

**MINUTES OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
JUNE 5, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kramer, Nettekoven, Van Asten, Vander Heiden, Van Eperen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant; Greg Baneck, Cody Van Oss - Land Conservation Department; Harland Volkman, Town of Osborn; Jerry Iverson, 4708 Timber Row; Brad Johnson, N6587 Co Road C; Bob Givens, OMNNI; Glenn Wiegand, 4702 Timber Row; Mike Lien, 4605 Timber Row; David Van Eperen, 4055 N McCarthy Rd; Robert, Heimann, 3690 N Casaloma Dr, Wayne Stingle, N2735 State Rd 47; Katie Schwartz, Karen Heyrman – Town of Grand Chute; Jim March, 3678 N Maple Edge Ct; Scott Koehnke, WI DNR

The Board meeting was called to order at conclusion of the Casaloma Project Public Hearing at 8:51 a.m. by Chairman Kramer. (See Casaloma Project Public Hearing minutes)

**Review and approve Minutes**

Minutes of May 1, 2018 – Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Van Eperen to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

**Public Participation** – none

**Duck Creek Annexation** –

Bob Givens, OMNNI presented the current mapping from the area in consideration. The Board is interested if DNR would allow water/ditch to go through the swamp. History maps from 1889 were presented. Scott Koehnke, WI DNR, stated DNR is looking at stream history and jurisdiction. The 1889 mapping is a good presentation of what is today. 1838 is the original topographic mapping start. Big issue is wetlands and where the soils are to be spread. A walk-through will be needed as to where the ditch will be and effect of water ways and what would be effected by groundwater and surface water. Need to look at the depth so the swamp isn't drained. Need to look at the proposed paths and which is best. DNR will do functional assessment of the area. Koehnke suggested an on-site visit to explain the project to his staff. He will contact them and arrange a visit. (mid-July) Baneck will check availability of Brewster St bus transportation so all parties present can tour together.

**Casaloma Drive Project** –

Kramer explained DATCP requires a 10 year storm prediction. The berm idea presented by the condo owners will be considered. An option is to haul soil into the area to create a berm, filling over the stumps. Stumps could also be ground down prior to adding fill. A punch bowl will be installed as an erosion control at point of pipe injection.

Bob Van Eperen asked what will be done with the brush and timber left. The Board stated it needs to be ground/removed. The area will be looked at and report back at the July meeting.

Mike Lien questioned the large size of the pipe being installed. Kramer explained due to the flat elevation of the area, a larger size pipe was required.

Mr. Lien expressed appreciation for the Board's involvement in this project.

### **Land Conservation Department Report–**

Baneck reported annual inspections are about 25% complete - Freedom and Center/Grand Chute Districts are done. Freedom District - Culverts on UU are washed out and need to be replaced. Culverts need to be resized larger. Center-Grand Chute District – the lane by Kohl's was damaged and needs to be repaired (owned by Bubolz's). There is a new product, Flex O Mat, that could be used in ditches that would allow crossings. Cost would be approximately \$1,800 per crossing and lasts up to 75 years, which is longer than the 20 year life of a culvert. There are several areas between Kohl's and the railroad tracks that this could be used. The main crossing in Bubolz by the "Y" is blown out. The pipe is not large enough. Ideally a bridge should be placed in that area.

Board members need to let Baneck know if they would like to go along on the inspections.

Cody Van Oss – LCD summer intern was introduced. Projects from past few years will be brought up to date and submitted to DATCP with corrections of drains.

### **Center Valley District –**

Richley Legal Claim -

A letter dated May 31, 2018 was received from Auto Owners Insurance Company is currently stating there is no coverage but are still reviewing our policy and are issuing a "Reservation of Rights". As our insurance company, they reserve the right to hire legal counsel. Kramer has a call into Attorney Wishart and is waiting for guidance as to our next step.

### **Bovina-Black Creek District –**

Pump repairs – North Liberty pump, chains on the doors need to be repaired; steel grading needs to be replaced. Pump in Shiocton – mice chewed windings, motor repaired for \$1350. Larry VanStraten, Jim Scheurers and Kramer removed the pump. Brush needs to be removed and sink hole repaired. Mack Road pump - fire dept was called. Bearing seized up, belts smoked and bent shaft. Shaft removed, replaced, pump does not start. Something in the start system is not working. The gates going to Vorland's are not working. Dike was blown out, Emergency Management called Highway Department to come out repair. Sheriff Gehring was present. Emergency Management, Lisa Van Schyndel, declared situation a health emergency. The last time the dike blew out, property owner Ralph Gehring paid for the repair. The dike has not been maintained.

The whole area needs to be addressed as to the functioning of the gates and the dike. The question is if we do maintenance on the dike are we assuming responsibility of the dike. (It is believed the dike was built in the 1930's by the Corps of Engineers) The DNR dike was also reported as leaking, DNR was contacted and the leak was repaired. Next spring, the pumps should not be started until the ditches have water in them. The pumps are not designed to remove water from the fields. All pumps need to be ran and checked at least once per year.

Insurance policy coverage was discussed.

Correspondence – an unsigned letter was received concerning property located at W4488 Countryview Dr, Town of Center. The area is within the drainage district but is not located adjacent to a legal drain. The Drainage Board does not have jurisdiction on drainage issues on private property only within the corridor along a legal drain. The letter was filed.

Discussion was held regarding the jetting of tile lines on Edgewood by the Cousineau property.

Financial Reports were provided to Board members.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Highway Department.

Van Asten moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to adjourn at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen  
Administrative Assistant