

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

P.O. Box 3188
Green Lake, WI 54941-3188

Roger Sell - 920-398-2268
Patrick Krueger - 920-361-2129
Dick Severson - 920-398-2857

**Drainage Board
August 9, 2017
7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
Training Room, Green Lake County Government Center
571 County Rd. A, Green Lake, WI 54941**

Call to Order: The meeting of the Drainage Board was called to order by Chairman Krueger. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Patrick Krueger, Chair
Roger Sell, Vice-Chair
Dick Severson, Secretary

Also Present: Tom Dolata, Joe Chappa, Robert Nighbor, Richard Sobieski, Steve Foust,
Todd Morris - Green Lake County Land Conservation Department

Agenda: *Motion/second (Severson/Sell)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion/second (Severson/Sell)* to approve the July 11, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Mr. Chappa commented that his neighbor cut some trees and pushed the brush and some dirt in front of a culvert that drains to a private lateral. This is causing water to back up onto his land, he is wondering if something could be done to clean this up and open the culvert up. Krueger stated that this is a private lateral and the board does not have jurisdiction on private laterals. Krueger recommended that Mr. Chappa talk to the landowner and work with him to correct the problem.

Appearances: none

Landowner Request for No Assessment: Mr. Foust responded to the board via email that after consulting with his attorney he would accept the 50/50 assessment split. Sell had requested that the Land Conservation Department check with some of the other counties with drainage districts to see how they handle this. Morris contacted the following county drainage board members, Outagamie County, Waushara County, DATCP and Columbia County. These counties have not had to address this issue, it has not been brought up to their boards. Krueger stated that he would have liked to see something in writing from Mr. Foust's attorney regarding the issue. Mr. Foust stated that he had emails from his attorney on the issue. Krueger would like Mr. Foust to share them with the board. Severson said that his proposal to Mr. Foust's assessment by 50% was a one time deal at last months meeting and he does not offer the deal again. Severson and Sell are no longer open to a 50/50 split of the assessment. Sell does not want to set a precedence on this issue for other drainage districts in the state. Severson feels this is an assessment based on the budget for the district and it is not a tax. *Motion/second (Sell/Severson)* to not change the assessment for Mr. Foust. Motion carried.

Annual Inspection and Meeting Date: The board will discuss this when the crops come off. Plan for October inspection and meeting. The board discussed doing the inspections in the day and then hold the annual meeting at night on October 18th. Sell will inspect districts 2 & 3, Severson will inspect districts 1 & 4, Krueger will inspect districts 5 and Seneca-Warren.

DNR Cropland Assessment Request and Notification to Stop Sucker Creek Water from Entering Town Drain: Morris is working with Disterhaft's on a proposal to re-channelize the stream. Sobieski and Nighbor feel that no more district money should be spent on the Sucker Creek issue since this is not in the district. Dolata stated that the water from the creek is entering the district and asked what the members should do if the DNR will not stop the water from Sucker Creek from entering the district ditch? Sobieski replied, if the DNR will not do anything to stop the flow then let the water from Sucker Creek come into the district.

Souder Request to install tile in portion of ditch: Board received email response from Mr. Souder that he is working on getting information to the board. Mr. Nighbor stated that Mr. Souder is pumping water into the ditch and now he wants to fill it in, but still wants the benefit of the drain to pump his water into it. Krueger stated that he is in favor of keeping the ditch open.

Profile and Cross Section Elevations from Hwy E to County Line: Survey will be completed with the annual inspection.

Vouchers: ~~Motion/second~~ (_____ / _____) to approve \$ _____ voucher to

_____. Motion carried
Cathy approves all vouchers.

Motion/second (Severson/Sell) to have all invoices sent to board members and not the Land Conservation Department. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Foust email response, Souder email response, Janz request

Committee Discussion: Mr. Nighbor stated that he would like the board to stop spending so much money on lawyers and stop spending money foolishly. Mr. Nighbor would like the board to pay off the debt for Seneca-Warren before doing anything with maintenance of the ditch. Mr. Dolata thinks the board should look at widening the section of Seneca-Warren ditch from Hwy D to Lateral A to the plan dimensions of 8 feet bottom.

Motion/second (Severson/Sell) to pay \$5000.00 to Horicon Bank towards the loan principal. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be **October 18, 2017** at **7:00** P.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake. This will be the Annual Meeting.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion: Annual Inspection Report, Souder Request, Profile and Cross Section Hwy E to County Line

Adjourn: **Motion/second (Severson/Sell)** to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morris, Recorder

Meeting expenses: Ditch #1	<u>2%</u>	Ditch #5	<u>2%</u>
Ditch #2	<u>2%</u>	Seneca-Warren	<u>90%</u>
Ditch #3	<u>2%</u>	General	<u> </u>
Ditch #4	<u>2%</u>		