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 JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 Jefferson County Building
 Room C2003, 311 South Center Avenue
 Jefferson, WI 5354
 June 9, 2026
 9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by David Hughes at 9:32 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Board Members Present – Chairman Hughes, Ron Griebenow, and Secretary Magnoni
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the agenda. Ron Griebenow seconded the motion and carried.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Hughes stated he had received a call from landowner complaining about brushing. Landowner suggested no brushing after April 15 each year.
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Bruce Degner, Matt Zangl, Tracy Saxby, Patricia Cicero, Trip Downing, Melissa Gerner, Tara Rupnow, Tom Jaeckel, Michael Miller, James Kuckkan, and Cyndi Pitzner.
- 8.. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:
 - A. **Comment from Guests**: Matt Zangl asked if Circuit Court staff could be first on the agenda for taking of oath and appointment orders. Approved.
 - B. Circuit Court staff passed out the Appointment Order for two additional members to serve on the Drainage Board and the Reappointment of current Drain Board members. This will create a five (5) member board. They then asked for a raising of the right hand to take the oath. Following the taking of the oath the staff had each board member, with their drivers license produced, sign the oath. Copies of the Appointment Orders and Oaths are attached to these minutes.
 - C. **DRAIN 41**
 New Board member, Cyndi Pitzner reported on the visit to the Rupnow property regarding the culvert issue. First she reported that the corn stock blockage had freed itself and the water was flowing. Secondly, she reported that the two side by side 48 inch culverts were not the best method for water flow, indicating that future blockages would occur. She stated that correction of this issue has been a continuing problem, however, the Rupnows and the Drain Board need to work toward a solution. Chairman Hughes stated that the Drain Board does not know who owns the culverts. New Board member, Bruce Degner reported that he had visited the township office and reviewed all records back to when the township operated the drainage ditches. He reported that culverts in the records were landowners' responsibility for placement and continuing maintenance. There was only one example of cost sharing of culverts by the drainage district due to unusual circumstances. The Drain Board, attempting to work toward a solution, asked Cyndi Pitzner to talk to Scott Gibbons of Badger Solar to see if they had extra culverts as a result of their construction. The Drain Board also suggested a contact be made to Jaeckel Brothers to see if any culvert of removals were in the Jaeckel inventory. The Drain Board asked Mrs. Rupnow, who was in attendance, if she had any comments. She stated she did not; her attendance was to hear what Cyndi Pitzner had to report.

D. DRAIN 20

Trip Downing reported that Todd Watermsten was not able to attend this meeting, however, the engineering survey would be given next month. He also stated that he believed that spraying the ditch would correct blockage problems. The Drain Board will do a follow up inquiry with Don Anderson of Professional Vegetation Management to see if his business interest has changed. In addition, Chairman Hughes will discuss this issue with the DNR to determine if they have a product which can be used.

E. DRAIN 2

Landowners still need to be contacted for voluntary assessment.

F. DRAIN 30

Cyndi Pitzner and landowner, Melissa Gerner reported on their investigation of the current condition of this drain. They stated that they would need to determine the exact work to be done as there were a number of issues. In contact with landowners they reported that all landowners were on board with a voluntary assessment.

G. DRAIN 44

Bruce Degner reported that this clean out of cattails will be done after crop out.

H. DRAIN 15 MAIN, A, B, C, AND D

Chairman Hughes reported that this project is now complete. He stated that some additional work was needed on Drain 15B. Chairman Hughes stated that the work looked very well done. Contractor Jaeckel was present and it was agreed that he and Chairman Hughes would meet after the Drain Board meeting to assign the proper costs to the drain in which the work was done using the pie-chart.

I. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS

Drain 16-Cyndi Pitzner gave a report on the current status of tree stacking and work completed by Karl Hundt.

Drain 36-Ron Greibenow reported that this drain will need cleaning as blockages are noted on some parts of this drain, Chairman Hughes reported that when the water level is down Dennis Kutz will do additional work on this drain.

Drain 45-Ron Griebenow reported that Jaeckel Brotherws had started maintenance work on this drain.

9. FINANCE REPORT-

Patricia Cicero distributed the June 2026 Finance Report for the current period.

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 invoice for payment:

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| a. Jaeckel Brothers | Drain #15 Main, A, B, C, &D |
| b. Griggs Law Group | Drain #44 |
| c. Wisconsin Electric | Drain #36 |

Details of invoices paid can be reviewed in the County Finance Office, 311 South Center Avenue, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Drain Board will be on Monday, July 13, 2026, 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 10:51 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of June 9, 2026
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JEFFERSON COUNTY

DRAINAGE BOARD APPOINTMENT ORDER

Pursuant to §88.17(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Drainage Board has notified the Court that it recommends two additional members to serve on the Drainage Board creating a five (5) member Board. Thereon, the Court appoints Cindy Pitzner and Bruce Degner for terms to expire June 30, 2031.

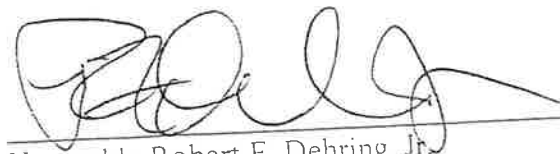
Pursuant to §88.17 Wis. Stats., the Court orders that reappointment of the current Drainage Board members will be as follows:

David Hughes for a term expiring June 30, 2028.

Peter Magnoni for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

Ronald Griebenow for a term expiring June 30, 2030.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2026.



Honorable Robert F. Dehring, Jr.
Presiding Judge