

**JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

**Drain 15 Annexation Meeting Regarding Annexation of a Portion of Land in the Town of Lake Mills along Britzke Road and London Road**

**Highway Department Meeting Room 1425 S. Wisconsin Drive**

**Jefferson, WI 53549**

**July 24, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Town of Lake Mills Annexation Meeting**

1. Call to order: Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Roll call: Drain Board members present: Chairman Hughes (via TEAMS), Secretary Peter Magnoni, and Ron Griebenow; Legal Counsel Andrew Griggs; and Drain Board Engineer Dan Prunuske.
3. Purpose of meeting: Chairman Hughes stated the purpose of this meeting would be presented by Attorney Griggs and Engineer Prunuske. However, he noted the Drain Board was complying with Wisconsin Statute 88.78 Annexation of Beneficial Lands and the focus of the meeting was regarding the annexation of land in the Town of Lake Mills.
4. Attorney Griggs reviewed the history and lawsuit associated with the Britzke Bridge issue. He presented the Circuit Court final order and a summary of the work activity completed. This issue was the motivating condition which led to completing annexation. The petition for annexation outlined some areas that would bring a portion of the Town of Lake Mills into the Drainage District.
5. Engineer Prunuske then explained the petition which included the Britzke Bridge beneficial acres and some areas that are benefited along London Road. He also presented areas in the Cambridge location that needed to be included in the District Drain. Attorney Griggs then stated that the purpose of this meeting was to complete annexation to bring acres that are being benefited by drainage into the District Drain.
6. Chairman Hughes then opened the meeting to those in attendance for their comments, concerns, and opinions. Comments stated included the concern over: the need for future maintenance work, where does annexation stop and does this annexation only apply within the district drain. A concern was raised as to whether the Town of Lake Mills had received the meeting notice. Dave Schroeder stated that on Monday, July 21, 2025, he had discussed the meeting notice with Robin Untz and if the Town had received the notice. Patricia Cicero, Director of Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation, who did the meeting notice mailings, stated that she did mail the notice to the Town of Lake Mills. In addition, the notice of this meeting was posted in the Daily Jefferson County Union newspaper three times and posted on the Jefferson County website. Attorney Griggs reported that he had sent the meeting notice to the attorney who represented the Town of Lake Mills.
7. Following attendees' comments, Chairman Hughes made a motion to annex lands listed on the petition to the District Drain. Ron Griebenow seconded the motion which carried.
8. Chairman Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Drain 15 Annexation Meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion was seconded by Ron Griebenow and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Drainage Board

JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
Landowners' Meeting Drains 15 Main, A, B, C, and D  
Highway Department Meeting Room  
1425 S. Wisconsin Drive  
Jefferson, WI 53549  
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1. Call to order: Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.
2. Roll call: Drain Board members present: Chairman Hughes (via TEAM), Secretary Magnoni, and Ron Griebenow; Legal Counsel Andrew Griggs; and Drain Board Engineer Dan Prunuske

3. Purpose of meeting:

Chairman Hughes explained why the assessment is necessary at this time. He reported that the Drain Board had their engineer, Dan Prunuske re-draft the areas north and west of Cambridge to include commercial properties who are in the benefitted acres area. He indicated that maintenance was needed in most of the district drains and fund balances were running low. Attorney Griggs explained the cost impact to accomplish maintenance work, replenish fund balances to required levels and pay for current engineering and legal costs

**Drain 15 Main**

Chairman Hughes presented the current maintenance work to be done and the associated additional engineering and legal costs. Micheal Ziarnik stated that it was his opinion that brushing was not needed. Other landowners stated that previous work was done by property owners, however, work needs to be done with additional water coming from Sun Prairie and the drainage impact of Amazon.

Following discussion Chairman Hughes made a suggestion to approve 14.4% of assessed value (\$12,994.63) to cover maintenance, legal and engineering costs, some of which are shared with the other district 15 drains. Dave Schroeder made a motion to approve the \$13,000.00 assessment. The motion was seconded by Dennis Zeloski. There was no discussion. Attorney Griggs called for a vote by hands raised. Results: Yes 4: No 6. The vote was advisory only. The Drain Board did not take a vote action on this drain until all engineering and specifications are finalized.

**Drain 15A**

Chairman Hughes stated that this drain needed brushing and tree removal which was blocking water flow in the drain. Larry Stockfish, landowner, said there were both trees down in the drain and trees that needed to be removed. Larry Behm, landowner, previously reported that drain banks were dropping soils into the drain along his drain property line. Following these discussions Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve a 4% assessment of assessed value which would be approximately \$4,551.77. David Schroeder seconded the motion. Attorney Griggs called for a vote by hands raised. Results: Yes 5; No 3. This action is considered advisory only. The Drain Board did not take a vote action until all engineering specifications are finalized.

**Drain 15B**

Chairman Hughes stated that this drain needs brushing particularly on the west side of the drain. In addition the fund balance was very low, (\$532.01) and could not meet obligations of current expenses. Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve a 48% assessment of the assessed value which would generate approximately \$11,999.96. Dave Schroeder seconded the motion. Attorney Griggs called for a vote by hands raised. Results: Yes 4; No 4. This action is considered advisory only. The Drain board did not take a vote action until all engineering specifications are finalized.

**Drain 15C**

Chairman Hughes stated that this drain did need brushing. In addition the fund balance was very low (\$738.56) and could not meet current expenses, particularly engineering and legal costs associated the assessment. Following discussion Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve a 20% assessment of assessed value which would generate approximately \$9,997.78. The motion was seconded by Larry Stockfish. Attorney Griggs called for a vote by hands raised. The results were Yes 4; No 3. The action is considered advisory. The Drain Board did not take a vote action until all engineering specifications are finalized.

**Drain 15D**

Chairman Hughes stated this drain needed maintenance attention and also an increase in the fund balance to the required level to pay for both engineering and legal costs. The Chairman then made a motion to approve a 5% assessment of assessed value which would generate approximately \$4,481.00. The motion was seconded by David Schroeder. Attorney Griggs then called for a vote by hands raised. The results were Yes 4; No 3. This vote was advisory only. The Drain Board did not take a vote action until all engineering specifications are finalized.

4. Following the above business Chairman Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Landowners' Meeting at 11:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Secretary Magnoni and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Drainage Board