

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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**Drainage Board
March 9, 2016
7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
Training Room
571 County Road A
Green Lake, WI**

Call to Order: The meeting of the Drainage Board was called to order by Chairman Krueger. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Patrick Krueger, Chair
Thomas Dolata, Vice-Chair
Dick Severson, Secretary

Also Present: Joe Gonyo, Pat Gonyo, JoAnne Dolata, Steve Foust, Richard ~~Slate~~ *Sobieski*, Mark Slate -Green Lake County Circuit Court Judge, Todd Morris – Green Lake County Land Conservation Department

Agenda: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)* to approve the February 3, 2016 and February 19, 2016 meeting minutes with the addition of the comments page from the February 3rd meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Judge Mark Slate made a comment regarding a letter that was sent with the assessment payment. Slate commented that he appoints members to the board based on recommendations from the County Ag & Extension Committee. Any landowner concerns should be addressed to the board and he expects that the board will deal with the issues. If issues are not addressed the landowner can contact Judge Slate directly. Judge Slate has the ability to not appoint members if they are not doing their job.

Steve Foust spoke and has 3 issues for the board.

- 1.) Mr. Foust handed out a list of parcels that have ditches that need to be cleaned out by the board. Dolata stated that only the main ditch is maintained by the board and all laterals are the responsibility of the private landowners. Severson wanted to know on a map where the parcels are that needed to be cleaned. Mr. Foust stated that he spoke with Chris Clayton, DATCP, and he was told that the ditches should be cleaned by the board. A copy of the list was given to the board.
- 2.) Work done by MSA is incorrect. It is illegal to shed water across a highway. There is water shedding to Sucker Creek and back into the ditch and this should be addressed/assessed. Mr. Foust had a list of parcels that are not included in the district but should be. Copy of the list was given to the board.
- 3.) At the September 2014 meeting the board discontinued the 3 minute Public Comment time and this has never been reinstated.

Richard Sobieski commented that the benefits assessed cannot outweigh the digging of the ditch, check ATCP 48. Also the benefits that landowners are paying do not meet the benefit they receive

from the cleaning of the main ditch. Mr. Sobieski feels this is the main problem that needs to be addressed. Mr. Foust commented that you need a monetary benefit of having the ditch.

Severson reminded everyone that Mr. Foust was out of order because he didn't introduce himself, but Severson will accept his comments as stated.

Appearances: none

Budget: Any assessments should be planned for a May/June Public Hearing Date. Morris will send the board a copy of the budget reports for their review. The board also reviewed the loan balance.

Seneca-Warren Drainage District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A: Severson would like Morris to send a letter to the DNR Personnel that attended the February 3rd meeting, inviting them to come to the next meeting with solutions to address the issue of the Sucker Creek water.

Survey Lateral A to Hwy D: Dolata spoke with Eric Thompson, MSA, and their proposal is to profile the entire ditch. The cost to do this would be \$24,800.00, with an additions \$10,000.00 to prepare formal specifications. Discussion on moving forward with this project. Green Lake County has As Built elevations when the ditch was cleaned out and will plot them out for the board to review. The board discussed trying to contact the original surveying firm that did the design in the 1900's to see if there was any information that would help in this profile change. No action on MSA proposal.

Gonyo Request: Joe Gonyo spoke on this issue. Mr. Gonyo feels that the \$3.60/ac assessment that he is charge is too much. He doesn't mind paying his fair share but feels that this is too much for the benefit that he is receiving. Mr. Gonyo stated that water does not leave their property. Krueger commented that to address this issue the board could look at the runoff curve number of wetlands to bring the assessments more in line with the benefits that are being received. Mr. Gonyo stated that a wetland needs to be separate from farmland – the board needs to look at this. Krueger stated that if the assessments are lowered the Gonyo's would get a refund.

Brush Cutting: Krueger stated that Petraszak Excavating was done with the brush cutting. There was one spot on the Johnson property where some culverts are needed in the corridor to cross laterals. Board will check the culvert policy for installation of culverts. Dolata will contact Peter Johnson to discuss the culverts.

Loan Repayment:	Current loan balance:	\$35,303.09
	Seneca-Warren Balance:	\$16,768.36

Motion/second (Dolata/Severson) to pay \$5303.09 towards the loan. Motion carried.

Vouchers: **Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)** to approve \$3797.51 voucher to

Horicon Bank – loan interest (\$1297.51) and Petraszak Excavating – Beaver Dam Removal (\$2500.00). Motion carried

Correspondence: Foust letter, MSA Agreement, Correspondence with DATCP to file Approval for Annexation.

Committee Discussion:

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be April 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion:

- Budget
- DNR for Sucker Creek/Lateral A
- Survey Hwy D to Lateral A
- Mike Drover

Adjourn: *Motion/second (Krueger/Dolata)* to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morris, Recorder

Meeting expenses: Ditch #1	_____	Ditch #5	_____
Ditch #2	_____	Seneca-Warren	<u>100%</u>
Ditch #3	_____	General	_____
Ditch #4	_____		