MINUTES OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
January 7, 2020

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; Bob Givens, Omni Associates

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

Review and approve minutes of December 3, 2019 meeting – Vander Heiden moved, seconded by Van Asten to approve the December 3, 2019 minutes as presented. ROLL CALL: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Department Report – Jeremy Freund reported Luke Hickey was hired and will be working with the NEW Project in Duck Creek, Dutchman Creek and Ashwaubeon Creek. If the Board has anything that needs to be cleaned out in that area, work could be coordinated with them.

Duck Creek Annexation – Bob Givens, Omni Associates – Discussion was held on assessment costs variables; considering what needs to be done, prioritizing areas. At the Public Hearing it was suggested to present an overall plan of the 1st phase of establishing the corridors and removal of existing blockage and/or obstructions. 2nd Phase would be cleanout of problem areas; prioritized dredging. It will also be noted at the meeting the need to address past practice of establishing annual assessment rate at annual meeting. Baneck will review the annual inspections, grants available, and LCD assistance.

Discussion was held on assessment of the wetlands/swamp area. Currently the areas are in the drainage district but not assessed. Areas that have been corrected in Duck Creek, i.e. Mumford, Karweick, etc. should be brought back into the assessment roll as the ditches are in place and working. Mr. Johnson asked about a rate policy as he couldn’t find anything in writing. It was explained that the assessments are recommended based on what work needs to be completed the next year at the annual meetings each year. By past practice, this is how the rates are established along with guidelines in Chapter 88 and ATCP 48.

Reports on Districts –
Duck Creek – Nettekoven reported the ditch was cleaned from Krueger Rd to Schimmelpfening; and Vandenbroek District was done. Freedom District is next starting at McHugh Rd east to 55, then 55 to subdivision in areas that need it.

Logger is needed to remove trees from the main from Krueger Rd to Brett Rohm. Nettekoven met with property owners on S/47 and down through the woods to join in the logging. Gene Timm/Gary Coonen property cutting trees by owner from railroad tracks to Al Kramer’s property. Received price quote for cutting/clearing from Krueger, around 2600 feet for $25,000. Logger would also do on time
and material. He can reach 40 feet, lay it on the ground and grind it. Nettekoven will contact contractor to negotiate pricing on time and material, having chips blown back onto ground. We could grind the tree tops and keep the larger bottoms for fire wood. The area on UU and N could also be done. The Board agreed Nettekoven should contact the logger to negotiate with him to chip the brush, leave the chips lay, the larger trunks to stockpile and leave for fire wood on a time and material basis.

Trees are blocking the ditch on the end of Mullen Road. Kurt’s Services will remove the blockage as soon as frost is in. He will also be working in Bubolz to remove downed trees. Other work to be done: behind Karwicke’s, Kohl’s. The area by 5051 Edgewood Drive, where the drain tile goes out to Ebben’s would be a good location to install a cleanout and jet down to see what is wrong. Currently there is water bubbling out of a soft spot so something is blocked.

Nettekoven reported for $1 a 48” squashed concrete culvert, 30 feet long in 4 sections, has been acquired. We have to remove it and haul it from Greenville. This could be used at the end of Mullen Road.

Update on letter to Nelson – Executive Nelson called Kramer after last meeting. Said the County came in with good faith effort to purchase the property. Nelson would not discuss with him contacting Highway to do work. Basically stated there was nothing more he could do. Kramer will contact Jeff Nooyen, County Board Chairman, to discuss Highway Invoice and options we have.

2019 Buffer Violations – The Board reviewed the buffer violations found during the 2019 annual inspections. Letters will be mailed to property owners notifying them of the violation and giving them a warning to replace or due to continued violation of buffer from 2017/2018, a fine to be applied.

Nettekoven suggested having an aerial photo of each district, which shows the “ticks” for 500’. These would allow us to better determine estimated costs when looking at projects. These could be retained year to year to be used in addition to the inspection reports. The additional costs would be approximately $1.50 per page.

Kramer will contact Matt to see if he has heard anything on Vandenbroek District or Village of Little Chute.

Financial Reports – Christensen reviewed the January-December financial reports. Adjustments will be made for the end of year expenses that will be paid in January. The special assessments for 2019 will be posted mid-February.

Scheduled next regular meeting date – Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Highway Department.

Van Eperen moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to adjourn at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Christensen, Administrative Assistant