

**Town of Center-Grand Chute Drainage District  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2018**

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

Also present: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant; Greg Baneck, Land Conservation Department; Property Owners/Others – Bob Heimann, Dave Schreiter, Bobbie Schreiter, Boyd Seidler, Wayne Stingle, Jerry Ebben, Christ Pagels – Tn/Greenville, Mike Anglea, Robin Rusch, Glen Schneider, Brian Sundby, Robert Ziesemer, Delmar Sawall, Candy Zak, Kathy Sunstrom, Paul Mazurek, Mark Pennings, Richard Zanon, Helene Iverson, Jerry Iverson, Randey Felton, Mike Lien, Glenn Wiegand, Bob Harp, Pete Kohn, Ken Baum, Charles Klasen, Nick Kiesow, Debra Kiesow; Katie Schwartz – Tn/Grand Chute DPW

Kramer informed those present 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 2017 – Bob Heimann moved, seconded by Paul Mazurek to approve the minutes as presented

Presentation of Inspection Projects – Greg Baneck, Land Conservation Department gave a report on this year,s inspection and what was found: Upper end of State Road 15 and County Road GV, flows to Bubolz Nature Center and into Bear Creek; indicated on the map report dash lines are the legal drains. In the Center portion during the inspection they were looking for brush that needs spraying, ditches that need dredging. Pictures included in inspection report were reviewed.

Future projects – west on Casaloma Drive to west of McCarthy needs dredging

Dave Schneider, 3836 N Cobb Creek Drive stated his area is grass on both sides of the ditch, why does it have to be cleaned out. Kramer - The area will be walked and elevations completed to see what needs to be done. Our working corridor is 20 feet from the top of the bank. East of your area there is erosion and trees in the bank. The property owners will be notified a minimum of 6 months in advance.

Question - Will more than 20' of area be needed, will you be driving on our lawns. Kramer: if we need the room for our equipment, yes. We enter the corridor from the road and if possible stay within the 20' corridor. We work with the property owner, we are not there to tear up your lawns. You can continue to use the area within the 20' corridor as lawn. It is beneficial to us if you maintain that area, keeping in mowed. Many of the property owners are currently doing this. If we are doing a major clean out, we will be using more than 20', per state statutes we are able to do that. We do not go in with the intent of destroying yards.

Resident stated if the ditch had been properly maintained throughout the years there would not be over grown trees. Kramer responded the Board totally agrees. The previous Board did not keep up with maintenance and the present Board is being more pro-active.

Jerry Iverson, 4708 Timber Row – commented and submitted written remarks regarding 1) Landscaping on drainage ditch on Timber Ridge Property; 2) Concerns on drainage updates along the drainage ditch; 3) Long range planning for drainage in the Center/Grand Chute Drainage District. (A copy of his statement is attached)

Kramer remarked the Board is working with Omni Engineering to do a re-assessment study and the Board has been meeting with the Town of Grand Chute on drainage issues. This drainage affects the residents in Mackville.

Baneck explained the water from here goes north to A. In the spring, the area by A and Rock is under water. Proposed large developments are submitted to DATCP for their approval, looking for water flow and capacity.

Question – Does the Board get money from the Town of Grand Chute for storm water? Response – no, the Board works with the special assessments charged on your taxes for the Drainage District. The storm water fees are budgeted and use by Grand Chute.

Question – We get a 6 month notice to remove trees? Do we have to do that? Kramer – you can remove the trees or we will and it becomes part of the assessment. We will work with the property owners on this. We will come out and meet with the property owners to work through this.

Question – east portion - railroad tracks (north of A) when is that going to be prepared? Kramer: The railroad has been told about it but have not responded.

Resident on Jack Pine – routing of water to legal drain what is happening? Katie/Grand Chute DPW – that is a Grand Chute project.

Question – Regarding the re-assessment, how is that charge figured, commercial compared to residential or farm land. What is the method used? Baneck – Permiuous surface and storm water ponds were considered, there are multiple items looked at.

Wayne Stingle – State Road 47 – Does that mean we will be getting more water? Kramer: Not more water, same amount but at a slower rate and how it's going to get there. Stingle – Don't the people on "O" want the water to move? Baneck - You would think so but those property owners are not in a drainage district. In the 30's the district was ended there. Kramer – It is very expensive to annex in acres to the drainage district.

Question was asked about digging a pond in Bubolz to collect and store more water. Baneck – that has been discussed but with the organic soils it would fill with the water there and we probably wouldn't gain much.

Jerry Ebben – From "O" to Wege Road it's all bedrock. The bedrock ranges from 2' to 6'.

Kramer – We will continue to work with other municipalities and agencies to make this all work.

Robert Ziesemer – North McCarthy Road – What is going to be done this year? Kramer – Plan is to work on Casaloma to the ditch. We met out by your area this morning with Grand Chute, there will be elevations done to take the over flow from the tile. The tile has to be there but is maxed out. This won't happen over night.

Sawall – If new tile would be installed, would a special assessment to the property owners from Mayflower to the tile? Greenville area is bringing more water into that area. The tile was originally installed in the 1950's. It needs to be replaced. Baneck – It is old concrete tile. New tile is plastic but there are options with socks, etc. This is the only district out of the 8 districts that has tile. The best option would be an open ditch.

Candy Zak – What is happening with the Brentwood Estates retention pond. Katie/Grand Chute – The contractor is playing with the weather game, hopefully they will be on that in the next week. Follow up may be needed in the spring with planting.

**Financial Report**

Balance as of January 1, 2018 was \$81,577. Assessment paid were \$64,166. Expenses through August 31, 2018 were \$76,127. Balance through August 31, 2018 is \$69,616. Jerry Iverson moved, seconded by Bob Heimann to accept the Financial Report.

Special Assessment – Wayne Stingle moved, seconded by Paul Mazurek to recommend the special assessment be \$4 per acre/ \$40 minimum.

2019 Meeting Date – The 2019 will be held about the same time.

Paul Mazurek moved, seconded by Nick Kiesow to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen  
Administrative Assistant

**2017 - 2018 REVENUES/EXPENSES**

**FUND 757** **5,826.99 Acres**  
**CENTER/GRAND CHUTE DRAINAGE DISTRICT -** \$4.00/acre - \$40 minimum

**REVENUE**

Balance as of 12/31/17	\$ 81,577
2017 Assessment Paid in 2018	
City of Appleton Assessment	\$ 685
Town of Center	\$ 13,210
Town of Grand Chute	\$ 34,214
Town of Greenville	\$ 16,057
 Total Revenues	 \$ 145,743

**EXPENSES -**

Salaries/Mileage	\$ 4,150
Supplies	\$ 1,492
Engineering/LCD	\$ 2,110
Contracted & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 67,786
Related Applied Expenses (postage/printing/phone)	\$ 198
Contracts (storage, legal, insurance)	\$ 391

**EXPENSES Jan 1, 2018 thru Aug 31, 2018** \$ 76,127

**BALANCE AS OF 8/31/18** \$ 69,616

Various Costs

LCD - engineering	\$2,110
WI Tubing - culverts	\$1,470
Speedy Clean - jet line Mayflower/Edgewood Dr	\$1,220
Kurt's Services - drain repairs & Casaloma	\$3,316
Hank Olson - 47/Broadway Dr	\$50,749
Hank Olson - Casaloma Dr	\$8,245
Bucklin's Stumpf Removal - Casaloma Dr	<u>\$4,230</u>
	\$71,340

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY**  
**AGENCY FUNDS**  
**FISCAL YEAR END 12/31/18**

CENTER/GRAND CHUTE DRAINAGE DISTRICT - FUND 757

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE 12/31/2017	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE 12/31/2018
Cash	81,577.38	64,165.92	(91,284.59)	54,458.71
Due from Other Govts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>81,577.38</b>	<b>64,165.92</b>	<b>(91,284.59)</b>	<b>54,458.71</b>
Vouchers Payable	82.86	87,638.36	(87,338.77)	382.45
Due to Other Govts	81,494.52	64,165.92	(91,584.18)	54,076.26
Due to Other Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>81,577.38</b>	<b>151,804.28</b>	<b>(178,922.95)</b>	<b>54,458.71</b>

October 4, 2018

TO: President Al Kramer and members of the Outagamie County Drainage Board

FROM: Jerry Iverson, 4708 Timber Row, Grand Chute, WI 54913  
Member of the Timber Ridge Association (Timber Row)  
Outagamie County Supervisor, District 24( Grand Chute)

RE: 1) Landscaping on Drainage Ditch on Timber Ridge Property  
2) Concerns on drainage updates along the drainage ditch  
3) Long Range Planning for Drainage in the Center/Grand Chute Drainage  
Drainage District

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on the issues of drainage in the Grand Chute Drainage District.

Before I proceed with my comments, I recognize the difficulty of trying to manage drainage in this particular district with the ongoing economic development in all directions which includes Grand Chute and Greenville. Economic development has been good for Outagamie County but it also creates significant issues of drainage.

Generally speaking, economic development in Grand Chute has converted an area that was primarily agriculture to an area that has and is becoming primarily commercial, residential and to some extent industrial. In the 70's and 80's, the Drainage Board primarily dealt with drainage in this District from agricultural land. However, over the last 25 years agricultural land has been changed to urban development. This had created significant issues for your Board as it grapples with the needs of proper drainage within the District and maintenance of drainage ditches. This requirement often runs counter to the needs and wants of commercial and residential development.

I would first like to speak as a resident of the Timber Ridge Association. I am in support of the work of our members and the input they have provided in the impact of the changes on our property. I support our work with the Board over the last year to: a) work on the ditch for prevention of flooding as the result of all of the construction and storm sewer work south and east of our property b) all efforts by the Drainage Board to prevent any further deterioration of the land

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both east/west and adjacent to our Association bridge c) prevention of erosion from the berms along the ditch and d) landscaping along the berm that provides the Association members with privacy and good aesthetics along the berm.

I appreciate the significant amount of time you have spent listening to our suggestions and your willingness to continue discussions on our concerns.

I would like, at this time, to put on my Outagamie County District 24 Supervisor hat. Please note that I am not representing the opinion of the County Board, the County Board Chair/Vice Chair or the County Executive on these matters. These are my observations on this issue since most of electoral District 24, which I represent, is contained within the Center/Grand Chute Drainage District. I also understand that the Drainage Board makes its decision in conjunction with the County Land Conservation Department, the DNR and DATCP but it does not report directly to the County Board.

I have talked to residents with properties along the drainage ditch west and south of our bridge. It is my understanding that the Drainage Board is planning to address issues along this ditch within the next year or two. Residents along this drainage ditch have beautiful landscaping, some large trees, lawns and shrubs. They maintain these areas and many moved to Grand Chute 10 to 15 years ago.

They have spent hundreds if not thousands of hours of time and significant financial resources maintaining these areas and are very concerned about the possibility of losing trees/bushes within the 20 foot area from the top of the ditch. It is my understanding that you have had preliminary discussions with some of these residents and I would ask that you continue your efforts to listen to their concerns.

The residents also pointed out some concerns they have with the amount of water that comes from adjacent properties into their yards from sump pumps or down spouts that should be routed into the storm sewer. The water often ends up in their yards and ultimately into the drainage ditch. I realize that this is a Town of Grand Chute issue but it does have an impact on the amount of water that eventually goes into the drainage ditch.

I also talked to residents that live in the Whispering Grove subdivision that is located in this Drainage District. A number of them have reported street flooding (Jack Pine Ct and adjacent streets), backyards flooded and in some cases, water in basements from the runoff from recent and prior rains. This runoff comes from agricultural land south, west and north of their properties. The water drainage impacts their properties even though they are not directly adjacent to the drainage ditch.

Finally, I reviewed the minutes from the 2017 Drainage Board annual meeting. I will quote from the minutes from the meeting that were presented by President Al Kramer. I quote: "Discussion has been held on completing a study of the district as to the flows, what is required for now and in the future. This would be beneficial to the residents, Drainage Board and Town."

Greg Baneck from Outagamie County Land Conservation also stated and I quote: "In the long range, this area is not going to get any drier with more development on McCarthy and Casaloma occurring. There needs to be a long range plan".

It is my opinion and of other residents that it is the right time for the Board to move forward with the development of a drainage plan. For example, to the west and south of this drainage district there will be the building of the new Grand Chute Sports complex. Although this complex is not directly impacting this Drainage District, additional commercial development will occur to the north and west of this complex which will impact drainage for this District. There will be additional water runoff from buildings, additional side roads and parking lots which will all contribute to more drainage issues within the District.

I would suggest that unless there is an emergency drainage issue, that there are NO changes for drainage, dredging, tree cutting etc until a multi-year plan for drainage be developed in conjunction with the Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, and the residents/businesses affected by these changes.

I would suggest that the Drainage Board proceed with the development of this plan as soon as possible. Thank you.