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JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Jefferson County Building  
Room C2063, 311 South Center Avenue  
Jefferson, WI 5354  
July 13, 2026  
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, Ron Griebenow, Secretary Magnoni and Bruce Degner: Absent-Cyndi Pitzner
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the agenda by adding a) “2028 County Budget” and b. “Drone filming” to the Drain Board Additions. Ron Griebenow seconded the motion and carried.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Matt Zangl, Tracy Saxby, Patricia Cicero, and Greg Rupnow
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:
  - A. **Comment from Guests**: None
  - B. Secretary Magnoni explained that the Drain Board was continuing with TEAM meetings in order that Drain Board members could access the meeting if they could not attend in person. However, the use of TEAM is not a requirement of the County for the Drain Board meeting. If the public or land owners do access TEAM then we can ask for their names and reason for being on the TEAM site. Matt Zangl has confirmed this policy with Jefferson County Corporate Counsel who did agree with this procedure. With this policy now in effect, a person was on the TEAM site and when asked his name, he answered, “Mike” and then deleted his access to this meeting.
  - C. **DRAIN 20**
    - Because Todd Watermslm was not present his engineering report was not given.
    - Secretary Magnoni did report that his followup with Professional Vegetation Management did prove positive as Don Anderson did agree to return to Jefferson County to do ditch spraying if the DNR would grant permits in some drains.
    - Chairman Hughes reported that in his followup and discussion with DNR Arthur Watkinson; he would not give approval for the use of the current chemical due to down stream fish kill in Duck Creek. However, Mr. Watkinson will continue to try to find a suitable alternative chemical.
  - D. **DRAIN 41**
    - Due to Cyndi Pitzner’s absence her report on contact with Badger Solar, i.e. Scott Gibbons, and Jaeckel Brothers, for used or discounted culverts was not given. Mr. Rupnow, who was present, was asked if he had any additional information to contribute. He stated he did not.
    - Bruce Degner reported that his current search of town records has not produced additional information on this culvert issue. He will continue his search.
  - E. **DRAIN 30** Chairman Hughes reported that landowner Jeff Gerner, at his expense, dug up the main line and trees and replaced 20 to 30 feet of main lines, as it was plugged with tree roots.

Chairman Hughes went on to report that some additional work will be needed due to the improper grading of road work by landowners. When completed the Drain Board then can determine if drainage conditions are working properly

#### **F. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS**

-Patricia Cicero handed out copies of her budget analysis from 2023 through 2026. With the five member board and current costs the County allocation will not be adequate for 2027. Discussion suggested: 1. We don't go to the state meeting of the Drainage Districts; 2. Cut out 3 monthly Drain Board meetings; 3. Delay some costs until the next fiscal period; 4. Approach the County Finance Committee for an increase in allocation. It was decided to first approach the County Finance Committee for a small allocation increase in August and also direct Patricia Cicero to cut back on Drain Board and external educational meetings to balance the 2027 budget if the Finance Committee does not approve the allocation increase. Secretary Magnoni will attend the Finance Committee meeting and make the request.

-Secretary Magnoni reported that he knows a person, who is a fully trained drone filmer, who lives in Rockdale. His name is Josh Knickmeier and he would be interested in filming drainage ditches. His cost for services would be provided to the Drain Board if the Drain Board is interested in his services to do drainage ditch inspections. Discussion followed that indicated the Drain Board's interest in requesting and reviewing these costs.

#### **9. FINANCE REPORT-**

This report was given in item #1 under "Drain Board Additions".

#### **10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION-**

**-Drain 36:** Chairman Hughes reported that Dennis Kutz will complete work when the water level is lower.

**-Drain 45:** Bruce Degner stated that additional maintenance work will proceed after crop out.

#### **11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW-**

Matt Zangl reported on the total late bill of the DOT in the amount of \$166.38. The Drain Board approved payment, motion by Chairman Hughes, seconded by Bruce Degner and carried.

#### **12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

The Drain Board approved the following invoices for payment:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a. Jaeckel Brothers   | Drain #45       |
| b. Griggs Law Group   | Multiple Drains |
| c. Wisconsin Electric | Drain #36       |
| d. D.O.T.             | 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, August 10, 2026, at the County Building, Room C2063, 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 10:55 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of July 13, 2026

Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board