

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Jefferson County Building
Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue
Jefferson, WI 53549
September 8, 2025
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by David Hughes at 9:31 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 August 11, 2025, monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Drain 16: See attached to minutes
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Bruce Degner, Tracy Saxby, Patricia Cicero, Matt Zangl, and Cyndi Pitzner
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. Comments from Guests-None

B. DRAINS 15 MAIN, A, B, C, AND D

- The Drain Board discussed the status of notification to landowners. It was reported that Attorney Griggs had not completed the assessments. Chairman Hughes stated he would follow up with a call to Attorney Griggs
- Secretary Magnoni reported that a meeting was scheduled with the DNR at the DNR Lake Mills office. The date is September 22 at 11 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to provide notification that the Drain Board is going to do maintenance work on those drains which cross DNR property and need maintenance.

C. DRAIN 16

- Chairman Hughes stated he had answered questions asked by contractor Jaeckel Brothers to complete the bid for work to be done for Badger Solar. Secretary Magnoni stated he delivered the construction map provided by Badger Solar to Contractor Jaeckel. Cyndi Pitzer, landowner in Drain 16, stated that the culvert on her property needed to be looked at. The Drain Board will ask Jaeckel Brothers to look at the culvert and let us know what is the problem.
- Chairman Hughes stated he would notify all landowners in this drain by telephone of the drain ditch cleanout.

- Secretary Magnoni reported that a current news bulletin indicated that the "USDA was ending tax payer funded solar on U.S. farm land." The Drain Board discussed this issue in terms of what future impact this would have on solar projects in process.

D. DRAIN 30

- Chairman Hughes stated that all five landowners were on board to move forward with paying their share of the funding using the same assessment taken in 2001. Secretary Magnoni stated, after today's Drain Board meeting, he was delivering a copy of WI Statute 88.18 to County Treasurer, Kelly Stade regarding receipt of monies.

E. DRAIN 36

-Bruce Degner reported that the DOT, in the construction/installation of the new culvert under Hwy 16, did drop the adjoining culvert to a lower level. The DOT is aware of this issue, however, has not decided how they will correct the problem. The Drain Board discussed final additional work to be done and the current fund balance of this drain.

-Ron Gribenow made a motion to allow Bruce Degner to scrap the old pump. Chairman Hughes seconded the motion which carried.

F. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS

Chairman Hughes stated he was proposing Cyndi Pitzner as an alternate Drain Board member.

9. FINANCE REPORT-

Patricia Cicero passed out the current financial report for this period. The Board reviewed the report without added comment.

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. Design Teck | Drain #15 |
| b. Griggs Law Group | Drain #15 (all) & Drain 36 |
| c. Wisconsin Electric | Drain 36 |

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, October 13, 2025, at the County Building, Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This **will be** a TEAM meeting.

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Gribenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of September 8, 2025
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board



Peter Magnoni <phmagnoni@gmail.com>

Drainage district cleaning map

4 messages

Emily Straka <emily@rangerpower.com>

Thu, Aug 7, 2025 at 12:27 PM

To: Peter Magnoni <phmagnoni@gmail.com>, dave hughes <hugheshogs@hotmail.com>

Cc: Nicholas Haus <nick.haus@desri.com>, Scott Gibbons <scott.gibbons@desri.com>

Peter, David,

As discussed, please see the attached map showing which drains Badger State Solar will clean. Once you confirm, the project will reach out to the contractor for a quote.

Thanks,
Emily

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Peter Magnoni <phmagnoni@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 2:03 PM

To: Emily Straka <emily@rangerpower.com>

Cc: dave hughes <hugheshogs@hotmail.com>, Nicholas Haus <nick.haus@desri.com>, Scott Gibbons

<scott.gibbons@desri.com>

Emily: On August 11, 2025, the Drain Board did approve your attached map showing which drains Badger State Solar will clean.

Please respond to this email if you want the Drain Board to get a quote from a contractor which will then be submitted to you for final approval. This quote will not include the cost of a new culvert which Badger State Solar will need for land access.

Also, your response to this agreement should also include a statement that Badger State Solar will reimburse the Drain Board for the costs included in the bid following the completion of the cleaning.

Awaiting your response,

Peter

[Quoted text hidden]

Nicholas Haus <Nick.Haus@desri.com>

Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 4:37 PM

To: Peter Magnoni <phmagnoni@gmail.com>, "emily_rangerpower.com" <emily@rangerpower.com>

Cc: dave hughes <hugheshogs@hotmail.com>, Scott Gibbons <Scott.Gibbons@desri.com>, Mark Roll

<Mark.Roll@desri.com>, Nora Bolster <Nora.Bolster@desri.com>, Kevin Richetelli <Kevin.Richetelli@desri.com>

Hi Peter, responses to your questions below in red.

Please respond to this email if you want the Drain Board to get a quote from a contractor which will then be submitted to you for final approval. This quote will not include the cost of a new culvert which Badger State Solar will need for land access. Yes, please get a quote.

Also, your response to this agreement should also include a statement that Badger State Solar will reimburse the Drain Board for the costs included in the bid following the completion of the cleaning. Yes, we agree that Badger State Solar will reimburse the Drain Board for these costs.