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

OTHERS PRESENT: Christina Howard, Land Conservation Department (LCD); Greg Baneck, (LCD); Harlan Volkman, Town of Osborn; Bob Givens, OMNNI Associates; Pete Mullen, W3668 Mullen Road; J. Fred Husman, N7065 County Road C; Al Timm, N6989 Ranch Road; Harlan Volkman, Town of Osborn; Al Krause, Town of Oneida; Jason Van Handle, N4605 Section Line Road; Bret Reader, N4621 Section Line Road

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

Review and approve minutes of February 4, 2020 meeting – Nettekoven had a few corrections to the minutes regarding ditches he is working on cleaning out. Van Asten moved, seconded by Nettekoven to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes after corrections are made. ROLL CALL: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation – None

Land Conservation Department Report – Ken, Olson Excavating, called Greg Baneck and said that Nettekoven had talked to him about working in Center/Grand Chute District by Wayne Stingle property from the main to Hwy 47. Greg has a profile and a design that he will give to Ken. Depending on frost, he might start working on in there March 4.

Duck Creek Annexation – The responses to questions and comments regarding the Public Hearing were reviewed. Bob Given’s stated that 3 laterals will be added based on comments, which will bring the ditch total to 69,500 feet. The group discussed Pete Mullen’s public comments to clarify if his property is included in the annexation or not. Part of it is included and the other part is a private ditch. Van Asten moved to add the private ditch to the legal drain pending DATCP approval of the annexation, seconded by Van Eperen. ROLL CALL: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Nettekoven moved to approve the responses to the public comments, seconded by Vander Heiden. ROLL CALL: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Reports on Districts –
Center/Grand Chute District – Van Eperen will investigate where to take the spoils from Stingle’s property when they haul them out. Greg Baneck suggested that City of Appleton might be willing to accept it at the leaf collection area or possibly the quarry might be willing to take the spoils. Van Eperen has talked to landowners in Mackville on Hwy O and everyone seems to be happy about cleaning out these ditches. There was one landowner that he wasn’t able to get a hold of.

Oneida/Hobart Section Line Road Culvert – Existing road culvers are inadequate to handle peak flows and over top the road frequently. Bob Givens recommends adding a 6’ culvert which would over top the road in a 25-year flood event. The group also discussed adding another culvert to Van’s Road but at this time the Board
agreed to move forward with just adding the one on Section Line Road since the affects downstream will be minimal as most of the flow already overtops the road during peak events. Bob will put together plans and prepare a report to send to DATCP for approval. He estimated he would have this completed by the middle of March.

**Bubolz Nature Preserve** – Van Eperen will work with Kurt’s Services to discuss crossing. Kurt’s is working on site this week.

**Duck Creek** – Nettekoven reported that he called Lyle Burmeister to see if he could complete the tree cutting through Teidt’s, however, he is out of commission due to medical issues. They have decided to give Big Boys from Seymour a try. He also made contact with a couple landowners on the corner of Hwy S and Ballard Road regarding the clear cutting that will be done in that area. One landowner doesn’t want to lose his trees but didn’t have any other options. Nettekoven will talk with Ken Olson and see what trees he can save and discuss with the landowner. There is also another landowner that Nettekoven will need to contact yet. The tree cutting on Krueger Road is to be done by Hoblar Tree Service and they plan to come up this week to look at it. If he won’t do it, we will worry about it next year and try using another contractor. Nettekoven also plans to visit Steffen’s Farm to see if he can get the ditches cleaned out this spring. Road limits are also going on this week so that will impact some projects.

**Center Valley District – Richley Property** – Kramer reported that Scott Marcks Excavation is going to start grinding brush again on the Richley Property. Scott is dropping a backhoe off today also. Kramer plans to walk the land with Richley and Greg Baneck to paint trees that need to come out. Kramer will also discuss with Ken Olson when he can get it in there and clean it so the work can be completed.

**Black Creek/Bovina District** – Kramer reported that he has a meeting tomorrow with Representative Jim Steineke. Possibly someone from Rob Cowles’ office will be there too. Kramer is looking for help from them to work with a 12-member board to assist the DNR on the wetland issues and also working with them to get funding for the bill for the levy that blew in Shiocton last year. Kramer also reported that the statutes for the legal drains need work to avoid legal issues based on discussions with Stafford and Rosenbaum. Kramer is also waiting for a call back from Gallagher’s office.

During the LCC meeting in February, one of the committee members discussed creating a resolution to take funds from the contingency fund from Outagamie County to pay the bill from the levy breach in 2019.

**North Liberty** – Kramer reported the deck is complete on the pump and the driveway is usable now. Also need to get the pine tree on property adjacent to pump cut down yet.

**Little Chute** – No update from Matt, DATCP, yet on revisions.

**Vandenbroek Relocation** – Bart, State Drainage Engineer, is supposed to be coming up to look at the channel relocation site that Davel Engineering submitted, however, Kramer wasn’t sure when he planned to do it. If he finds something out, he will let everyone know.

**75’ Setback for Structures** – The group would like to put together verbiage for this policy to have a 75’ setback from top of bank. The verbiage should include that any variances to this setback would have to go before the Drainage Board for approval and should include a clause regarding rebuilding after a fire or other damage (if rebuilding you must comply with this new setback policy regardless of where structures were prior). Once the policy is put together, the Board can proceed to approve the policy and get put in action.

Financial Report – Christina provided copies of the January financials and copies of invoices paid out in February for the group to review.

Scheduled next regular meeting date – Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Highway Department.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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