

Green Lake County
Drainage Board

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**Drainage Board
December 9, 2014
7:04 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Training Room
571 County Road A
Green Lake, WI**

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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Patrick Krueger, Chair
Thomas Dolata, Vice-Chair
Dick Severson, Secretary

Also Present: Scot Harenburg, Bob Alf, Lavern Alf, Leroy Petit, Todd Morris – Green Lake County Land Conservation Dept.

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

Minutes: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve the November 11, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Mr. Harenburg will hold his comments until agenda item 10.C.

Mr. Alf was wondering if DNR is being assessed for the water coming into the district from Sucker Creek. Dolata stated that they are not being assessed. At this time the board has not annexed the Sucker Creek watershed into the district and the board is not sure that they could annex the Sucker Creek watershed due to the size of the annexed area being larger than the current district boundary. This may be a statutory limitation.

Appearances: None

Annual DATCP Report: Morris presented the report to the board. The board did do partial inspections on Ditch #5 and also the Seneca-Warren Ditch in 2014. Morris will change the report to include the partial inspections.

Registering Order with Register of Deeds: The Seneca-Warren Boundary description was presented to the board for review. The board was satisfied with the description.

Motion/Second (Severson/Dolata) to have Green Lake Title and Abstract develop boundary descriptions for Districts #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5. Motion carried.

Seneca-Warren Drainage District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A: Nothing new to report. The water is still running around the plugs. Mr. Alf requested a copy of the map showing where the DNR sprayed Sucker Creek. Morris will try to obtain one from the DNR.

Survey Lateral A to Hwy D: Dolata is working with Eric Thompson, MSA, on this project. Mr. Thompson is working with the DOT and WDATCP on the issue with the bridge bottom being 3 feet below the designed ditch bottom. The board would like MSA to redesign the ditch to handle the extra water from Sucker Creek along with getting the profile to reflect actual conditions of when it was originally dug.

Harenburg Bridge Request: Mr. Harenburg had a comment about the current assessment and felt that he has no benefit from the ditch and wondered why he should pay more than someone who does benefit. Mr. Harenburg would like the board to re-evaluate his assessment and put him back to where he was last year.

Mr. Harenburg is sending in for the DNR permit for the bridge installation. Mr. Harenburg has a design at home of the structure – it is a bridge and not a culvert. Petraszak's were going to install the bridge originally. Severson asked Harenburg to have an engineer show that the bridge will pass the ditch water. Previously the board had made a motion to pay for the bridge installation. The previous bid for the project was \$4000.

Corridor Policy: The state has a corridor policy, in their policy they do not want any farming in the corridor. Dolata does not have a problem with farming the corridor as long as the banks are not eroding. Severson would like to have trees excluded from the corridor. Dolata would like to exclude buildings. The board would like to use the state corridor policy and modify it for the Green Lake County Drainage Board.

Vouchers: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve \$2040.00 voucher to

Curran, Hollanbeck & Orton SC, Green Lake Title and Abstract, MSA Professional Services. Motion carried

Correspondence: Arnold Mueller from Waushara County sold his land – need to send out new assessment.

Census from the US Dept. of Commerce for District 4
MSA Correspondence – included a contract from MSA
DATCP email on procedure for redesign of ditch
Letter for Don Zander regarding assessment

Motion/second (Severson/Dolata) to have Pat sign MSA Contract for survey work on the Seneca-Warren ditch from Hwy D to Lateral A.

Committee Discussion: Discussed the amount of assessments that have been paid.

Mr. Petit asked about District #5 and how much was this bill for cleaning and is that what his assessment is for? The board explained that the ditch was cleaned in May for \$8802.25 and that the current assessment is to pay for this project.

The board has also been receiving a lot of calls regarding the bills that were sent out and why this wasn't on their taxes.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be January 13, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion: Loan Payment, Annual DATCP Report, Seneca-Warren District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A, Survey Lateral A to Hwy D, Harenburg Bridge Request, Corridor Policy.

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

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morri, Recorder

Meeting expenses: Ditch #1	_____	Ditch #5	<u>2%</u>
Ditch #2	_____	Seneca-Warren	<u>98%</u>
Ditch #3	_____	General	_____
Ditch #4	_____		