

UNAPPROVED
 JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 Jefferson County Building
 Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue
 Jefferson, WI 53549
 March 9, 2026
 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, 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.
4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Agenda posted on County website
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Ron Griebenow will discuss on Agenda Additions
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Bruce Degner, Matt Zangl, Tracy Saxby, Patricia Cicero, Todd Watermslen, Karl Hundt, Ron Duesterbeck, and Trip Downing
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. Comments from Guests-Karl Hundt from Drain 16 proposed that he would be willing to hire a contractor to remove the stacked trees on the ditch easement for burning. He wanted to maintain the ditch banks in the future at his cost and effort if permission would be granted. Chairman Hughes stated the trees were stacked on the easement due to the CREP requirements. Patricia Cicero stated they could ask for an exception for piling/burning on the CREP land. Secretary Magnoni stated he would be willing to request some funding from Badger Solar for the removal/burning as Badger would benefit from this on-going effort.

B. DRAIN 41

The Drain Board reviewed and discussed the agenda for the March 17 Landowners' meeting. The agenda was approved on a motion by Chairman Hughes, seconded by Ron Griebenow and carried. Patricia Cicero stated that the landowners' notices were sent out. Tracy Saxby stated she would be willing to handle the registration table for the meeting. The Board discussed and reviewed all bid estimates for the 2-48" culverts, the estimate for the 1-72" culvert and the engineering estimate if the project is approved for the 72" culvert. Matt Zangl stated he would have computer maps for the meeting along with making arrangements for security.

C. DRAIN20

-Trip Downing, Drain 20, stated that they wanted to be pro-active. He and Ron Duesterbeck stated they were disappointed with the prior cleaning they experienced major flooding and ditch crossing issues. Todd Watermslen is an engineer and proposed that they be allowed, at their cost, to do an engineering study to determine what needs to be done. This study would then be submitted to the Drain Board, The Drain Board approved that these landowners go ahead and do the study.

D. DRAINS 15A, B, C & D

Chairman Hughes and Secretary Magnoni stated they had spoken to contractor Jaeckel regarding his progress on these drains. Jaeckel stated he had met with Larry Beam regarding the blow-out on Drain 15A. Following this blow-out maintenance work he now is working south of Britzke Bridge to Hwy 18, doing brushing on both sides.

E. DRAIN 45

Ron Griebenow stated that he had talked to Jaeckel Brothers about maintenance work on this drain. Jaeckel will begin this effort as soon as possible. The Drain Board directed the Secretary to get a landowner letter out, notifying them of maintenance work on this drain. The maximum expenditure cap from this drain fund is \$4,500.00 which cannot be exceeded.

F. ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary Magnoni reported that the Annual 2025 Report required by DATCP was sent out at the end of February 2026 to DATCP and all Jefferson County Towns that had drainage districts. A special thank you was given to Tracy Saxby for her help in transmitting this report.

G. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS

Ron Griebenow reported that a tile needed to be opened on Drain 36. This could be done by a skid loader as the job is small.

9. FINANCE REPORT-

Patricia Cicero distributed the Finance Report for the new year. The budget allocation indicated County support of \$10,000.

10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION- None

11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BYLAW-None

12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

The Drain Board approved the following invoice for payment:

- a. 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, April 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 11:15 a.m.

Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of March 9, 2026

Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board