

**Freedom Drainage District
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2017**

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

Also present: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant and Jeremy Freund, Land Conservation Department. 6 residents were in attendance (see sign-in sheet)

The Board meets every first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Outagamie County Highway Department, 1313 Holland Road, Appleton. Anyone with 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 2016 Annual Meeting - Motion made and seconded from the floor to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2016 Annual Meeting.

Presentation of projects – Jeremy Freund presented the inspection map and reviewed what was found during this year's inspection. Freedom drains south, Oneida drains to the northeast. The red lines indicate spraying needs to be done. Outagamie County has 88 miles of drainage ditch. County Rd N to County Rd UU needs to be dredged/cleaned out during the next year. Pictures were reviewed of items found during the inspection. Several blowouts need to be filled in. There were some buffers that were not existing and the owners will be notified.

2016-17 Financial Report – Balance as of January 1, 2017 was \$62,920. Expenses from January 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2017 were \$1,732 resulting in a balance to date of \$61,188. Motion made and seconded from the floor to accept the financial report.

2017 Assessment Rates paid in 2018 – Discussion was held on work that needs to be completed in the next couple years. Motion from floor, seconded to recommend to keep the special assessment rate the same at \$2.00/acre/\$30 minimum.

Public Participation/questions – Van Asten reported that Freedom School District is proposing a new school at UU and N, this is at the top of the legal drain. We cannot assess the school be but we can control how much and fast the water can enter the ditch. It was also discussed the property owned by Milk Source at VandenBosch and JJ. They installed drain tile and the water is entering into the laterals and into the district. Currently they are not in the district. Kramer will check with DATCP as to what the board can do to assess them.

Tom Murphy – questioned about buffer on his property. He will be disking the area and seeding grass in the buffer. There are cattails and brush in the ditch. The Drainage Board will be spraying the area in the ditch this year. Mr. Murphy was advised to contact one of the Drainage Board members when he has it planted and completed. Murphy also asked about changing a ditch on his property to stop the water from sitting or going into the woods. Kramer suggested he contact LCD to discuss what he wants to do and if it is correct. The ditch is a private ditch and not a legal drain.

Jerry Evers asked about sediment in the buffer, if he can repair it on his own. Kramer said the property owner should maintain the buffer area.

The 2018 meeting will be held around this same time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant

ATTENDANCE SIGN IN SHEET

DISTRICT: *Freedom* DATE: *Oct 4, 2017*

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
1	Paul Delcove	W 2333 Cty Rd W	570.2825	tedd692@metzco.com
2	Dan Brinke	N 3047 Cty N	585.2290	
3	Jerry Evers	W 986 Van Aster Rd	488-7835	
4	<i>Jeremy Fremd</i>	<i>OUTAGAMIE COUNTY</i>		
5	Glenn Kartz	W 2876 Hwy 55 E near		
6	Tom Muegler	N 4664 Old Fiddle Creek	977-0720	
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**FUND 759
FREEDOM DRAINAGE DISTRICT -**

5279.79 Acres
\$2.00/acre - \$30 minimum

REVENUE

Balance as of 12/31/16	\$	31,384
2016 Assessment Paid in 2017	\$	31,536

\$ 62,920

EXPENSES -

Salaries/Mileage	\$	465
Supplies	\$	263
Engineering/LCD	\$	630
Contracted Maintenance		
Grounds Maintenance	\$	113
Applied Expenses (postage/printing/phone)	\$	3
Contracts (storage, legal, insurance)	\$	258

EXPENSES January 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2017 \$ 1,732

BALANCE AS OF 8/31/17 \$ 61,188

Various Expenses Sept 1, 2016 thru August 31, 2017

Hank Koss - spraying	\$	399
Olson Excavating - County Rd UU	\$	26,348