

MINUTES
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

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

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

Others Present: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant; Greg Baneck, Land Conservation Department; Justin Keen, Cedar Corporation; Bob Fox; Al Timm; Brad Johnson; Harlan Volkman; Brad Johnson, Don Stingle, Town of Black Creek; Representative Joy Goeben, 5th Assembly District.

Review and approval of the minutes April 8, 2025 meeting. Van Asten moved, seconded by Van Eperen to approve the minutes of April 8, 2025 as presented. Roll call: 4 aye; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Public participation/comments – Ryan Wettengel, owner, NEW Drone Solutions LLC, Black Creek, WI 920-572-0471 presented an overview of his company that provides weed spraying via drones. Board members will meet with him on various sites in district to see if it would possible to use his application and at what cost.

Land Conservation Department Report

Greg Baneck reported Elly was working on the Freedom Annexation design. There were some revisions to the Bob VandeLoo property changes to 6 to 1 side slopes so they can be mowed, and possible change 24” culvert discharge to 4 foot catch basin. This is existing water, not new water so these changes should be able to be made. The project may qualify for bids. The Board will handle the bid administration process.

The Freedom District, 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 (Golf Course) is starting today.

A waiver was received from the DNR to start work as the stream is dry and work is starting Wednesday on the phosphorous project on the tile off of Verhassel Road.

Baneck reported the collector application for the annual inspections is ready so inspection cans begin any time. Christensen stated the publications were released to the Post Crescent and the property owner’s notices have been sent.

Freedom District - Fox property meeting – Discussion with Joy Goeben how to work with the State to open communication with the various agencies to work together to solve issues and not against each other. There is a direct conflict of interpretation of state statutes between agencies. Time is wasted debating these issues with DNR when regional engineering staff has met requirements of Federal and local regulations. Decisions aren’t made in a timely manner; issues are delayed causing project delays. Grants received are used in jumping through hoops of DNR requests that are unnecessary. In the past we have worked through concerns via phone calls, meeting on-site. Drainage boards work with approved State DATCP plans, new staff needs to recognize these plans and our responsibilities. Seems to be a directive to push back on items. Rep Goeben suggested holding a hearing on the concerns of public with working with the DNR to air the issues. She would also like suggestions of legislative change proposals that anyone would have.

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

Oneida-Hobart District - McCabe Road to Van’s Road — need to meet with Wes from Oneida Tribe
McCabe Road upstream to Section Line Road – only a small amount is tribal land (Need to have a map showing property owners)

Duck Creek District - John Schmidt – tile line - need to get costs, DATCP needs to respond as to owner payout responsibility of Board. Tile was installed approximately 1958 part of the way, in 1980 additional tile line was added by owner with no approval by Drainage Board (DB). The BT² mapping in 2002 made the tile official.

Duck Creek District – 12 Corners Road culvert – Town of Center is not in favor of changing the direction of the culver. A meeting is being scheduled on-site to view the review the issue.

Duck Creek District – Meade Street culvert – is being worked on will be replaced soon

North Liberty District – pump is installed and operating with total cost approximately \$27,500.

Center Valley District - On Monday, April 28 the Drainage Board was served with a restraining order from realigning Lateral 1 within the Center Valley Drainage District pending final adjudication of the Schabo Family Irrevocable Trust's certiorari action. A zoom court hearing was held on Wednesday, April 30 where Judge Lonergan ordered a temporary restraining order of any further action be done on Lateral 1 to allow her time to review statutes to determine the case.

Duck Creek District - Jochman/PP Roads – L & L Clearing is cutting trees, discussed installation of culvert on Jochman Road to cross ditch for inspection.

Center Valley District – Area off Hample Road needs clean up of burnt trees from last year.

Center-Grand Chute District – Dale Figlinski reached out to Van Eperen and wants to know when work is going to be done on his property along 47/Richmond Street. Kramer will contact Mr. Cook as to tree removal on his adjoining property. Van Eperen and Kramer will meet with Figlinski to finalize scope of project.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Big Ring Storage – As-builts received, slope of site drainage. Keen will check his records and report back to board in June.
2. Center-Grand Chute Reassessment Study Update
3. James VanCamp property – Property owner's Attorney contacted Kramer to discuss issues – no contact
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. It's being worked on.
5. Freedom Drainage District – Annexation of legal drain from County Road J to Farrell Road – Ditch design being completed by LCD; public hearing held October 3. Plan design proposal from LCD See above 5/6/25.
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. See above 5/6/25.
7. Vinton Construction Company – Center-Grand Chute District – connection to the legal drain – needs action for approval of Board/DATCP. No action taken 5/6/25

NEW BUSINESS - None

Review of Invoices/Financial Report – April Financial Reports were reviewed

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Town of Osborn

Legal Drain Connection Applications Received: none

Van Eperen moved, seconded by Van Asten to adjourn at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J, Christensen
Administrative Assistant