MINUTES OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
December 3, 2019

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant; Jeremy Freund, Land Conservation Department (LCD); Harlan Volkman, Town of Osborn; Brad Johnson, N6587 County Rd C; Scott Schaumberg, Town of Oneida Chairperson; Jim Kortz, N2867 Co Road J

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Al Kramer, Jr.

Review and approve minutes of November 5, 2019 meeting – Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Nettekoven to approve the November 5, 2019 minutes as presented. ROLL CALL: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Public participation/comments – Jim Kortz, N2867 County Road J, asked what could be done with the flooding onto his property from the legal drain backing up due to blockage in the ditch to the east that is not located within the district. The legal drains ends on his property. Is there something that can be done by Mr. Kortz. Kramer will check with the attorney to see what the Drainage Board can do to extend the cleanout of the ditch to the east. Chapter 88.90 deals with the regulations allowing the Drainage Board to clean out ditches not within the district if the blockage is causing issues within the legal drainage ditch. The blocks area is in Town of Kaukauna and goes east to the county line. There are a lot of trees that have fallen and are in the ditch causing blockage.

OLD BUSINESS
Center Valley District – Dale Richley property legal issue. The agreement is completed and currently getting signatures. Once all signatures are complete, there is a 5 day waiting period and then it becomes official.

Duck Creek Annexation Petition – Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, Town of Osborn Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Christensen is working on the notices.

Oneida-Hobart District – Section Line Road culvert revision with Town of Oneida – Omni Associates emailed that they have completed: the survey, visited the culvert during recent flooding, worked on hydrology, existing conditions model, calibrated model to match conditions observed in the field and working on flood mapping and options for improvement. Bob Givens will have more information at the January 7, 2020 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
Portage County – legal issue – Within Portage County, a resident placed stumps in a legal drain to create a trout habitat. By state statutes this is prohibited. The Drainage Board challenged the project and the owner took it to court. The court ruled with the property owner. This has been up-held in circuit court, and Appeals Court. No engineering was approved by DATCP. Portage County is looking for
letters of support from other county drainage boards that this type of habitat will create drainage problems.
Nettekoven moved, seconded by Van Asten, to send a letter of support. ROLL CALL: 5 aye. Motion carried.

**Proposed 75’ setback for structures from legal drainage ditches** – should it be from top of bank or high water mark. The County uses a 75’ setback from ordinary high water mark. The County has authority to determine the water mark who also works with the DNR. No structures with the 20’ corridor or a 75’ from ordinary high water mark. Tabled to the next meeting.

**2020 Storage Shed Rental Agreement** – Van Asten moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to approve storage shed agreement for $1,380 for the year 2020 with Al Van Grinsven. ROLL CALL: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Christensen reported the ERU Report was received from Little Chute. ERUs increased due to industrial/commercial development.

Kramer reported he received a phone message from County Executive Thomas Nelson in reference to the letter sent November 12, 2019. Kramer went to his office and he was not there. He left a written note for Nelson to call him. He has not been contacted by Mr. Nelson to date.

**Financial Reports** – Reports were reviewed.

The Board discussed various projects to be completed. On-site visits will be completed to verify what needs to be completed.

The State Drainage Board Association meeting will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in Portage. Those wanting to attend should contact Al.

**Schedule next meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Highway Department.

Van Eperen moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to adjourn at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant