

**MINUTES OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
MAY 7, 2019**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant; Greg Baneck, Jeremy Freund, Land Conservation Department; Harlan Volkman, Town of Osborn; Jerry Iverson, Timber Row, Appleton; Brad Johnson, N6587 County Rd C; Al Van Straten, Town of Bovina; Jim Vorland, 495 County Rd G, Neenah; Keith Surprise, N7503 FF, Shiocton; Brad Gehring, 5070 W Century Farm Blvd, Appleton; Bob Givens, Omni.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

Approve April 2, 2019 minutes – Nettekoven moved, seconded by Van Asten to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call: 5 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department Report - Greg Baneck reported he was contacted by the Town of Oneida Chairman regarding a culvert on Section Line Road north of Neighborhood Dairy which they would like LCD to design piping under the road to improve drainage. It is a legal drain ditch and the existing culverts are 36 or 40" and are creating flooding by the homes. The Board questioned if increasing the diameter would improve the flooding conditions. The pipes were frozen this winter. Kramer will contact Matt at DATCP to work up flows.

Annual Inspections will be starting in the next couple of weeks. The official notice was published in the Appleton Post Crescent on Sunday, May 4 and Saturday, May 11. Baneck will check with Board members are their availability to ride along on the inspections.

Duck Creek Annexation – The drone was flown last Friday, May 3. Staley property elevation is 81.6 and 80.2 at Ballard Rd., or 16" of fall. The blue line is through grass area, with a few trees. Need to meet with Scott Koehnke, DNR, again to report findings and possibly walk the ditch. Yellow line ditch, old ditch, is higher than the excavated area. The yellow line matches the 1890 map showing the ditch. More of the swamp is draining south than to Black Creek as originally thought. The swamp is draining on Ballard Road via the ditches along the road. Vander Heiden and another member will meet with the property owner to discuss the placement of the ditch on their property.

Center/Grand Chute Re-assessment – Givens presented a revised proposed plan for future drainage ponds/drainage in the area of Edgewood/McCarthy Roads. Givens will contact Grand Chute to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Dike Repair – Black Creek/Bovina District – Gehring property – The dike had another blow out last week. The dike is sand and the rats are in it. Nettekoven, Baneck and Kramer met with Outagamie County Corporation Counsel Joe Guidote to discuss present and future issues with the repair and maintenance of the dike. Guidote will discuss with officials at Outagamie County and report back to the Board. Long term the levee needs to be fixed, up-graded or second alternative would be to take it down and let the crop land return to wetland. Al Van Straten asked when the dike was built, why was it built, who originally paid for it, who maintains it? Kramer reported he has contacted DATCP and they have records dating back to 1929 on the dike. Our attorney has not gotten back to the Board as to who is responsible for maintaining the dike. Brad Gehring remarked about the email issue with Paula Reider,

Emergency Management, regarding the state declaring a flood emergency and for her to work up a plan to remove the trees on the north side of the dike and recover repair costs. Dean Steingraber, Highway offered to assist in the tree removal. The 2nd issue is it was always a multi-jurisdictional dike. Last year's blow out was declared emergency repair, stated by Butch Bunnell and Lisa Van Schyndel, and covered by County's insurance funds; 1995-96 was paid by the County. Baneck stated that the dike protects structures and also crops if there is another large event.

A meeting will be organized to discuss the above issues with residents, local, county and state officials. DATCP will be contacted to see what their involvement would be. It was also suggested to invite the County Board Supervisors. Town of Bovina will facilitate and host the meeting at their Town Hall.

Baneck has found an NRCS flood grant that he needs to do more research on it.

REPORTS ON DISTRICTS –

Center Valley – Richley property – issue going to mediator.

Duck Creek – EE/S project should be starting soon. Meade to Krueger Roads, notice was sent out December 17, 2018.

North Liberty – next agenda – payment for operating pump

Van Asten moved, seconded by Van Eperen to adjourn at 10:17 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant