

759 - Freedom District
Annual Meeting Minutes - September 29, 2022

President Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Freedom 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; Jeremy Freund, Land Conservation Department. Others present: LeRoy Brockman, Lisa and Corey Knapp, Greg Fox, Mark Kortz, Bob Fox, Jim Kortz, Kay Hartjes, Dan Reinke, Christ Theobald, Larry Oudenhoven

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 - LeRoy Brockman requested a correction on Page 1, under "Presentation of projects..." , 4th line, should read "cost of approximately" and not lost. Brockman moved, seconded by Greg Fox to approve the minutes as corrected. 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 written comments until October 29, 2022.

No comments or questions

Nettekoven moved, seconded by Van Eperen to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Presentation of projects completed and future projects – Sarah Kussow, Outagamie County Land Conservation Department gave an overview of the district. Projects completed this year was dredging of legal drain by Fox Valley Golf Course. Clean out of the drain down-stream of the legal drain off Farrell Road and Section Line Road. The inspection pictures were reviewed. Several areas had washed out gullies that needed to be stabilized, 2 – 36" culverts need replacing, and a crossing is needed.

Future Projects

Maloney Road to Greiner Road - approximately 3700' requiring tree removal and dredging.

Greg Fox said the work done on the ditch off Farrell and Section Line Roads has helped. Water is flowing and less standing water after rain.

2021-2022 Financial Report - The 2021 ending fund balance was \$72,338. Special assessments and stormwater application fees received to-date in 2022 was \$33,135 totaling \$105,473 available for operating costs. Expenses through September 19, 2022 were \$33,201 resulting in a current fund balance of \$72,273.

2022 Assessment Rates (payable in 2023)

Current assessment is \$2.00 per acre and \$30 minimum for parcels 10 acres or less. Some of the work in Freedom may be covered by the 2-Stage Grant Program. Dan Reinke moved, seconded by Jim Kortz to recommend \$2.00 per acre and \$30 minimum for parcels 10 acres or less for the 2022 special assessments. Motion carried.

Public Participation –

Kramer informed those present the Board is looking into the use of drones for checking the legal drains and weed spray applications.

Bob Fox asked if the Country Fields Subdivision erosion issue was resolved. Kramer reported the County Zoning Department came out and the violations have been corrected. The Town of Freedom and County are continuing to monitor the construction/excavation on site.

Larry Oudenhoven asked about what he could do with his neighbor's sump pump hose draining on his property creating a permanent wet spot. Cattails are starting to grow in the area. Kramer stated this was not within our jurisdiction and was a private property matter. If cattails are starting to grow that would lead to a potential wetland issue. He recommended Oudenhoven contact an attorney for corrective measures.

Cory Knapp has a home on Ranch View Lane, he has a drainage easement on his property. Is this part of the legal drain? Looking at the district map, it is not a legal drain. The drainage flow from that area does eventually end up in the legal drain. Knapp has concerns with the new Country Fields Subdivision development east of him and how it will affect their drainage.

2023 Annual Meeting Date – same as last year

Greg Fox moved, seconded by Larry Oudenhoven to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant

SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Fund 759

FREEDOM DRAINAGE DISTRICT - 5,279.79 Acres

REVENUE

*Fund Balance as of 12-31-21	\$	72,338.00	
Special Assessment Deposit 3-2022	\$	32,335.32	
Stormwater Application fees	\$	800.00	
Total Revenue			\$ 105,473.32

EXPENSES

Salaries/Mileage	\$	2,364.61	
Supplies	\$	873.28	
Purchased Services	\$	29,962.64	\$ 33,200.53

BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 \$ 72,272.79

PROJECTS COMPLETED

Fox Valley Golf Course - clean out	\$	19,065.00
Section Line Road clean out	\$	5,620.00
	\$	24,685.00

MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

Weed Spray Supplies	\$	691.00
Engineering/Legal/Advertising	\$	3,497.00
Insurance	\$	55.00
Storage Rental	\$	194.00
LCD - technical assistance	\$	851.00
	\$	5,288.00

FUTURE PROJECTS

Maloney Rd to Greiner Rd - 3700'

Fox properties (possible grant funding)