

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

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; Greg Baneck, Land Conservation Department; Justin Keen, Cedar Corporation; Al Timm, Town of Osborn; Clark Schabo, Randy Schmidt, Darin Tiedt, Richard Schmidt, Bob Fox, Harlan Volkman, Brad Johnson

Review and approve minutes of December 5, 2023. Van Asten moved, seconded by Nettekoven to approve as presented. Roll call: 4 aye – Kramer, Nettekoven, Van Eperen, Van Asten. 1 abstain – Vander Heiden. Motion carried.

Review and approve minutes of December 11, 2023. Van Asten moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to approve as presented. Roll call: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Public participation/comments – Harland Volkman presented a map for a tile/culvert work project under Ballard Road, this will be placed on the February Agenda

Land Conservation Department Report – Greg Baneck reported his staff has completed surveying the new Freedom annexed area. They are working on the design and if it qualifies for any grant funding. He will report back when information becomes available.

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

- Center-Grand Chute District – Big Ring Storage – As-builts received, slope of site drainage issue. Need to check with Grand Chute how they want to proceed.
- Duck Creek District - John Schmidt property – ditch issues – on-site meeting held August 30, 2023- property is in probate proceeding and no action can be done at this time. Nettekoven moved, Van Asten seconded to remove from agenda until more information is received. Roll call: 5 aye. Motion carried.
- Nettekoven reported he and Van Asten met with Lucas Villemum on JJ/Malone tree cutting yesterday. Work will begin in the next couple of days. All landowners have been contacted.
- Duck Creek District – Kramer and Darrin Stingle were out on 47 between PP, needs work on tile line, no ditch, approx. 6500'. Stingle quoted \$2.-2.50/ft. The Board needs to look at projects in all the districts for the current year and discuss at the next meeting i.e. 55/CC; Jochman to PP;
- Center Valley District - Hamble Road to east cleaned up last week

President Kramer stepped down from the Board, Vice-President Nettekoven presided over the meeting.

- Center Valley District – Report of on-site inspection of grass water-way on Clark Schabo property by Nettekoven and Van Eperen.

Greg Baneck stated was there a civil case in 1980 which ordered breaker stone be installed and it was to stay there as a grass water way. Randy Schmidt had previously spoke with Baneck about planting through the waterway and Baneck told Schmidt he could no-till plant but not spray through it. Randy stated he misunderstood what was discussed. The area was sprayed and planted by Schmidt.

Baneck suggested to give the area one year to see if the area re-establishes to grass. If not, then the area will have to be replanted. Nettekoven walked the area again this morning and found on the north side of Center Valley Road, 60' of breaker from edge of ditch, 200' of defined channel, he could see grass through the stalks; south side of Center Valley Road is 32' wide and 90' long is grass. The grass water way is to remain. The legal drain, lateral one information is still being researched. Van Asten moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to notify by certified mail with a buffer/corridor violation letter to Clark

Schabo to reinstate the grass waterway on Parcel #040012801, Center Valley Drainage District. Roll call: 4 aye - Nettekoven, Van Eperen, Van Asten, Vander Heiden; 0 nay, 1 abstain - Kramer. Motion carried,

OLD BUSINESS

1. Duck Creek Annexation –Plans/profiles submitted to DATCP for review/approval on July 24, 2020 – DATCP has all information is currently reviewing data
2. Center-Grand Chute Reassessment Study Update - Working with his group on the data he has 18 pages of Excel information.
3. James VanCamp property – Need to contact property owner
4. Pierce Manufacturing – Center-Grand Chute District – Pending DATCP approval, no action from Grand Chute
5. USDA Grant Application Status Report – NRCS/DATCP is reviewing data they have received which will take 2 – 3 months to review for the next phase to begin
6. Freedom Drainage District – Extension of legal drain from County Road J to Farrell Road – Ditch design being evaluated by LCD for 2 stage ditch funding qualification; researching assessment steps
7. Darin Tiedt – Crossroads Storage – Duck Creek District – Construction of storage units –DATCP approval pending

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kramer Farm Real Estate, Center Valley Drainage District, Field Drain Tile/Pump Plan
Requesting to install 2 pumps and replace existing drain tile along the main and the south side of the main ditch. Kramer has been doing some stump, tree and brush removal by the pumps and drains and needs approval from the Board for those cleanouts. A new pump will be going in on the south end of Lateral One, south of Center Valley Road, and will pump to the road ditch. The Town Board has approved pumping to the road ditch. There will be gates on both of the pumps to hold water back as needed. The other pump is south of Center Valley Road, on the west side of the Main Ditch by the railroad tracks.

Discussion was held on Lateral One being a legal drain. There was an on-site meeting held June 9, 2011 per a letter from DATCP dated June 14, 2011 by Seth McClure, State Engineer. In that letter a recommendation was made by DATCP but no action or order was ever recorded by the Drainage Board or the Court so the legal drain stands as currently mapped.

Van Asten moved, seconded Vander Heiden to approve the installation of the pump, tile lines and clean out of stumps/brush on the east tile lines south of Center Valley Road. Roll call: Aye: 4 – Nettekoven, Van Eperen, Van Asten, Vander Heiden. Nay – 0; Abstain: 1 - Kramer. Motion carried.

The Board will review the pump by Lateral One when the Lateral One issue is researched and resolved.

Review of Invoices/Financial Report – financial report was not available as data was not available by County Finance

Schedule next meeting date – February 6, 2024 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 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant