

UNAPPROVED  
JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Jefferson County Courthouse  
311 S. Center Avenue, Room 203  
Jefferson, WI 53549

November 14, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Ron Griebenow, David Hughes, and Peter Magnoni

Call to Order was made by Chairman Hughes at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Drain Board reviewed and approved the minutes of October 10, 2016 Drain Board meeting.

Order of Business

**DRAIN 36**

The Drain Board reviewed the Assessment Roll sent to Landowners by Attorney Andrew Griggs. There was discussion concerning tile blockages on some landowners' property. There was discussion regarding the question of who pays for blockage removal when the tile is on the landowners' property. This issue will need further attention as this drain cleaning moves forward. The Drain Board discussed the report to be received from Engineer Dan Prunuske before work can begin. The Board further discussed the possible need to hold an additional landowner meeting before work begins. This meeting may be scheduled for January 2017.

**DRAIN 15**

The Drain Board reviewed the current legal action, referencing the Britzke Bridge issue, filed by Attorney Andrew Griggs against the Lake Mills Town Board. This legal action consists of a Notice of Claim which was filed on November 11, 2016.

**DRAIN 14-C**

The Drain Board discussed the progress on this drain. Chairman Hughes indicated that property owners had communicated to him that field crops had been harvested and all property was now accessible by the contractor, Jaeckel Brothers. The Drain Board asked secretary, Peter Magnoni, to do a site inspection to see how work was progressing. Magnoni is to determine how spoils spreading is progressing on the Milford Hunt Club property. In addition we need to make sure that property owner side ditches, attached to the Milford Hunt Club property, are cleaned.

**GENERAL**

Secretary Magnoni reported that the annual report was complete and recommended the required districts' hearing on the annual report be scheduled for December 12,

2016. The Drain Board approved the date of December 12, 2016, for the hearing. Following the hearing, copies of the annual report will be filed as required.

The Drain Board discussed the communication from the Department of Agriculture regarding suspended districts. The list included the districts of #1, #11, #14.3, #16, #17, #19, and #24. Secretary Magnoni did discuss these districts with the Clerk of Courts and the Treasurer of Jefferson County. It was reported that the files do not contain a court order to suspend. Therefore these county offices do not have any authority to suspend. It appears that a separate meeting of the landowners to suspend also needs to take place before suspension can proceed. A review of Drain Board files has not produced any correspondence relating to these drain suspensions. The Drain Board will continue to address this issue in year 2017.

The Drain Board approved all Board members attendance at the Wisconsin Association of Drainage Districts meeting, scheduled in Portage, Wisconsin, on November 21, 2016.

The Drain Board did approve the following bills for payment:

	<u>DRAIN #</u>
a. Griggs Law Group	General/Multiple Drains
b. WE Energy	36
c. Jaeckel Brothers	Multiple Drains
d. WI Assn of Drainage Districts	General

Some approved bills are being held by the County awaiting funds from landowner assessments on Drains 36 and 41. These bills should be paid shortly as funds are being received.

The next meeting of the Drain Board was set for Monday, December 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will include the hearing on the 2016-2016 Annual Report.

With no further business before the Drain Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for meeting of November 14, 2016,  
Peter H. Magnoni, Secretary