

MINUTES OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
February 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Kramer Jr., Greg Nettekoven, Jason Van Eperen, Mike Van Asten, Gerald Vander Heiden

OTHERS PRESENT: Christina Howard, Land Conservation Administrative Assistant; Jeremy Freund, Land Conservation Department; Harlan Volkman, Town of Osborn; Bob Givens, OMNI; Scott Koehnke, WDNR, Paul & Laura Flunker, Public Participant

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes of January 2, 2019 – Van Asten moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS: Paul and Laura Flunker attended the meeting to discuss a drainage issue on his property (farmhouse located east of 47 and north of Mackville Road, just east of the St. Edward's church/school). His driveway is under water whenever we have rain and he is wondering who he needs to talk to in order to fix the issue. Kramer and Freund looked up his property on the map and determined that it is a private ditch (and not the responsibility of the Drainage Board) and that he would be able to conduct the work himself. It was recommended that he inform his neighbors and also the Town of Center to let them know what his plans are and to make sure that correct permits are in place.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT REPORT - Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Center Valley District – County Road A/S – Richley Property legal issue – Kramer is waiting to find out if the insurance company will defend us. An update is expected in February.

Duck Creek Annexation – Scott Koehnke, WI DNR gave a report on the work being done on this project. Allison Willman, Wetland Identification Specialist with WI-DNR, and Koehnke went on the property to conduct a preliminary vegetation survey and found there are 3 invasive species growing: canary grass, hybrid cattails and barn grass. Koehnke mentioned cutting down trees and removing canopies would cause these invasive species to grow and that would not help the situation. He suggested looking at the property with a drone with snow on the ground and also without snow to see the vegetation and canopies on the property as well as look for degraded wetland and stream paths. Freund and Bob Givens have agreed to work together to plan a time to take the photos with the drone and will bring an update to the April meeting. Once the drone pictures are taken, the group would like to plan a time to walk through the property and view items found on the pictures. Also, there is a new Mitigation Coordinator – Tom Nedland.

Center/Grand Chute District - Bob Givens, OMNI, presented a map of a potential option to help the drainage issue in the area of Mayflower and Edgewood Drive. The proposed option does not seem to be feasible but will not be ruled out at this point. Two other ideas were also proposed:

1. Put in a pond and pipe
2. Put in a pond and reline tile

Bob Givens will put together maps for the two new proposed ideas and will bring to the April meeting to discuss.

DATCP Corridor/Buffer Policy – Kramer spoke with Attorney Kent’s office regarding the corridor policy. Vanessa will be sending information with suggestions. Outagamie County already enforces a 75’ building setback, but it would be the cities and villages that we would have to work with to put this in place. We will bring this back next month if Kramer has any new information.

Pump Repairs in Black Creek/Bovina & North Liberty Districts – The pumps done and working, except for one in town that needs wiring finished.

Vandenbroek District – Relocation & Wetland Permitting, City of Kaukauna – no update from John Davel.

Little Chute – revisions to storm water/sedimentation pond discharge - Al will work on putting together a formal request from the Drainage Board to Matt on what we want reviewed and approved. He received paperwork but needs an official request in writing from the Drainage Board. Motion for DATCP to proceed to review all documentation was moved by Van Asten and seconded by Nettekoven. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

North Liberty/Gate off Boelter Road – should have decision by spring on this on whether to remove the gate or not. Kramer will invite Ryan to attend the March meeting to discuss this gate further.

Bubolz Nature Center Culvert – Van Eperen will invite Randy Tuma, Bubolz Nature Preserve Director to the Drainage Board meeting in March to discuss the failing culvert on their property.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Bogenschultz CSM – Freund reported that comments were submitted that it’s a legal drain but does not know if this was indicated on the CSM. Freund will put together information and send to Al for review.

Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Van Eperen to adjourn at 11:03am.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 8:30am at the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Howard
Land Conservation Administrative Assistant