

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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Drainage Board Minutes September 17, 2008 7:00 pm – 8:20 pm Courthouse County Board Room Green Lake, WI

Call to order: The meeting of the Drainage Board was called to order by Chairman Soda. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Merlyn Soda, Chairman
Michael Disterhaft, Vice-Chairman
Wayne Albright, Secretary

Also Present: Landowners: Dennis Faust
Eugene Krueger
Steve Meilahn
Dan Priske, County Board Chairman
Keith Foye, DATCP
Seth McClure, DATCP State Drainage Engineer
James A. Hebbe, County Conservationist
Brenda Sondalle, LCD Administrative Assistant

Agenda: *Motion (Albright/Disterhaft)* to approve the agenda with as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion (Albright/Disterhaft)* to approve the August 13, 2008 meeting minutes correcting the names of the new owners of the Troy Lueth Wetland Reserve Program property to Kevin Sedarski and Robert Schackow. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Appearances: Keith Foye, DATCP and Seth McClure, DATCP State Drainage Engineer were introduced.

Public Hearing Matters to Consider Drainage District Assessments:

Albright read opening remarks.

District #1: no comments

District #2: no comments

District #3: One written comment read from Ruth Fyvie requesting to have the assessment removed from her property. Steve Meilahn stated some of Fyvie's 14 acres was tillable at one time and could probably be cropped again.

District #4: no comments

Seneca-Warren: Eugene Krueger was wondering how much more they were going to be assessed. He doesn't feel he is benefiting from the ditch. He feels cleaning out the stretch of ditch through the DNR land would really help the drainage. Hebbe's explained the financial situation of the district.

Dennis Faust commented on the fact that there was no riprap by the on the east side of the bridge on County Road D. He does not want to keep paying for cleaning out the silt that builds up in that area. Hebbe responded that the DNR will not allow riprap to be placed in that location.

Motion (Albright/Disterhaft) to close the assessment public hearing. Motion carried.

Drainage District #3 - Ruth Fyvie - Assessment Reduction Request: A letter from Ruth Fyvie was read requesting removal of the assessment on her parcel. The Board felt that being the land was cropped at one time and most likely could be cropped again, it probably benefits from the ditch. **Motion (Albright/Disterhaft)** to keep Ruth Fyvie's 2008 assessment the same as last year but the Board would like to visit the site in the future. Motion carried.

Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch - Rodney Zietlow - Assessment Reduction Request: A letter from Rod Zietlow was read to remove the assessment on a 40-acre parcel (#034-03314-0000) of his that is neighboring land that was removed from the district in 1999. Since that time, the Board has said they will not allow land to be removed from the district but may reduce or eliminate assessments. Zietlow's letter also requests a refund of all assessments paid on this parcel to date. **Motion (Disterhaft/Albright)** to keep the assessment in 2008 but to readjust the assessment in 2009. No previously paid assessments will be refunded. Motion carried.

Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Cleaning Plan and Permit Application: The Board is working with an attorney regarding cleaning out the portion of the Seneca-Warren ditch between County Road D and South Road. A DNR permit application to do this work will be resubmitted.

Set 2008 Drainage District Assessments: Motion (Disterhaft/Albright) to set the assessments for districts #1, #2, #3, #4, and Seneca-Warren as follows:

District	Assessment	
1	\$ 350.00	\$.50/ac - minimum \$50 per landowner
2	403.30	\$.50/ac - minimum \$50 per landowner
3	359.50	\$2.00/ac - minimum \$50 per landowner
4	50.00	\$.50/ac - minimum \$50 per landowner
5	0.00	No assessment
SW	10,000.00	Assessment based on benefits assessment
	\$ 11,162.85	

Motion carried.

Vouchers: Motion (Albright/Disterhaft) to approve two vouchers as follows: Berlin Journal Newspapers \$191.80 for the Class III public hearing notice; and Waushara County Register of Deeds \$10.00 for tax parcel information for Seneca-Warren assessments. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Committee Discussion and Future Agenda Items: Tour Drainage Districts #1, #2 & #3

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 1:30pm in the Demonstration Room of the Courthouse in Green Lake. A tour will be conducted of Drainage Districts #1, #2 & #3.

Adjourn: *Motion (Albright/Disterhaft)* to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sondalle
Recorder

Meeting expenses: District #1 – 20%, District #2 – 20%, Districts #3 – 20%
District #4 – 20%, Seneca-Warren District – 20%