

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Jefferson County Building
Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue
Jefferson, WI 53549
March 10, 2025
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 February 10, 2025, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Bruce Degner, Matt Zangl, Brian Udovich, Anita Martin, Patricia Cicero, Gregg Rupnow, and Dean Jaeger
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. DRAIN 41

Chairman Hughes stated that the item of “culvert” as been on the agenda for Drain 41 nineteen times and we still do not have resolution. Gregg Rupnow discussed the history of this issue and made a recommendation to the Drain Board. He recommended that he would provide silo staves to reinforce the area of the drain causing the problem. The Drain Board agreed to his recommendation and stated that the Board would need to get two bids before moving forward. The discussion then proceeded as to the incomplete brushing of the Drain 41 in terms of where the drain ended. Following this discussion landowner, Gregg Rupnow withdrew his offer to provide silo staves as a resolution for this problem. Then Chairman Hughes stated that the Drain Board did not have a resolution, therefore, he was tabling this item moving forward until the next eligible time for an assessment.

B. DRAIN 36

-Bruce Degner, landowner, presented the cost to the Drain Board for the new pump including all installation costs. These costs presented are not the total amount for this project, however, the range will be between \$18,000.00 and \$20,000.00. There was discussion about LED lighting as an option to indicate the status of the operation of the pump. Chairman Hughes stated he would contact Carry Pumps to get a firm and final bid in order to move forward. He will include Jefferson County’s tax exempt number when contacting Carry Pumps. This action was approved on a motion by Chairman Hughes, seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.

-Brian Udovich reported on the pre-construction meeting held on March 5, 2025. He mentioned the starting time and that Bruce Degner and Secretary Magnoni were also present at this meeting.

-Brian Udovich also stated that the change order brings the total cost to \$36,519.90. Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.

-Secretary Magnoni stated that a copy of the fire number from the Town of Ixonia was attached to the minutes.

C. DRAIN 15

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Chairman Hughes reported that he has left voice mails for Engineer, Dan Prunuske concerning when his report will be provided and also left a voice mail for Attorney Griggs concerning annexation. He said he did not receive any return calls.

D. DRAIN 45

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Secretary Magnoni reported that he received a request from a contractor in Decatur, Illinois, requesting the last clean out and culvert information. He stated a small area of this drain will be in the Sinnissippi Solar Project. Magnoni said the contractor was put in contact with Tom Jaeckel who did the cleaning on April, 20, 2021.

E. DRAIN BOARD AGENDA ADDITIONS

DRAIN 1

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Chairman Hughes stated he was contacted by the DNR concerning cement blocks being placed into this drain. Chairman Hughes stated he reported that after a landowners' meeting on November 11, 2019 this drain was dissolved. The Chairman also provided the DNR with the names of landowners who were responsible for approving this action.

9. FINANCE REPORT-

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Patricia Cicero distributed the Jefferson County Flexible Period Report for March 10, 2025.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION - NONE

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW-NONE

12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

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The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

- a. WE Energy Drain #36

The detail of invoices paid can be reviewed in the County Finance Office, 311 South Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI

13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Drain Board will be on Monday, April 14, 2025, at the County Building, Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue, 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 10:44 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Chairman Hughes and seconded by Ron Griebenow. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of March 10, 2025
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board