

**OZAUKEE COUNTY FARM DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**April 19, 2022**

The special meeting of the Ozaukee County Farm Drainage Board was called to order at 10:05 a.m., on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, by Chairman Dan Teunissen. Present were Commissioners Dan Teunissen, Daniel Birenbaum, and Gerald Gantner, and Attorney for the District, Michael P. Herbrand.

The Ozaukee County Farm Drainage Board held a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment, consideration, and possible action on the petitions by the owners of at least 10% of the lands in District I and District II of the Ozaukee County Farm Drainage District for consolidation of District I and District II into one single District. Prior to hearing public comment, Attorney Herbrand confirmed that notice of the meeting was found to have been properly published in the Ozaukee Press and the Lakeshore Weekly, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes. Written notice was also sent by the Ozaukee County Treasurer to all landowners within the two Districts. Notice was also sent to various public officials, as required by Statute. Notice of publication was provided to all present. Attorney Herbrand further confirmed that no written objections to the petitions to consolidate were provided to his office prior to this meeting.

The Board then opened and held the public hearing. Claudia Wershingheiser, 641 Main Street, Belgium, asked about the pros and cons of the consolidation, and the reason that Village landowners were included in the District. It was explained that all village residents who utilize public sanitation are included, as the Village septic plant discharges into the ditch. Chair Teunissen believed that the benefits of the consolidation were the simplification of accounting and administration, given that the Board accounts for two separate Districts now. He did not see any real negatives to the consolidation.

Randy Prinsen asked if his properties were within the District, and it was confirmed that they were. He also asked where the Board intended to perform maintenance and it was confirmed that the Board would only perform maintenance within the right-of-way along each ditch from County Road RR to County Line Road.

Mr. Engleman asked why this change was requested at this time. The Board discussed the fact that it has new members and is becoming much more active in performing ditch maintenance. It was discussed that there has been deferred maintenance for many years, which kept costs low, but left work to be done. Therefore, the change seemed timely. Comment was made that the last real work done to the ditches was in the 1970's and 1980's.

Chair Teunissen commented that he would like to see a regular maintenance schedule created, that smooths out the work and costs related thereto.

Mr. Wershingheiser asked about gaps in the map. Cindy Oskey explained how the map was created and updated.

No further public comment coming before the Board, there was a motion by Gerald Gantner, second by Dan Birenbaum, to close the public hearing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

There was discussion by the Board that the benefits to the District were discussed during the public hearing. No real negatives were seen. Motion by Gerald Gantner, second by Dan Birenbaum to consolidate District I and District II into one single District with the name Northern Ozaukee Farm Drainage District. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Dan Birenbaum, second by Gerald Gantner to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald Gantner, Secretary

APPROVED:

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Daniel Teunissen, Chairperson