MINUTES OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECTION LINE ROAD CULVERT REVISION
July 7, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Harlan Volkman, Chairman, Town of Osborn; Bob Givens, OMNNI Associates; Pete Mullen, W3668 Mullen Road; J. Fred Husman, N7065 County Road C; Al Timm, N6989 Ranch Road; Scott Schaumberg, Chairman, Town of Oneida; Jason Van Handle, N4605 Section Line Road; Bret Reader, N4621 Section Line Road; Duane & Vicki Ambrosius, N4901 Section Line Rd; Paul Ambrosius, N5602 French Rd; Joe Van Asten, W926 Van Asten Rd; Brian Maas, N6701 Ranch Rd; Jerry Ambrosius, N7106 Ranch Rd; Kurtis Ambrosius, N7146 Ranch Rd.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Al Kramer, Jr. at the Town of Osborn Town Hall.

Bob Givens, Omni Engineering, gave a brief presentation of the proposed culvert installation on Section Line Road. Givens reported the plan had been submitted to DATCP for their review and they have given verbal approval to the project pending the Public Hearing and the WI DNR had no objections to the plan but we will have to obtain a permit from them. The proposed plan would lower the water flow depth a couple of inches to benefit the property owner(s) on the up-stream side.

Mr. Ambrosius: With the 48” x 65” culverts, 2 going into my acres and 2 going out, what are the flow rates? Givens: flow rates will stay the same. It will end up east of Section Line Road, whether through the culverts or over the road the amount will be the same. If the culverts are smaller, the force builds up behind it. Discussion continued about the flow. Givens will provide Mr. Ambrosius with the flow rate report.

PUBLIC HEARING for Section Line Road Proposed Culvert Revision
President Kramer called the Public Hearing to order at 8:36 a.m.

The notice of Public Hearing was read. The said notice was published in the Appleton Post Crescent on June 17, 23, 30, 2020. The Public Hearing will be held open for written comments for 30 days from today.

Jason VanHandel, lives west of Section Line Road. The Board has done a good job cleaning out the ditches but has increased the flow. It would be nice to get a culvert on Van’s Road too.

Joe VanAsten, Neighborhood Dairy, own property next to Duane Ambrosius. The bottle neck is by VanHandel’s to VanAsten’s. We turn off the tile pumps from our fields when there is a lot of rain to allow the ditches to catch up. If you put a culvert on Section Line, a culvert is needed on Van’s Road to keep the water moving.

Duane Ambrosius – I don’t understand, the water has to go through but everyone has the responsibility of the water and to hold back the water. Problem is on Van’s Road. My land gets flooded each year and this will increase the flooding. What you are proposing to do is adding to the problem. 25’ culverts on McCabe Road, who designed this. This was a mistake years ago and needs to be address. Who’s responsibility are the ditches and who maintains them? The Drainage Board or the Town.

President Kramer closed the Public Hearing at 8:46 a.m.

Notices were sent out to property owners 1200 feet from the location of the culvert which is the standard for the county. The notice was also published in the Post Crescent as required by State Statute.

Discussion was held on the posting of the agenda. Christensen advised those present the agendas are posted within the 24 hours State Statute requirement, usually posted the Wednesday/Thursday prior to the Tuesday meeting.
Review and approve minutes of May 5, 2020 meeting – Van Asten moved, seconded by Vander Heiden to approve the May 5, 2020 minutes. ROLL CALL: 5 aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation – None

Duck Creek Annexation –
Givens reported on the current status of the annexation process.

The area behind Doxbee’s was discussed being included in the annexation. Approximately 1,000 addition feet would be added. The Board agreed to not include this area at this time.

There are some unsure areas on how to handle the areas with DATCP and the Drainage Board. As of now, DATCP is open to reviewing the plans and cross sections and addressing those situations on an “as needed” basis in the future. DNR will not allow any ditching through the Burma Swamp but would allow mowing of the current ditch/flow area. Final plans would be ready to submit to DATCP for their review within a couple of weeks.

Question on the floor as to the rate the property owners would be assessed. Mr. Huseman would like to see the rate remain between $4 and $6 per acre. He was advised the rate is discussed along with the projects to be completed during the fiscal year with the property owners and the rate is determined from that.

Van Asten moved, seconded by VanEperen to approve the proposed annexation of approximately 4,295 acres to the north and east of the existing Duck Creek District; located on the west boundary by Ballard Road/Burma Swap and east boundary of the Oneida Reservation. Roll call: 4 aye – Van Asten, Van Eperen, Nettekoven, Kramer. 1 abstain – Vander Heiden. Motion carried.

VanAsten moved, seconded by VanEperen to submit the proposed annexation plan of 4,295 acres to the existing Duck Creek Drainage District to DATCP for their review, comment and approval/denial. Roll call: 4 aye – Van Asten, Van Eperen, Nettekoven, Kramer. 1 abstain – Vander Heiden. Motion carried.

District Projects
Duck Creek District – Keith Rohm wants to take out trees and have ditch on this property to Ballard Road behind Volkman’s property cleaned out. This will be placed on the project list for 2021.

Old Business -
Vandenbroek District – nothing new received, DATCP is still reviewing.

Village of Little Chute – nothing from DATCP on comments, approval or denial

75’ Setback for structures – Kramer and Christensen will meet to compile policy and report back to Board.

Duck Creek District – 12 Corners Road failing culvert – the Town of Black Creek is working with the County Highway Department to obtain possible funding for the culvert replacement

Christensen advised the Board the insurance agency was requested to obtain quotes for insurance coverage from other companies.

The DNR provided a draft of the MOU for the migration area in Black Creek/Bovina District. We sent back to them a request to include reimbursement for any electric costs for running the pumps if they discharge water into the district. No response has been received to date.

A reimbursement for riprap placement was received from the Timber Ridge Condo Association. This will be placed on the August agenda.
New Business –
Black Creek-Bovina District – Revision to parcels currently with the District by the Shiocton Airport – Held to the August meeting

Financial Reports –
Reports through June 30, 2020 were distributed to the Board.

August 4 meeting will be held at the Town of Osborn Municipal Building at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Christensen
Administrative Assistant