

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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Drainage Board
April 6, 2016
7:00 P.M. – 8:40 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: Brian Disterhaft, Robert Nighbor, Richard Sobieski, Todd Morris - Green Lake County Land Conservation Department.

Agenda: *Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)* to approve the agenda with addition of Johnson Property Culvert and Foust Items. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes with change in the Also Present section from Richard Slate to Richard Sobieski. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Appearances: None

Budget: The board reviewed the balance sheets. There is \$30,000 left to pay on the loan. There were questions on District 4 and if Mr. Mashuda still wanted to dissolve this district. The board is going to contact Mr. Mashuda to see if he will be filing a petition to dissolve. Morris will draft a letter. The board will not be assessing Districts 1-3 in 2016. District 4 will not be assessed in 2016 until the board finds out Mr. Mashuda's intentions. District 5 budget was set for 2 years in 2015. Seneca-Warren discussions were on the amount to assess. Dolata and Krueger felt the assessment should be lowered to \$20,000, while Severson felt it should remain at \$30,000. The board also felt that the Curve Numbers (CN) that are used to determine the assessment amounts should be reviewed. The board would like Morris to look at the numbers and base the wetland CN comparable to the 75% reductions that were done on the wetlands in the lower section of ditch. This information will be sent to the board for review.

Motion/second (Krueger/Dolata) to set the 2016 and 2017 assessment amount at \$20,000 for each year. Motion carried.

Seneca-Warren Drainage District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A: Krueger played a voicemail that he received from Jeff Pritzl, DNR, that stated that they will not be attending the April meeting but will be putting a letter together on the direction that the DNR is going with respect to Sucker Creek entering the drainage district. The DNR is also open to working with the board if new developments arise. The DNR will not be committing to a long term plan but will continue to work on the issue. Severson was disappointed that the DNR did not attend the meeting. At the last meeting with the DNR, they

recommended to start by trying to clean from Hwy D to Lateral A. This is cost prohibitive to the board and Severson feels that it is now up to the DNR to resolve this issue. Dolata feels that the board should contact an attorney that is more familiar with drainage law. Morris will try to find out the attorney for the Jefferson County Drainage Districts and forward this information onto the board.

Survey Lateral A to Hwy D: Nothing to report, there is nothing to discuss until the profile is changed. If a new attorney is hired this issue may be discussed.

Mike Drover: Dolata wrote a letter addressing the issue. Morris will put this on the Drainage Board letterhead and send to Mr. Drover. Mr. Drover also received a letter regarding the reimbursements due to the 75% reduction and will also be receiving the reimbursement.

Johnson Culvert: Dolata spoke with Jane Kohlway, (608)697-7233, who is the administrator for the Johnson property. Dolata told her that any culverts installed in the corridor would only be 20 feet long which enables the board to do maintenance along the ditch and that any extra length would be at the landowner's expense. Mrs. Kohlway stated that they would like to add an additional 12 feet onto the culvert to make the culvert 32 feet. The board will install a 32 foot culvert when work is needed on this stretch of ditch, which may not be for a few years. The additional length will be billed to the landowner.

Foust Items: Dolata checked with 2 landowners listed on the section of ditch needing cleaning, and they were never contacted about cleaning the ditch. This section of ditch is a private lateral and is not controlled by the board. Mr. Nighbor also stated he was never contacted on this issue and that this is a private lateral. On the question about the parcels that are not included but Mr. Foust feels they should be, Dolata will look into these parcels.

Vouchers: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve \$14,123.03 voucher to

Petraszak Excavating, Horicon Bank, and multiple landowners for reimbursements after 75% reductions. Motion carried.

Dolata had questions on the brush cutting bill from Petraszak's, in the February minutes it states that the price would be \$5,500, but the final amount was \$6,000. Petraszak Excavating will be contacted for clarification on this item.

Correspondence: Letter from Ottman.

Committee Discussion: none

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be May 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion:
Sucker Creek/Lateral A
Budget
Correspondence with New Attorney
Parcel Findings

Adjourn: *Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)* 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	_____		