

**OZAUKEE COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2017**

The annual meeting of the Ozaukee County Farm Drainage Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of November, 2017, by Chairman Francis Kleckner. Present were Commissioners Francis Kleckner, Daniel Birenbaum, and Gerald Gantner, and Attorney for the District, Michael P. Herbrand. Notice of the meeting was found to have been properly published in the Ozaukee Press and the Lakeshore Weekly, for two consecutive weeks prior to the meeting date.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read by Attorney Herbrand. Motion by David Mueller, second by Daniel Teunnisen, to approve the minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Attorney Herbrand reported that there is a total of \$13,225.63 in the Belgium/Holland Drainage District I account, and \$403.68 in the Belgium/Holland Drainage District II account. There was a motion by Chairman Kleckner, second by Daniel Birenbaum, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

A question was raised by Jim Manders as to whether or not each landowner in the district would have to apply for a land disturbance permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, or whether the Drainage Board could apply for one permit for the entire District. It was agreed that the Board could apply for one permit, but individual landowners may need a permit if they choose to do additional work on their property.

There was a motion by Gerald Gantner, second by Daniel Birenbaum to approve the certification of unpaid assessments to the County Treasurers. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Board then discussed the current work in Drainage District I between County Highway K and County Road RR. Eric Fehlhaber was present and reported that the Board would need to seek a Shore land Floodplain Zoning District Permit for this work. He will begin promptly to seek the permit. Chair Kleckner expressed concern about the delay in getting the permit, as this project has been on-going for up to 5 years. Questions were raised about how large the project had to be to require a permit, but Eric Fehlhaber reported that he believed that a permit was necessary regardless of the size of the project because it impacted a navigable waterway.

The Board then discussed the work to be done in District II and a potential assessment of the District. It was agreed that the District would benefit if it could avoid damage to the railroad right-of-way or Interurban Bike Path during the work, as it would be responsible for any restoration. It was discussed that the work in District II is largely equivalent to the work in District I. Chair Kleckner indicated that he believed that an assessment of this District for this

work would have to be approximately \$20,000. The members discussed possibly seeking assistance from Ozaukee County to cut the ditches. Daniel Birenbaum and Chair Kleckner volunteered to speak to the County representatives about this idea. There was agreement to schedule a special meeting on January 22, 2018 at 10 am to discuss this possible assessment, as well as the status of the Permit application for District I.

Various bills were presented from the District. The following bills were discussed for payment:

Francis Kleckner - Commissioner's fees	\$ 30.00
Gerald Gantner - Commissioner's fees	\$ 30.00
Daniel Birenbaum – Commissioner’s fees	\$ 30.00
Houseman & Feind, LLP - attorney fees	\$ 1,233.75
Houseman & Feind, LLP - disbursements	\$ 60.90
Wisconsin Assn. of Drainage Districts - 2015 dues	\$ 100.00

Motion by Chairman Kleckner, second by Gerald Gantner to approve the payment of the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding the fact that Chair Kleckner’s term is expiring at the end of the year. There was a motion by Daniel Teunnisen, second by David Mueller, to appoint Board member Kleckner to another three year term on the District Board. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of the next meeting date for the District. Historically, the meetings are set for the Monday of the week prior to Thanksgiving week. It was agreed that next year's annual meeting would be set for November 5th, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

There was a motion by Chair Kleckner, second by Gerald Gantner to approve the Annual Report. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

There being no new business coming before the Board, meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Gantner, Secretary

APPROVED:

Francis Kleckner, President