

~~UNAPPROVED~~
JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Jefferson County Building
Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue
Jefferson, WI 53549
April 21, 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, 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: Ron Griebenow made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Chairman Hughes and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Magnoni referred to the attachment for Drain #45; Chairman Hughes discussed inquiry from Badger Solar Drain #16 and Jeff Gerner issue Drain #2; Ron Griebenow discussed Greg Rupnow call and large number of calls from landowners.
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Bruce Degner, Matt Zangl, Tracy Saxby, Patricia Cicero, Trip Downing, Jeff Gerner, Greg Rupnow, and Tara Rupnow.
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

A. Comment from Guests: Trip Downing spoke on the issue they were having on Drain #20. Mr. Rupnow commented concerning the corn stock build up in his culverts in Drain #41 and who will remove the corn stocks.

B. DRAIN 16

Secretary Magnoni said that Patricia Cicero had gotten approval for stacking trees on the CREP area and Badger Solar did agree to cost share up to \$1500.00 for the burning of the trees.

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

The Drain Board discussed the progress on these drains. The contractor has been delayed due to continuing rain conditions. Work still needs to be done from Britzke Bridge to Hwy 18.

D. DRAIN 36

Bruce Degner reported that the new pump in this drain had high water to the level where no one could shut off the pump. However, with the pump continuing to run, the water was flowing through the new culvert. The Drain Board also discussed the water control valve and put this purchase on hold.

E. DRAIN 45

Secretary Magnoni referred the Board to the letter to landowners notifying them of scheduled maintenance work.

F. DRAIN 20

Trip Downing reported to the Drain Board that Todd Watermslen might have the engineering survey completed and ready for the next Drain Board meeting.

G. DRAIN 41

Landowner Greg Rupnow reported that due to the flooding, with the two culvert system, there was a great blockage of corn stocks built up. He stated he had photographs with him and wanted to know if the Drain Board would be sending someone down to remove the corn stocks. He went on to state that the water did continue to flow down the drain. After considerable discussion it was agreed that Cyndy Pitzner would meet with the Rupnows on site to review the blockage and other issues.

H. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS

Drain #2: Jeff Gerner spoke to the Drain Board concerning the Lake Ripley Lake Association's interest in mutating our drainage ditch. After discussion by the Drain Board it was decided that it might be to all landowners' advantage to move forward on a self-funded approach to solving this problem. The Drain Board discussed that a possible July or August might be a good time frame for this landowner meeting. Tracy Saxby will get the list of landowners ready for a mailing.

Drain #44: Bruce Degner stated that the drain was full of cattails and needed to be cleaned out.

9. FINANCE REPORT-

Patricia Cicero distributed the March 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:

- a. Wisconsin Electric Drain #36
- b. Fish Drainage Drain #2

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, June 8, 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 11:05 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of April 21, 2026

Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board