

# Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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**Drainage Board  
November 11, 2014  
7:15 P.M. – 9:00 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 Vice-Chairman Dolata. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:** Thomas Dolata, Vice-Chair  
Dick Severson, Secretary

**Also Present:** Maureen Schweder - County Board Member, Todd Morris – Green Lake County Land Conservation Department

**Agenda:** *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.  
**Minutes:** *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve the October 14, 2014 with change on page 2 in the Frey/Zick objection, second sentence, *Krueger asked for Mr. Zietlow's opinion on ditch and Mr. Zietlow stated that there are obstructions at the end of the ditch and that when the river floods their land floods along with the Zick/Frey property and October 21, 2014 meeting minutes with change in the Call to Order:* The meeting of the Drainage Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dolata. Motion carried.  
**Public Comments:** none

**Appearances:** none

**Assessment Payment Procedure:** Discussion on which letter to use for sending out billing information and also on allowing landowners to pay installments or an annual payment. The board had 3 draft letters to choose from. The letter dated October 21 was drafted by Morris, the letter dated November 3<sup>rd</sup> was drafted by Attorney Curran. These two drafts were specific to the Seneca-Warren drainage District. The letter dated November 5<sup>th</sup> was drafted by Morris for districts 1-5.

**Motion (Severson/Dolata)** to use the draft letter dated November 5<sup>th</sup> for districts 1-5 and the letter dated November 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the addition of an address of where to send payments to, for the Seneca-Warren district. Motion Carried.

**Motion (Dolata/Severson)** to have assessments paid in annual installments. Motion carried.

**Watershed Assessment – Answers to public hearing comments:** Discussion by board on responses from MSA. The board felt that MSA answered the questions good and that the board should follow their recommendations. Severson felt that they should address each issue separately, Dolata agreed. The board is going to leave the 2014 assessment as is and any modifications will be done in the 2015 assessment. The board would also like to look into the possibility of using the Swamp Devil at the outlet of the town ditch to remove any sediment buildup.

Question 1: Jerry Frey and Tyler Zick – the board will leave the assessment as approved for 2014 but would like to visit this site in the winter and address the assessment after this.

Question 2: Steve Foust – Dolata visited neighboring property between meetings and there was water running down ditch on Tom Kemp's property towards the town ditch. Board is satisfied with MSA response.

Question 3: Richard Sobieski – The board is going to assess as if there is no tile in the field. If Mr. Sobieski supplies tile maps to the board, these maps will be forwarded to MSA to reconsider his assessment.

Question 4: Richard Heim – Board is satisfied with MSA response.

Question 5: Gary Abel – Gary's water does run to the ditch and is in the watershed. Board is satisfied with MSA response.

Question 5: Gary Able on behalf of St. Paul's Lutheran Church – **Motion (Severson/Dolata)** to not assess the church due to tax exempt status. Motion carried.

Question 6: Tom Dahlke, Waushara County Highway Commissioner – The board is satisfied with MSA response.

**Motion (Dolata/Severson)** to approve the responses to questions raised at the public hearing as stated in the memo from MSA or as listed above. Motion carried.

**Seneca-Warren Drainage District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A:** Water is running around the ditch plug installed. The board is going to get in touch with attorney to go over laws of drainage and possibly issuing an order to the DNR to stop the flow into Lateral A.

Morris brought to the board that he has been receiving calls from both the DNR and Petraszak Excavating regarding the payment of the ditch plug installation and the previous motion from October 2012 that the board would set money aside to help with plugging this connection. The board feels that this last plug was ineffective and that any other work such as installing additional rock around the sheet piling structure or installing another plug upstream would also be ineffective. Severson stated that the DNR should clean the creek south of the plug and open up the culvert on Hwy D. He feels that this would be a better use of the money than sticking it in additional plugs. The board would like this item on next month's agenda to look at the old minutes and the motion that was passed.

**Survey Lateral A to Hwy D:** Completed by MSA and the board received a profile of the ditch from MSA that showed the top of the sediment, bottom of the sediment, and a couple of best fit bottom of sediment profiles. The board would like to move forward to have this section cleaned. Morris stated that this would be changing the current specifications of the ditch and needs to go through the process as stated in Chapter 88. Dolata and Krueger will discuss who will call attorney Curran to start this process.

**Souder Ditch:** Mr. Souder has not contacted the board for a site visit.

**Corridor Policy:** Reviewed current corridor policy and Chapter 88 policy. Leave and discuss at next months meeting.

**Vouchers: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)*** to approve \$1657.25 voucher to

Berlin Journal Newspapers, Curran, Hollenbeck, & Orton S.C., and Wisconsin Association of Drainage Districts. Motion carried

**Correspondence:**

Letter from Richard Seaman requesting inspection of property regarding drainage.  
Letter from Attorney Curran in response to public hearing.  
MSA response to public hearing questions along with maps.

**Committee Discussion:**

Ditch Inspections, Annual Inspections after crops come off, Annual report, filing order for assessment and annexation.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be December 9th at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion:

Registering order with Register of Deeds  
Sucker Creek/Lateral A  
Survey Lateral A to Hwy D  
Corridor Policy

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

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morris, Recorder

Meeting expenses: Ditch #1	<u>5%</u>	Ditch #5	<u>5%</u>
Ditch #2	<u>5%</u>	Seneca-Warren	<u>75%</u>
Ditch #3	<u>5%</u>	General	<u>      </u>
Ditch #4	<u>5%</u>		