

**MINUTES
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025**

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

Members present: Kramer, Nettekoven, Van Eperen (arrived at 8:38), Van Asten, Vander Heiden

Others Present: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant; Elly Magadanz, Land Conservation Department; Justin Keen, Cedar Corporation; Judge Mark Schroeder; Bill Vachan, Trevor Being; Bob Fox; Rodney Kahler; Gary Timm, Town of Center; Brad Johnson; Adam Van Camp; Harlan Volkman; Craig Van Handel; Tom Brown; Al Timm, Town of Osborn; Chris Pagels, Village of Greenville; Joahnna Tackett; Tanner Russell; Bart Chapman, DATCP

Review and approval of the minutes March 4, 2025 meeting. Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Van Asten to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025 as presented. Roll call: 4 aye; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Public participation/comments – none

Land Conservation Department Report – Elly Magadanz, LCD, reported on the Freedom Drainage District – Extension of legal drain from County Road J to Farrell Road – the design of a two stage ditch was not warranted due to velocity. The revised proposal would include toe wood inserts on the corners which would be cost shareable through NRDA and TRM at 50% each. Side slopes would need to be graded back starting at station 500 and ending at station 2900, there is also a small section of dredging, there are a couple of egress areas that need to be addressed on site. There is a stream crossing existing that needs to be fixed. DNR has approved the plan and would provide some cost sharing. The total estimated cost of the project is \$150,000; TRM would pay an estimated \$90,000, NRDA would pay estimated \$41,000 and Drainage Board share would be approximately \$21,000. Doing all four corners with toe wood would require a lot of trees. Some trees would be available on site that need to be removed. The Board would like to do a combined project using toe wood and the rip rap methods. The seed is obtainable from Fish and Wildlife for no charge. Root balls would need to be 3 to 5 feet in diameter, cut lengths 10'. The consensus of the Board was to use the toe wood in the center and the rip rap on the ends. Using the rip rap would adjust the grant funding received. Funding approvals can be completed in approximately a month and it has to be approved by DATCP.

Freedom Lateral 3 (Golf Course) – Baneck received notification from DNR they will allow construction during fish spawning if ditch is dry or if water is low curtains can be used.

Fox Property – There is a meeting with DNR and DATCP this afternoon on site to discuss permitting requirements.

Section Line Road to County Road J was not surveyed as yet.

Neighborhood Dairy on McCabe Road wants to add crossing. Sam wants to know if planning on cleaning out ditch. This ditch is on the schedule to be cleaned out. Tribe wants to meet on site to discuss what is going to be done. Any crossing on the legal drain or main needs to be approved by the Drainage Board. The plan would need to be submitted to the Drainage Board and the Board would submit to DATCP.

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

John Schmidt – Duck Creek District – tile line - Nettekoven reported that he and Kramer met with owner on 4-7-25. He was advised the tile that goes through his field is, as shown by DATCP maps, a legal drain. The tile line is designed too small. To replace the line would be quite expensive and the property owner may have to pickup some of the cost. Another option is to go back to an open ditch. Schmidt said he wasn't for an open ditch. Nettekoven did get Mr. Schmidt's phone number for future contact. The Board will get costs of installation of a 24" tile line and cost of installation of an open ditch. The Board will work with LCD to see which plan would work the best.

Paul Stoffel – Vandenbroek District – W1437 Co Rd JJ – Owner called reporting back up of water on-site. Van Asten visited the site. The private bridge located on the property was observed. It was noted the landscape/railroad timbers were deteriorating but was not affecting the structure of the bridge.

Rodney Koehler – Duck Creek District – 12 Corners Road culvert, south of Center Valley Road – Culvert is too far into the ditch and there are cattails blocking drainage, move culvert to right would help blockage. Years ago the culvert was at an angle and the culvert had been moved. The 36" culvert needs to be replaced or re-lined. The Town has been watching the culvert for several years. The Town's concern is if the pipe is turned, will the residents be flooded down below. Bart Chapman, DATCP, stated if the culvert size does not change, the culvert can be angled and would not require his review.

Van Asten moved, seconded by Van Eperen to move culvert to an angle towards the ditch. Roll call: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Nettekoven moved, seconded by Van Eperen to fund the project with the Town of Center after bridge funding (50%), costs will be shared with the Drainage Board (25%) and Town (25%). Roll call: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Center Valley District - Lateral One Staking Waterway and corridor – Cedar Corporation will mark center line and corridor.

Duck Creek District - Ralph Volkman – washout on Stingle Road and 47, Bartlet property needs to be checked

North Liberty District - Pump is done. Re-using soft start and safeties. Road limits are currently on.

Duck Creek District - Darrin Stingle working by Karwieck/PP pulling out trees from ditch

Center Valley Road culverts – grant received by Town pays 90% of culverts (Center Valley District). Center Valley Road, East of Meade Street culvert – Town is applying for funding from Highway (Duck Creek District)

9:00 – Public Hearing – Vinton Construction Company – Center-Grand Chute District – connection to the legal drain Located at 5514 North Richmond Street

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:08 a.m. The Notice of Public Hearing was read by President Kramer. Justin Keen, Cedar Corporation, reviewed his comments, which were placed on file. Proposed use would be a concrete mixing plant. No other questions or comments were made.

The public hearing will be held open for 30 days, until May 8, for written comments.

Van Eperen moved, seconded by Van Asten to adjourn public hearing at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINES

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. In March, 11 water sensors have been installed and are being monitored. The grant hasn't stopped but there is no funding coming from the Federal government.
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. See reports on projects above.
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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Variance to 75' corridor setback - Sean and Johanna Tackett, W4356 County Road S – Duck Creek District for installation of a patio Van Asten moved, seconded Van Eperen, to grant a 40' variance from top of bank. Roll call: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Review of Invoices/Financial Report – Financial Report through March, 2025 was provided.

Christensen advised the Board the County was up-dating the County website and there may a delay in posting of minutes and agendas. If individuals need documents that need to contact Christensen directly.

Chris Pagel, Village of Greenville, advised the Board the revised retention pond by Amazon was being utilized so there maybe lower discharge of flow to the district drain in the future. He also asked if the drainage district will be expanding with the grant study to the north. Kramer stated there are a lot of un-answered questions at this point. There is a 50 year maintenance program connected with the program.

Van Asten reported property owner adjacent to JJ Maloney's called and complained about Maloney's plowing snow into legal drain and onto his property.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Town of Osborn

Legal Drain Connection Applications Received:

Van Eperen moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to adjourn at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant