

**OZAUKEE COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
November 4, 2019**

The annual meeting of the Ozaukee County Farm Drainage Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on the 4th day of November, 2019, 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, November 5, 2018, were read by Attorney Herbrand. Motion by Gerald Gantner, second by Dan Birenbaum, to approve the Minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Ozaukee County Treasurer Joshua Morrison presented the Treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes. Members of the Districts were very thankful for the detailed presentation on both District accounts. It was noted that Drainage District II has not contributed to any operating expenses for the District since 2015. Therefore, it was agreed that Treasurer Morrison would transfer funds from Drainage District II to Drainage District I in the total amount of one-half (1/2) of all operating costs since 2015, including the recent donation to the Racine County Farm Drainage Board. Mr. Morrison asked owners present to spread the word within the Village of Belgium about the fact that these owners were in the Drainage District and could be asked, at times, to pay assessments toward work within the District. Motion by Gerald Gantner, second by Dan Birenbaum to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed old and new business. Work began last winter on the west side of Drainage Ditch I. Luckens was the contractor. Members present agreed that the work significantly helped the drainage within Drainage Ditch I. Luckens could not complete the work because of the rain and the fact that he could not get his equipment in to the ditch any more. His current invoice for services due is \$9,390.00. Dan Teunnisen estimated that he still had approximately \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00 of work left to be completed.

The members discussed future work in the District. The Board and landowners present would like to proceed with work from the County line along Highway KW to Jay Road. It was discussed that this Ditch may have last been maintained in the 1970's. It was also discussed that this work would require approximately \$15,000.00 to complete, not including tree removal. If the District hires a contractor to remove trees in this section of Ditch, the cost would increase approximately \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

The Board then discussed the past assessment of District II. It was determined that a number of land owners in the Village of Belgium who use the Belgium sanitary system were not assessed. It was agreed that a special Board meeting would be held on January 27, 2020, at

10:00 a.m. to review an updated assessment of District II, to include all of these land owners that were missed in the prior assessment.

The Board discussed the objection to the District II assessment of Kevin Peiffer and Belgium Storage in the amount of \$45.00. The Peiffer parcel is within the Village of Belgium, but does not use the sanitary system, and, therefore, the Board agreed that this parcel should not be assessed in District II.

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	\$ 1,837.50
Houseman & Feind, LLP - disbursements	\$ 134.76
Luckens	\$ 9,390.00
Wisconsin Assn. of Drainage Districts - 2019 dues	\$ 100.00

There was a motion by Chairman Kleckner, second by Dan Birenbaum, to approve the payment of the bills with all of the operations bills being split evenly between District I and District II, but the contractor payment for Luckens being paid entirely from District I. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discuss the Annual Report. There was a motion by Chairman Kleckner, second by Gerald Gantner, to approve the Annual Report. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of the unpaid assessments in District II. There was a motion by Gerald Gantner, second by Dan Birenbaum, to certify the unpaid assessments to the Ozaukee County Treasurer for placement on the tax rolls. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There was a discussion of the next meeting date for the District. It was agreed that next year's annual meeting would be set for November 2, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no new business coming before the Board, meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Gantner, Secretary

APPROVED:

Francis Kleckner, President