

# NORTHERN OZAUKEE FARM DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

## Special Meeting -- Monday, January 23, 2023

The special meeting of the Northern Ozaukee Farm Drainage Board was called to order at 10:02 a.m., on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023, by Chairman Daniel Teunnisen. Present were Commissioners Daniel Teunnisen, Dan Birenbaum and David Mueller, 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 meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment.

Mike Herbrand presented the Treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Chair Teunnisen presented a bill for mobilization costs in the amount of \$1,050 from Serwe Implement related to the work done in 2022. There was a motion by David Mueller, second by Dan Birenbaum to approve the payment of that invoice. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Public hearing was opened for the purpose of hearing public comment, consideration, and possible action on the assessment of the District. A drone video of the entire ditch was provided by Lucas Velema, from L & L Land Clearing, who was also present at the meeting. The video started south of Cedar Beach and proceeded north. The Chair indicated that it was his thought that people should see and understand the current condition of the ditch when evaluating the next assessment. Questions were taken from the Board and the public about the ditch during the video presentation. The Board viewed and discussed the work on the ditch that was done in 2022. The Board discussed the fact that future ditch maintenance would likely be done in winter and the Chair indicated that it was his thought that maintenance of the entire ditch would take at least 5 years to complete.

Attorney Herbrand presented two different potential assessment levels for general repairs and maintenance to the District – one at \$75/parcel which would raise a total of approximately \$85,500 and another at \$90/parcel which would raise a total of approximately 102,600. This was a general maintenance assessment, and the assessment was divided equally among all land owners within the District.

The Board and public talked about when and where the work could start. The Chair indicated that work would start this winter at the Brian Goesch property. The Board discussed seeking bids for the work. The L & L representative talked about preferred methods of doing the work.

Motion by David Mueller, second by Dan Birenbaum to close the public hearing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Dan Birenbaum, second by David Mueller to approve the general maintenance assessment of the District at the \$90/parcel/\$102,600 level. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chair Teunnisen then discussed the possible payment for the drone video that was viewed at the meeting. The representative from L & L Land Clearing indicated that it was not charging for the video. The Chair then discussed the creation of a website for the Northern Ozaukee Farm Drainage Board. He indicated that few people know what the Board does, or who it is comprised of. We could post the video, the latest assessment information, Board minutes, and other relevant information on the site for public viewing. It was moved by Dan Birenbaum, second by David Mueller to pursue the possible creation of a website at a cost not-to-exceed \$5,000. Motion passed unanimously.

The Closed session agenda item was read by the Chair and there was a motion by Dan Birenbaum, second by David Muller to go into Closed session. Motion passed by roll call vote with all Board members voting in favor.

The Board returned to open session and discussed the next meeting date. There was consensus to hold the next meeting on June 19, 2023 at 10 am.

Motion by David Mueller, second by Dan Birenbaum to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dave Mueller, Secretary

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Daniel Teunissen, Chair