

**MINUTES
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Kramer at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Kramer, Nettekoven, Van Eperen, Van Asten, Vander Heiden

Others Present: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant (via phone); Greg Baneck, Land Conservation Department; Judge Mark Schroeder; Harlan Volkman; Paul Van Gheem; Craig Van Handel

Review and approval of the minutes February 4, 2025 meeting. Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Nettekoven to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025 as corrected. Roll call: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Public participation/comments – none

Land Conservation Department Report

Greg Baneck, Land Conservation Department reported Ellie has the preliminary design from the Freedom annexation and has been submitted to DNR to for their review for grant funding. Freedom north of golf course is approved, waiting for weather conditions prior to April 1. Phosphorus project should be started any time.

McCabe Road to Van's Road – Oneida-Hobart District – Craig Van Handel would like to see ditch dredged out. The brush and trees have been cleared. The tribe may want debris removed and not side cast. Baneck suggested meeting with the Tribe to discuss spreading the spoils and working with them. Clean from the culvert pipe to the bridge bottom, cleaning from the center and fix the crossings. The Board agreed to have Baneck work with Oneida Tribe to work with them on cleaning out this section of legal drain.

Fox Properties Project – DNR is not allowing anything to be taken out of the bottom. DATCP is having meeting with them to discuss the issue.

Reports on Districts - Districts/Projects and work in progress reports –

Duck Creek District - Kramer reported Grundy removed the posts from the legal drain

North Liberty – Pump is \$27,000; electric pump is \$16,000 for new 50 HP motor. Looking into using the existing 40HP motor and revisions to the electrical wiring costs to cut initial costs.

John Schmidt Property – Culvert pipe going into Paltzer property should be 12" to 24" pipe. Piping is not the right size, and was put in by property owners. Looking at cost factors an open ditch would be considerably less. East side of road Schmidt wanted to hook on, Popp Tile did the work. Water comes thru from the east side and from Center Valley Road, Rock Road and goes down through Hofacker Woods and comes thru there. Popp put the tile line on Schmidt's. Tile was put in 1957, designed by Vern Geiger. DATCP will be contacted for advice on design and now to proceed.

9:00 a.m. Adjourn into Closed Session - Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Van Asten, to convene into Closed Session per WI State Statute 19.85(1)(g). Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or likely to become involved. Roll call: 5 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Van Asten moved, seconded by Vander Heiden, to re-convene into Open Session of the Outagamie County Drainage Board meeting. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Reports on Districts - Districts/Projects and work in progress reports – continued

Freedom District - Fox Project – Tree removal – Greg Nettekoven, Mike Van Asten and Sage from Land Conservation will meet with the property owners to discuss what needs to be done for the tree removal per the design under the grant funding approval.

Duck Creek - Ryan Quella – Doxby's – requested information on what is required for applying for legal drain connection process.

Future tree removal projects - Lucas – tree removal: Center Grand Chute District – JMW – Wayne Stingle; Figlinski; Rose Hill (John Baum Subdivision); Freedom Annexation; Duck Creek District: PP to Jochman Road; PP to Twelves Corner Road

OLD BUSINESS

1. Big Ring Storage – As-builts received, slope of site drainage
2. Center-Grand Chute Reassessment Study Update
3. James VanCamp property – Property owner's Attorney contacted Kramer to discuss issues
4. USDA Grant Application Status Report – NRCS/DATCP is reviewing data they have received which will take Paper work has been submitted to Washington for review
5. Freedom Drainage District – Extension of legal drain from County Road J to Farrell Road – Ditch design being completed by LCD; public hearing held October 3. Van Asten moved, seconded by Van Eperen to proceed with a partial 2 stage ditch design ASAP
6. Freedom Drainage District – Changes or modifications to a formally established cross-section, grade profile or alignment of a district drain, Lateral 3, north of Greiner Road, west of State Rd 55 and east of State Rd 55, south of Co Road UU in the Town of Freedom. Public Hearing held June 4 – Board & DATCP approval pending, submitted 7-26-24 –archeological study approved, Oneida Tribe response needed. Hintz Excavating received bid. EPA is requiring another plan be submitted for the grant qualification. LCD is currently working on the plan.
7. Center Valley Drainage District - Lateral One –revised waterway and corridor needs to be staked prior to spring planting

NEW BUSINESS - None

A Notice of Claim, dated February 27, 2025 was received from Menn Law Firm LTD on behalf of the Schabo Family Irrevocable Trust

Review of Invoices/Financial Report – Monthly reports were not available from Finance. Reports will be forwarded.

April regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8 due to elections on April 1

Legal Drain Connection Applications Received: Vinton Construction Company, 5514 N Richmond Street, Center-Grand Chute District

Van Asten moved, seconded by Van Eperen to adjourn at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant