

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Jefferson County Building
Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue
Jefferson, WI 53549
April 14, 2025
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by David Hughes at 9:37 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 March 10, 2025, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Jake Borth (Highway Department), Derek Anderson (Highway Department), Bruce Degner, Matt Zangl, Brian Udovich, Patricia Cicero, and Gregg Rupnow
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. Comments from Guests

Drain 41: Landowner, Gregg Rupnow addressed the Drain board concerning what action the Drain Board was taking with his culvert issue. Because Drain Board minutes are not published on the county website until after they are approved, he was not aware of the action of the Drain Board at the March meeting. Chairman Hughes asked Secretary Magnoni to read Drain 41 minutes out loud for Mr. Rupnow. There was discussion concerning this issue, however, the position of the Drain Board remains unchanged.

B. DRAINS 32/14

Peter McFarland, landowner in Drains 32/14 was to attend the Drain Board meeting requesting to tile water into the drains and the issue of installing a roadway culvert under a county road. Mr. McFarland was not at this meeting so the Drain Board tabled this request.

C. DRAIN 36

-Bruce Degner gave a report on the current status of the pump replacement project. He indicated that he was doing some fabrication and the high school students were also doing fabrication. Bruce submitted bills to be paid and bills he had paid personally. The Drain Board approved vendor bills for payment and withheld reimbursement of bills Mr. Degner had paid until all bills are submitted.

-Brian Udovich reported on the progress of the DOT on Hwy 16 road construction. He stated that the culvert replacement was possibly scheduled for next week or the week after next. He and Bruce Degner would review progress on this installation. The financial report indicated that some bills could be immediately paid as landowners are submitting assessment payments.

D. DRAIN 15

Chairman Hughes reported that progress was now occurring with communication between Attorney Griggs and Engineer Prunuske. It appears that engineering is now complete and directions are being planned for annexation. The Drain Board awaits the final outcome in order to schedule a date for assessment

E. DRAIN 45

The Drain Board has not received any new information on the progress with the Sinnissippi Solar Project. Matt Zangl reported that he had information that the Badger Solar Project was moving forward. The final date for starting construction is July 1, 2025.

F. DRAIN BOARD AGENDA ADDITIONS**DRAIN 45**

Correspondence from Donald Anderson of Professional Vegetation Management provided costs for spraying if over a three-year period. Bruce Degner reported that the drain currently was moving water at an acceptable level. The Drain Board decided not to move ahead with this spraying due to both additional costs and DNR issues.

DRAIN 33

Secretary Magnoni reported that the maintenance project of weed removal was completed for this drain. The good news is that water levels in the drain dropped down by two feet which put lateral tiles now above the water level.

FINANCE REPORT-

Patricia Cicero distributed the Jefferson County Flexible Period Report for April 14, 2025.

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. WE Energy | Drain #36 |
| b. David Hughes reimbursement of
Personal payment to Carry | Drain #36 |
| c. Griggs Law Group | Drain #36 |
| d. Griggs Law Group | Drain #41 |
| e. Griggs Law Group | Drain #15 |
| f. Jaeckel Brothers | Drain #36 |

Bruce Degner submitted invoices he personally paid from the Town of Ixonia (electrical permit) and Menards. Because there will be additional invoices paid by Mr. Degner, the Drain board will hold these until all invoices are submitted.

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, May 12, 2025, at the County Building, Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This **will not be** a Zoom meeting.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Chairman Hughes and seconded by Ron Griebenow. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of April 14, 2025
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board