

MINUTES OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

February 7, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kramer, Nettekoven, VanEperen, VanAsten, VanderHeiden

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant; Greg Baneck and Jeremy Freund -Land Conservation Department; Harland Volkman – Town of Osborn; John Neumeier, City of Kaukauna Engineer Department; Tim Wittman – Davel Engineering

President Kramer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Outagamie County Highway Department

Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Van Asten to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 as presented. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Nettekoven to approve the minutes of January 6, 2017 as presented. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Harland Volkman, Town of Osborn, advised the Board there is a meeting on March 8, 2017, presented by the UW-GB regarding the Duck Creek Farmer Meeting. It's a follow up to the Duck Creek watershed and local community involvement. Members are invited to participate.

LCD REPORT

Wildenberg Estates – culvert issue – Approval of revised culvert size as submitted –

John Neumeier, City of Kaukauna Engineer Department, stated the City does not support the raise in flood elevation but realizes the position the Board has taken on the resizing issue. They have been in contact with the developer and engineer and are working together to come up with a solution.

Kaukauna has asked Davel Engineering to look at if the culvert on "CC" was ever expanded, what the effect would have on the drainage and flooding in the neighborhood.

Van Asten moved, seconded by Nettekoven to approve the revised culvert size based on DATCP's review and approval for Wildenberg Estates. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

National Tax Professional Association – Approve request to connect to legal drain -

Van Asten moved, seconded by Van Eperen to approve the connection to the legal drain on McCarthy and Capitol Drive for National Tax Professional Association. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Amberwood/Bentwood Estate Drainage Issue – Casaloma will be the route for the pipe. We need to cut/remove trees. We need to get permission from the Condo Association to cut the trees. An email was sent but no response to date has been received. The Town of Grand Chute engineering stated they will take care of getting permits. Most of the area is not hydric soils and may not require spoils to be removed. If some areas are mapped wetlands or hydric soils, a wetland delineation would need to be done. The plan(s) will need to be approved by DATCP. DNR has been contacted if permits are required. Grand Chute should be responsible for the cost of any delineation if required. Board members met with one of the property owners where the trees are leaning towards his property. He would like to see the trees removed.

Reports on Districts

Brush and trees need to be removed and dredging needs to be done in several districts. A letter needs to be sent out to: Center/Grand Chute – 47/Broadway to the main; Casaloma Drive; Freedom District – CTH "N"; Vandenbroek District – Woods by Maloney to CTH "JJ"; Duck Creek – Mullen Road to the weir, Ballard Road to the weir, weir towards Richardson and Kuehnl properties, weir to Stingle Road (ditch is deep so not much may

be needed to be done). It was noted at the road ditch on Ballard Road, the bottom of the weir is the old Duck Creek bottom elevation.

Harland Volkman explained various culvert locations on Ballard Road and problem areas. There is a cross culvert at Kropp and Ballard Road and that water goes to Black Creek.

Augie, Marcks Excavating, is grinding brush in Center – almost to the bend. One culvert has been installed but one more needs to put in. There is too much frost so it will have to be done in the spring.

Logs piled by 12 Corners Road have been trying to get hauler to take out. Scott Marcks may be able to haul logs. Logs going to Zaples. Waste logs are being hauled and taken by individuals.

Complaint received on work being done at STH 47 and 12 Corners Road that needs to be stabilized. Area has since been seeded and will be monitored.

Center - Grand Chute District – main crossing in Bubolz – replacing the 36” pipe would require an engineering study (\$10,000) because of being a mapped floodplain. What size of pond and how it would help the district needs to be determined. It would help determine future water discharge flows into district ditches.

LCD will compile specs for an RFP for the Hydrology & Hydraulic Study for Center-Grand Chute District.

Duck Creek Annexation Petition – Review information and comments received at Public Hearing and Informational Meeting –

The minutes were reviewed with the answers to questions asked during the public hearing. LCD had additional comments to the questions. The Board members had visited different areas brought up during the public hearing to further understand their concerns. The question of how assessments would be determined; two ways are currently used, same rate across the whole district per acres, or assessed by benefit to the property owners. A study would help in determining which way would be the most beneficial to the property owner and district.

Harlan Volkman, Chairman, Town of Osborn, informed the Board the Town is receiving funds from ATC for lines being installed within their town. These funds are available to the Town to be used for environmental reasons. The Town is proposing to be involved with an engineering study to help them determine the water issues around Burma Swamp and how it is affecting their roads and ditches along with the Drainage Board’s study for the annexation. Doing a study prior to annexing, would allow better determination of the boundaries of the district. An intergovernmental agreement was suggested with the Town of Osborn and the Drainage Board. The Drainage Board would take the lead on the study as they have more statutory authority than the town has. The Town would have to apply to the State for the funds which can include the study and costs associated with public hearings, mailings, etc.

The comment time for public comment is open until February 17. The Board will meet to review the comments and determine the direction of the annexation process. Land Conservation Department will compile specifications for the study. The Board will meet the week of February 20 to review the RFP specs and review any other comments received from landowners on the annexation. DATCP will be contacted to see if the use of these funds are acceptable and also the timeline, if any, for approval/denial of the annexation.

Volkman asked if an estimated cost for the study could be given. The item will be placed on the Town of Osborn March 13 meeting agenda. The Board will expedite the RFP to get that cost by that meeting.

New Business

Wildenberg North – Still in DNR and City of Kaukauna preliminary review. It is located between the previous one and the highway.

Freedom School District is proposing to build new high school at “UU” and “N”. This is located at the start of the Freedom Drainage legal ditch. The Board will have to approve the drainage plans.

Financial - Invoices

A new contract for storage unit rental was received for \$1200 per year. Van Asten moved, seconded by Nettekoven to sign the 2017 contract. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

The District account balances were reviewed.

Van Asten moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to adjourn at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant