni then called the Law Office of Andrew Griggs who had the detailed information mailed to Donna Miller. At this Drain Board meeting Patricia Cicero had a copy of the detail information and stated that Marc DeVries, the Finance Director, continues to deny payment from the County Drain Board budget. The Drain Board asked Secretary Magnoni to follow-up with Mr. DeVries concerning this issue.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION

The Erosion Control and Storm Water Ordinance: No additional information received.

Solar Ordinance: Secretary Magnoni reported he had received a copy from Corporate Counsel (copy also attached to these minutes). After his review he raised the question, "If the Drain Board wished to respond to the working draft of the ordinance, to whom do we direct the comments?" Patricia Cicero suggested we send our comments to Matt Zangl in Zoning.

Secretary Magnoni stated he had received correspondence from Lennie Dylan, developer of the Sinnissippi Solar Project. The correspondence is attached to this agenda. Secretary Magnoni's response to Mr. Dylan was proper, which is for him to attend the March 11, 2024 Drain Board meeting.

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW: None

12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board received and approved the following invoices:

- a. Griggs Law Group Drain 15Main -D
- b. We Energy 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, March 11, 2024, at the Highway Department Conference Room, 1425 South Wisconsin Drive, Jefferson, WI 53549, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of February 12, 2024
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board