

UNAPPROVED  
JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Jefferson County Building  
Room C1021, 311 South Center Avenue  
Jefferson, WI 53549  
January 13, 2026  
9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER was made by David Hughes at 9:36 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 December 8, 2025 monthly Drain Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ron Griebenow and passed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Listed on agenda
7. CITIZENS PRESENT: Bruce Degner, Matt Zangl, Patricia Cicero, Cyndy Pitzner, and Tracy Saxby
8. REPORT OF THE DRAINS:

**A. Comments from Guests**-None

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

- Chairman Hughes and Secretary Magnoni both discussed that they had talked to Tom Jaeckel about moving ahead with brushing north of Britzke Bridge and previously approved maintenance work. The current assessment receipts of all five drains support this maintenance work schedule.
- Secretary Magnoni referred the board to the memo sent to all DNR stakeholders with map showing work to be done, and approximate starting date.

**C. DRAIN 36**

There was general discussion about the installation of the water control structure. No further work was done due to water levels, weather and work schedule of the contractor.

**D. DRAIN 16**

- The Drain Board discussed the work of the contractor which was now complete. Jaeckel Brothers had sent their billing to Scott Gibbons of Badger Solar. Scott Gibbons in an email stated he had approved the invoice and referred it to New York for payment.
- Secretary Magnoni reminded the Board that the oversized culverts approved by DATCP were not part of our agreement, therefore, the installation will not be supervised by the Drain Board.
- Secretary Magnoni stated that when driving by this Drain 16 project on Hwy 18, significant numbers of tiling equipment were noted on the farm fields. Chairman Hughes stated that Badger Solar was replacing field tiles in order to change the direction of the tiles so pilings driven into the land do not obstruct the drainage.

**E. DRAIN AGENDA ADDITIONS**

- Secretary Magnoni referred the Drain Board to the minutes' attachment which gives permission from DATCP to change our fiscal period from September 1-August 31 to January 1-December 31. This will allow for a more accurate annual report that is required by DATCP.
- Secretary Magnoni reported that Scott Gibbons of Badger Solar will pay the expense of Drain Board members working on the Drain 16 solar project. Magnoni will prepare a billing from Jefferson County to Badger Solar. These expenses are to be paid to Jefferson County Drain 16

as a credit to this account. This will reimburse the Drain 16 for expenses which have been paid to Drain Board members from Drain 16 funds.

-Chairman Hughes stated that he was not able to find copies of paid invoices in the District Drain #41 file. As a result, he made a motion that the Financial Book, with all approved invoices, along with per diems and all other materials, be sent to Tracy Saxby to scan and then be sent on to Donna Miller in the Finance Department. Ron Griebenow seconded the motion. Roll call: Magnoni-No, Griebenow-No, Hughes-Yes. Motion did not pass. Discussion followed in which it was decided to try a test on this new procedure to see if it worked and also to check with Donna Miller to determine where the copies of invoices are being sent.

-Bruce Degner asked questions concerning digging into drain tiles in Drain 44. This discussion related to digging in the drain area of the horse farm. This was questioned and discussed only with no direction taken.

#### 9. FINANCE REPORT-

Patricia Cicero distributed the Jefferson County December 2025, financial report. She indicated that final postings would take place in January with the final report available at the February Drain Board meeting.

#### 10. PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION- None

#### 11. OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW-None

#### 12. APPROVAL OF INVOICES: The Drain Board approved:

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| a. Wisconsin Department of Transportation | Drain #36        |
| b. Gallitz Inc                            | Drain #20        |
| c. Wisconsin Electric (2 invoices)        | Drain 36         |
| d. Griggs Law Group (2 invoices)          | Drains 41 and 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, February 9, 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 10:50 a.m. Motion made to adjourn by Ron Griebenow and seconded by Chairman Hughes. Passed.

Respectfully submitted for the meeting of January 13, 2026  
Peter Magnoni, Secretary, Jefferson County Farm Drainage Board