

OZAUKEE COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2018

A special meeting of the Ozaukee County Farm Drainage Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on the 22nd day of January, 2018, by Chairman Francis Kleckner. Present were Commissioners Francis Kleckner, Gerald Gantner and Attorney for the District, Michael P. Herbrand. Daniel Birenbaum was absent. 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.

It was agreed that the Minutes from the last annual meeting would be read and considered for approval at the next annual meeting in November, 2018. Therefore, no action was taken on the Minutes at this matter.

The Board began discussion of the Permit Application for the work to be done in District I. Eric Fehlhaber from the Sheboygan County Conservation Department was present to speak on this issue. He was prepared to approach the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to seek the permits. However, due to some recent staffing changes at the Department, this has been delayed. He is now working with a representative in Waukesha. He is planning to use much of the same permit paperwork as used previously. Eric walked the area to be dredged last week. He will be asking the DNR to approve no silt fence for this work but, rather, material dredged will be placed on the backside of the berm, which is more cost effective to the District. He anticipates needing to move approximately 5100 cubic yards and all work will be done from the west side of the ditch. He has prepared a conservative cost estimate, which exceeds \$25,000.00, and which is attached to these Minutes. He will be talking to landowners where the work is to be done about planning a thirty (30) foot buffer strip of grasses in the area that is dredged to preserve the area going forward. Sheboygan County started a program in 1995 allowing for the payment to landowners for this buffer strip. Landowners from the District questioned whether a permit would be needed in light of the fact that the grade isn't changing and this could be considered restoration work only. Eric indicated that he would talk to the DNR about this idea, but, often it is ultimately up to the DNR as to whether or not a permit is necessary.

The Board then took up the matter of a possible assessment of District II. Attorney Herbrand reported that the last assessment of District II was done in approximately 2004 or 2005, before he became attorney for the District. It was agreed by landowners in attendance that this was the last time work was done in the ditch. Attorney Herbrand circulated a list of owners in District II from both Counties, as updated by the Sheboygan and Ozaukee County Real Estate Departments.

The Board discussed the need for work to be done in District II along Silver Beach Road, plus potential other areas. It was discussed that funds in District II were becoming so low that it was not able to contribute to the annual operating expenses of the Drainage Board. It was agreed that District II should be contributing fifty (50%) percent of the annual operating expenses of the Drainage Board. The Board discussed the estimated cost proposal for District I as calculated by Eric Fehlhaber. This estimate covered approximately one (1) mile of ditch. The Board also reviewed the list of homeowners circulated by Attorney Herbrand. Copies of those lists are attached to these Minutes. Specifically, the Board discussed landowners Hubing, Lapinski, and Gasser Farms, and agreed that these landowners owned land within the Village of Belgium, or abutting the Village of Belgium.

Motion was made by Gerald Gantner, second by Francis Kleckner, to approve a Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollar assessment of the landowners in District II to be prepared by Attorney Herbrand. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Francis Kleckner to adjourn, second by Gerald Gantner. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Gantner, Secretary

APPROVED:

Francis Kleckner, President