

**OZAUKEE COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
November 2, 2020**

The annual meeting of the Ozaukee County Farm Drainage Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on the 2nd day of November, 2020, by Chairman Francis Kleckner. Present were Commissioners Francis Kleckner 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 4, 2019, and special meeting on 27, 2020, were read by Attorney Herbrand. Motion by Gerald Gantner, second by Francis Kleckner, to approve the Minutes. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Ozaukee County Treasurer Joshua Morrison provided the Treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes. Members of the Districts reviewed the report and asked various questions. There was a question about the amount of \$171.24 which was transferred from DD1 to DD2. There was also discussion of the repayment of operational expenses from DD2 to DD1. Mr. Morrison was not present at the meeting. Motion by Gerald Gantner, second by Francis Kleckner to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed old and new business. The work done by Luckens on the west side of Drainage Ditch I is now completed. Members present agreed that the work significantly helped the drainage within Drainage Ditch I. The final billing from Luckens was \$4,867.00, which members thought was reasonable given the work done. There was discussion of further work to be done on the East side of the railroad tracks from Silver Beach Road north to Jay Road. The Village of Belgium may want to alter the roadway and ditch, and is seeking funding from the government to do so. There was discussion that there is no value to tree removal given the low cost of LP gas. It was more cost effective to burn the lumber in place.

There was discussion of the section of ditch ¼ mile east from Silver Beach Road. Dan Teunissen will contact Luckens to seek a quote for the work on this area.

The Board then discussed the possible assessment of District I. Attorney Herbrand showed a concept of an assessment of DD1 in the total amount of \$20,000, using the landowner list from 2015. It was agreed that the list would need to be updated, and attorney Herbrand will work with Cindy Oskey and the Ozaukee County Real Estate Department to create the final updated list. It was agreed that a special Board meeting would be held on February 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to review and approve an updated assessment of District I, to include all of these land owners.

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

Francis Kleckner - Commissioner's fees	\$ 60.00
Gerald Gantner - Commissioner's fees	\$ 60.00
Daniel Birenbaum – Commissioner's fees	\$ 60.00
Houseman & Feind, LLP - attorney fees	\$ 3,072.00
Houseman & Feind, LLP - disbursements	\$ 132.81
Luckens Excavating, Inc. – tree & stump removal-DD2	\$ 4,867.00
Wisconsin Assn. of Drainage Districts - 2020 dues	\$ 100.00
Ozaukee County Treasurer – assessment DD2	\$ 117.27

There was a motion by Chairman Kleckner, second by Gerald Gantner, 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 and the payment to the Ozaukee County Treasurer being paid by DD2. 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 Francis Kleckner, to certify the unpaid assessments (attached to these minutes) to the Ozaukee County Treasurer for placement on the tax rolls. It was agreed that 5 of the assessments before the Board - 49, 59, 60, 76, and 77 - would be excluded, as these were vacant lots in the Village of Belgium not served by municipal sewer. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding the fact that Chairman Kleckner's term is expiring at the end of the year. There was a motion by Chairman Kleckner, second by Gerald Gantner to appoint Daniel Teunissen to a three year term on the District Board in his place. Motion passed unanimously. Members thanked Chair Kleckner for his many years of service to the Drainage Board.

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 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no new business coming before the Board, meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Gantner, Secretary

APPROVED:

Daniel Teunissen, Chair