

757 – Center/Grand Chute District
Annual Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2022

President Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Grand Chute Town Hall. He introduced the Outagamie County Drainage Board members. Present: Al Kramer, Greg Nettekoven, Jason Van Eperen, Mike Van Asten, Gerald Vander Heiden.

Also present: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant; Greg Baneck, Land Conservation Department. Others present: Bob Heimann, Scott Andrews, John Robertsal, Jan Rogers, Dave Van Eperen, Linda Maas, Jerry Ebben, Wayne Stingle, Mark Kuechler, Randey Felton

Kramer informed those present the Board meets every first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Town of Osborn, W3389 County Road EE, Seymour. Any concerns may come to this meeting and bring them before the Board or contact any member at any time. Minutes and agendas are posted on the Outagamie County website under the Land Conservation Department.

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting – Bob Heimann moved, seconded by Jerry Ebben to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. President Kramer read the Notice of Public Hearing to consider a reassessment for drainage district costs and benefits for the District. He explained that this assessment would apply to property owners that have a legal drain on their property and are not maintaining the minimum required 20', or setback established by the Drainage Board, for a buffer corridor from the high-water mark. The Public Hearing will be held open for 30 days for written comments to be submitted.

No questions or comments.

Bob Heimann moved, seconded by Wayne Stingle to close the Public Hearing at 7:08.

Presentation of projects completed and future projects – Greg Baneck, Outagamie County Land Conservation Department reviewed the inspection and worked completed report. All the legal drains are inspected annually. In major storms the legal drains are inspected for damage which occurred after the mid-June storm this year. Red lines are in need of spraying for brush, or purple lines for phragmites. Completed in 2021: areas were sprayed, the green highlighted area from Mayflower to McCarthy was dredged; Bubolz area was sprayed for brush up to the railroad tracks; off of Evergreen Road to Bubolz pond was dredged out in October 2021. Brush was ground out at the end of Sommers Drive.

Individuals items during inspections pictures are taken. Reviewed the pictures: Spoil piles in Bubolz need to be leveled by pond; W. Broadway the field was tiled and the pipes were not cut off; Broadway Road, west end will be repaved this fall. Whitetail Storage off of Richmond Street needs crossing going into Bob Burns property; between railroad tracks and "O" downed trees which have been removed.

Future Projects

Kramer reported the Village of Greenville is doing improvements with their stormwater plan. Once it is constructed and implemented there should not be as much water coming from Greenville into the district. They have been very pro-active on this plan and should be a benefit to the whole district.

2021-2022 Financial Report – The end of 2021 fund balance was \$52,525. In 2022, \$65,042 was received in special assessment revenue and an additional \$2,296 was received in stormwater application fees and plan revenue fees through September 19, 2022. Revenues totaling \$119,863 for use in 2022. Through September 19, 2022, there was \$26,733 in total expenses resulting in a fund balance of \$93,130 for the remaining year.

2022 Assessment Rates (payable in 2023)

Wayne Stingle moved, seconded by Bob Heimann to recommend \$4 per acre and \$40 minimum for 10 acres or less for the 2022, payment in 2023, special assessment. Motion carried.

Dave Van Eperen asked if Grand Chute was going to inspect ponds. Kramer commented Grand Chute is responsible for making sure the ponds are functioning as designed. The County has also hired individuals to inspect the ponds they are responsible for. If a township doesn't have an ordinance on ponds, projects done within drainage districts with ponds are required to file a contract with the town and that contract is recorded at the Register of Deeds office on the deed.

Randey Felton asked if a regional pond with Greenville, Center, Grand Chute was being looked at. Kramer responded grants are available and we are working on seeing what can be done and possibly receiving grants funds for engineering costs in handling the water within the Village of Greenville, Towns of Center and Grand Chute, and the City of Appleton. Depending on what is found, a possible future plan could be to look at the area north of "O" west to Stephenville and cleaning those ditches to the river.

Scott Andrews – I live up by Mackville, district ends at "O", and everything north and west of there is plugged up. I see what you are doing and it looks good. Can something be done with the area north of "O" and west. Kramer commented that hopefully the current proposal to work with other municipalities and if grant funds are available we can look at doing something in this area. It will be costly but would benefit the property owners.

Andrews - Several years ago there were downed trees in the creek by the Conservation Club, he started to remove the fallen trees and a DNR Game Warden stopped him. Baneck advised him fallen trees can be removed but the bank or creek bottom cannot be disturbed during removal. If a neighbor does not clear his ditch which is creating an issue on your property, you can remove the obstruction.

Question from floor, does your authorization only apply to within the district? Kramer – Yes unless there is a problem in an area that is affecting the flow into a legal drain. Resident – can I clean out the ditch that is not in the district? Baneck – If its navigable water you would need to get a DNR Chapter 30 permit.

John Robertsal – At the corner of Mayflower and Capitol, Mayflower was repaved, he asked the town at that time if the culvert could be straightened as there is a problem with plugging and flow from the field to the west. There are cattails on the southeast corner which the town has cut but they keep coming back. (The area is not along a legal drain and not within our jurisdiction for spraying.) Jason Van Eperen will check with town staff to see what has been done and if spraying was ever tried to remove the cattails.

Mark Kuechler – Lives in Century Farms Subdivision – can the area be sprayed for brush and is the tree removal project going to start, if so, can the residents get fore warning? Kramer responded it is on the list to spray this year. Tentatively the Board is planning on having a meeting with the residents in that area prior to it starting. Weather dependent the project will being this winter.

Kramer reported the Board is looking into spraying with drones. So if property owners see a drone in the area it may be the Board taking pictures or looking at the area. Baneck commented the drone uses 1/3 of the rate of spray currently being used by ground application and is eye-sight monitored by the person flying the drone.

2023 Annual Meeting Date – same time next year.

Jerry Ebben moved seconded by Bob Heimann to adjournment at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Christensen
Administrative Assistant

SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

FUND 757

CENTER-GRAND CHUTE DRAINAGE DISTRICT - 5,826.99 ACRES

REVENUE

*Fund Balance as of 12-31-21	\$	52,525.00	
Special Assessment Deposit 3-2022	\$	64,168.49	
Special Assessment - City of Appleton 2-2022	\$	873.76	
Stormwater Application Fees/Reimbursements	\$	2,295.54	
TOTAL REVENUE			\$ 119,862.79
EXPENSES			
Salaries/Mileage	\$	2,779.88	
Supplies	\$	1,822.74	
Purchased Services	\$	22,130.16	\$ 26,732.78
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022			\$ 93,130.01

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Edgewood Dr to Bubolz Pond - clean out	\$	8,250.00
Jet Tile Line - Edgewood Drive	\$	2,520.00
O to RR tracks - south	\$	1,058.00
Replace culverts - Heimann Property	\$	3,350.00
	\$	15,178.00

MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

Weed Spray Supplies	\$	762.00
Engineering/Legal/Advertising	\$	4,859.00
Insurance	\$	61.00
Storage Rental	\$	214.00
LCD - technical assistance	\$	1,727.00
	\$	7,623.00

FUTURE PROJECTS

McCarthy Rd to Casaloma Dr - cut trees/dredge	\$	75,000.00
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