

# **DRAINAGE DISTRICT SPECIFICATIONS**

## **SENECA - WARREN DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

October, 2001

**PREPARED FOR:**  
**Mr. Richard Dukelow**  
**Green Lake County Drainage Board**  
**492 Hill Street**  
**Green Lake, WI 54941-3188**

October 22, 2001

Mr. David Russell, P.E.  
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**RE: DRAINAGE DISTRICT SPECIFICATIONS  
SENECA - WARREN DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

Dear Mr. Russell:

On behalf of the Green Lake County Drainage Board, Resource Engineering Associates Inc. (REA) is submitting one copy of the Drainage District Specifications for the Seneca - Warren Drainage District located in Green Lake County. If it is acceptable to you, we will submit two additional copies when you are ready for final approval. As provided in ATCP 48.20 (3), we are requesting your approval of these specifications so that the county drainage board may adopt them. This submittal includes a plan set (11 pages) attached and the following:

1. A description of how the county drainage board established the specifications.
2. Documentation that the county drainage board has complied with ATCP 48.20 (2).
3. Notice of every landowner objection filed under ATCP 48.20 (2) (d).
4. The county drainage board's position on unresolved objections under (2) (d).
5. Other relevant information.

The Seneca - Warren Drainage District was approved to receive 60% grant sharing from DATCP. We understand that in order to receive our grant, the specifications must be approved. Therefore we would appreciate your timely review in this matter.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please give us a call.

Sincerely,



Lee A. Bartlett, PE  
Operations Manager

# Green Lake County Drainage Board

Seneca - Warren Drainage District

Drainage District Specifications

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*Lee A. Bartlett* 10-23-01

Prepared By:

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October 2001



## **HOW SPECIFICATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED**

Research was done to locate historical information concerning the drainage district. Drainage board files are kept at the Green Lake County Court House located at 492 Hill Street, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Mr. James Hebbe the County Conservationist is the contact. A second set of files which is kept at DATCP offices in Madison, was also reviewed.

In addition to the file search, a public hearing was held on September 28, 2001. At this meeting maps were presented, and both the drainage board members, and the public were asked for input as to the accuracy and location of the drain.

Finally, all ditches were inspected, and cross-sections were surveyed (at least 3 per mile) using a GPS instrument and the new county coordinate system. As a result of the review the plans were prepared using the following specific information sources:

### **DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Documents used to determine the district boundaries including the following:

1. 2000 Assessment Roll
2. Drawing of Seneca Warren Drainage District filed by Green Lake County Circuit Court. December 22, 1964.

### **DITCH ALIGNMENT AND CORRIDOR**

Documents and field survey information used to determine the alignment included the following:

1. Hydrology layer from Green Lake County GIS System
2. 1977 Green Lake County Soil Survey
3. 1989 Waushara County Soil Survey
4. 2000 Aerial photographs - Green Lake County GIS System

The drainage board approved maintaining a corridor width of 20' feet from top edge of the ditch bank on each side of the ditch with a minimum 100' foot corridor (50' feet on either side of the centerline of the ditch).



**DITCH PROFILE**

A historical design drawings "Profile of the Warren and Seneca Joint Town Drain" by W.R. Nicolls April 30, 1919 and "Profile of the Edwin Lehr Town Drain" by W.R. Nicolls April 30, 1919 were used. The historical profile was then overlaid on the existing profile. The existing slope at the outlet matched the design slope and therefore the design profile was placed at the elevation of the existing conditions near the outlet.

**DITCH CROSS - SECTIONS**

The original design called for 1 to 1 side slopes, and a ditch bottom that ranged from 8 feet to 4 feet in width. Cross-sections were determined from field survey information, and intended cross-sections were redeveloped to consider the current condition of the ditch.

**PARCEL MAP**

The Parcel Map was compiled from the following sources:

1. Parcel layer from Green Lake County GIS System
2. 1998 Green Lake County Plat Book
3. Parcel layer from Waushara County GIS System
4. 1996 Waushara County Plat Book

**WATER SURFACE ELEVATION AT BASE FLOW**

The base flow water surface elevation determined by calculating the base flow using Method 1 in Chapter 48, Appendix A and then running these flows through HEC-RAS.

**PEAK WATER SURFACE ELEVATION FOR 10 - YEAR 24 - HOUR RAIN EVENT**

The peak water surface elevation determined by calculating the peak flow for a 10 year 24 hour rain event using the Flood Frequency Characteristics of Wisconsin Streams and then running these flows through HEC-RAS.

**SURVEY INFORMATION**

Survey work was conducted by Jenkins Survey and Design, Inc., Madison, WI (608-848-5060) on January and July, 2001. The survey work was based upon Waushara County's High Accuracy Reference Network (HARN). JSD then used WISCON software to convert Waushara County's HARN State Plan Coordinates to Green Lake County Coordinate System. Horizontal and vertical datums for Waushara County's geodetic control monuments are as follows:

1. Horizontal - State Plan Coordinate System, South Zone, North American Datum 1983, 1991 Adjustment/NAD83(91).
2. Vertical - National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929, NGVD29.

JSD established horizontal and vertical control based upon this geodetic control network using Trimble 4800 Global Positioning System survey equipment. JSD used geodetic control monuments 297, 298, and 301 for the Seneca Warren Drainage District as provided by the Waushara County Surveyor's Office.

COMPLIANCE WITH ATCP 48.20 (2)

STATE OF WISCONSIN }  
Green Lake County } ss.

## Legal Notices

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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Dated at the Courthouse in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin the 27th of July, 2001.

Richard Dukelow  
Drainage Board Chairman  
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Jim Wolff

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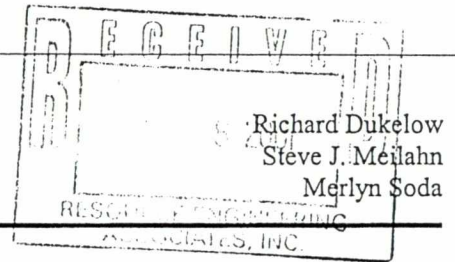
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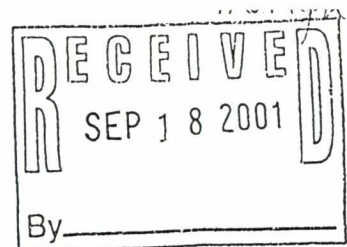
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**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS OBJECTIONS PER ATCP 48.20 (2) (d)**





SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

TO THE GREEN LAKE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

THIS IS THE THIRD PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT THAT I AM SUBMITTING. PREVIOUSLY DATED PETITIONS WERE OCTOBER 21, 1999 AND SEPTEMBER 13, 2000.

I STILL DO NOT FEEL THAT MY PROPERTY BENEFITS FROM THE SENECA-WARREN DITCH, SINCE ON MY WEST IS LAND THAT IS RETURNED TO WETLAND BY MR. DOLATO AND ON MY SOUTH IS CRP LAND WHICH NOW HAS A POND BLOCKING THE NORTH/SOUTH FLOW OF WATER, PLUS A PLUGGED CULVERT ON MR. SELSINGS LAND.

IF, INDEED, THE WATER I GET FROM THE NORTH, UNDER HWY E, GETS TO THE TOWN DITCH IT IS VERY MINIMAL. MOST OF IT FLOODS MY PASTURE AND BACK HAY FIELDS. THERE ARE TIMES MY HORSES ARE IN BELLY DEEP WATER OUT THERE. IT FINALLY SOAKS AWAY AFTER WEEKS OR MONTHS. IT IS ALMOST A MILE TO THE TOWN DITCH AROUND CORNERS AND THROUGH PLUGGED CULVERTS.

PLEASE RECONSIDER MY WITHDRAWAL OF MY LITTLE 43 ACRES IN SECTION 03-17N-12E FROM THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

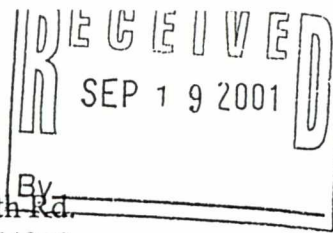
I ALSO WISH TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO BENEFITS FOR THE LAND OWNERS WHO HAVE BEEN PAYING THE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PAST YEARS.

I FEEL THAT THE LANDOWNERS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN PROPERTY AS THEY SEE FIT TO HELP THEM UTILIZE THEIR OWN PROPERTY.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia M. Chappa-Hess".

PATRICIA CHAPPA-HESS  
W3653, CTY RD E  
BERLIN, WI. 54923



Robert Alf  
W3672 South Rd.  
Berlin, WI 54923  
September 17, 2001

Green Lake County Drainage Board  
492 Hill St. P.O. Box 3188  
Green Lake, WI 54923

To Drainage Board Member:

Having read the drainage board minutes from Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 2001, I wish to express my comments to the drainage board concerning the elevation of the drainage ditch in the Seneca / Warren District. I understand the first 2000 feet of the drainage ditch is at the elevation that the ditch was originally intended to be at. It is my strong belief that the remainder of the ditch should be set back to its original elevation. In my opinion this is necessary to keep our land productive for farming, useful for recreation, and suitable for our existing dwellings. I would also like the board and district residents to realize that even by setting the ditch back to its original elevation, drainage for us at the lower end of the ditch will never be as effective as it was originally. This is due to the fact that the district drainage ditch on the top end has been tapped into frequently since it was dug. Therefore, the minimal action taken should be to set the ditch back to its original elevation, and clean out any obstructions with in the first 2000 feet of the ditch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Alf", written over the printed name.

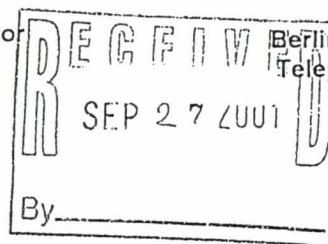
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September 27, 2001

Green Lake County Drainage Board  
492 Hill Street  
P.O. Box 3188  
Green Lake, WI 54941

Subject: Seneca-Warren Drainage District

Dear Board Members:

I would like to comment on the proposed drainage district maps, and benefits reassessment information.

The Department would request that all state ownership within the proposed Seneca-Warren Drainage District be excluded from the District. Due to the fact that the White River Marsh Wildlife Area is primarily managed for waterfowl and wetland associated wildlife, any drainage would negatively impact the goals and objectives of the property.

In addition, because a large portion of the "main drain" is located on State Land, the Department would request that we be actively involved with any ditch re-designs or modifications to the existing ditches. In particular, the Berlin Wildlife Staff would like to review all proposed specifications and would like to work with the Drainage Board to the mutual benefit of the Drainage District and the adjoining State Wildlife Area.

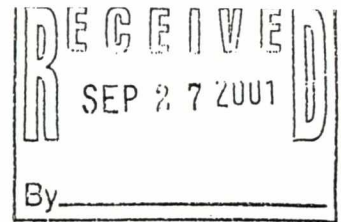
None the less, because the specific ditch re-design information is not yet available, we are presently requesting the removal of the State Lands from the District.

Sincerely,

Jim Holzworth  
Wildlife Biologist

Cc: Richard Henneger – LS/5  
Mike Penning – Green Bay  
Todd Peterson – WM/4





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September 20, 2001

Drainage Board  
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P.O. Box 3188  
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To Richard Dukelow, Drainage Board Chairman and Drainage Board members:

Over three years ago, I requested to be released from the Seneca drainage district. It is my right to be released as described in Section 88.80. In two and a half years I have not gotten any answers concerning this from the Drainage Board.

In March of 2001, I appeared at a meeting of this Drainage Board and again requested that I be released from the drainage district. I reinforced again that I have met all requirements in order to be released. Also we discussed the word "shall" which is used in that section. You stated that you knew that the word "shall" means that it has to be done. I also talked to some of our Legislative people who wrote the Section, and was told the word "shall" was put in the Section so it was easy to understand.

Another half of a year has gone by and again I have not heard from the Board. Due to the lack of action, I am giving the Drainage Board until the first of December, 2001, to release me from the drainage district, or I will have my lawyer get in touch with this Board.

You were the one who stated that we should be able to solve this between us without lawyers, but so far I have not heard anything from this Board except at meetings that I have attended.

If I have to get a lawyer involved, then I am going to have him request all my back cost and his cost from the Board. According to my State Representative who understands the Sections, it is my right to ask for the reimbursements back to the time I first asked for my release from the drainage district.

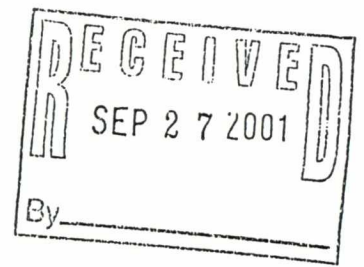
I am still hoping we can settle this between us. Three years is a long time.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas L. Dolata

Cc James A. Hebbe, County Conservationist





9/29/01

Green Lake County Drainage Board

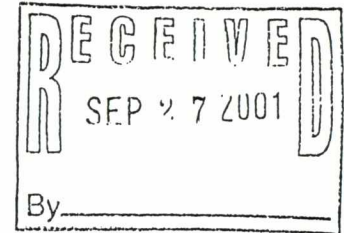
Dear Sirs,

In looking over the drainage maps and reading the minutes of the meetings my concern is what is going to happen with the old town bridge near the outlet of the ditch. If this were to be removed it would cut access to part of my land and I would be totally opposed to this. Since there has been no discussion on this, I wish to have this put on the record for discussion at the proper time.

Thank You

*Tom Harenburg*  
Tom Harenburg

Green Lake County Land Conservation Department  
492 Hill Street  
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Dear Members Of Drainage Board:

On the Drainage District 5 map, I have marked in orange the part that I would like included in the drainage district. I would like this included because I have found broken pieces of clay drainage tile when I was working my land. I have marked on the farm map 047 1992 G1 Sec 7 T17N R13E CY2001, Green Lake County the part marked in greenish-blue is where I found tile.

Also since we have paid for repairs in the Drainage District and that is the lowest part of that field so the drainage has to be to the Northeast corner of Section 7.

When we purchased tax parcel 002-109.2 which included a 66 foot wide strip of land lying along the north end of the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7 in Township Of Berlin. Later we purchased tax parcel 002-109 that is why that 66 foot wide strip was not part of that tax parcel.

Also a number of houses in that area drain into the ditch that is in the section I want added.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Stan Disterhaft

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Diane Disterhaft

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Disterhaft".

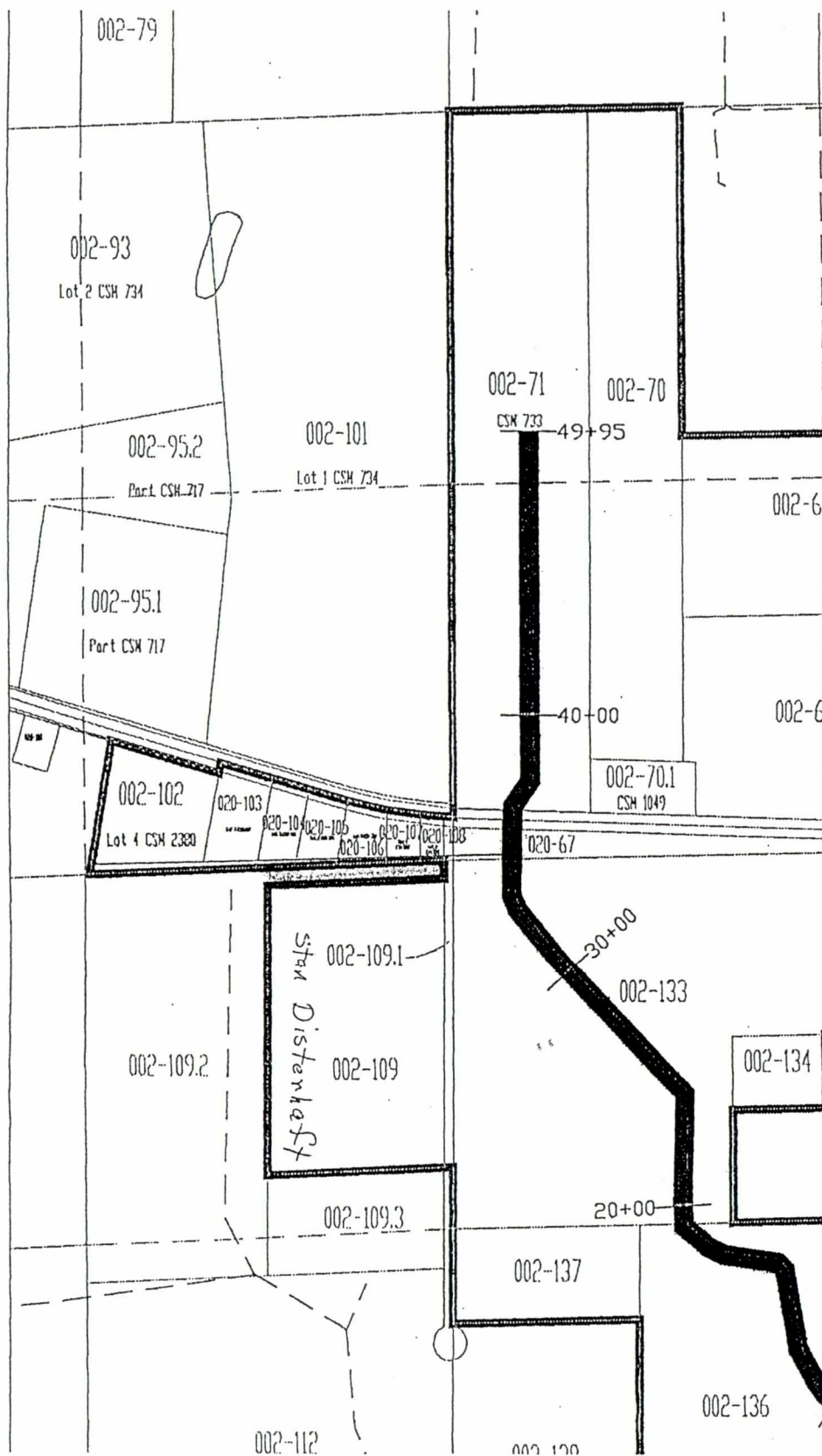


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## **DRAINAGE BOARD'S POSITION ON UNRESOLVED OBJECTIONS**

# Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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## **Drainage Board Minutes September 28, 2001 9:00 A.M. – 12:20 P.M. Demonstration Room**

**Call to order:** The meeting of the Drainage Board was called to order by Chairman Dukelow. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

**Present:** Richard Dukelow, Chairman  
Steve Meilahn, Secretary

**Absent:** Merlyn Soda

**Also Present:** Landowners: Darwin Kelm                      Rod Zietlow                      Joseph Hoppa  
                                 Oliver Eagen                      Ruth Fyvie                      Mel Verch  
                                 Donna Zietlow                      Norbert Walejko  
Lee Bartlett, Resource Engineering Associates (REA)  
James A. Hebbe, County Conservationist  
Brenda Sondalle, LCD Administrative Assistant

**Agenda:** *Motion by Meilahn, seconded by Dukelow* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** *Motion by Meilahn, seconded by Dukelow* to approve and file the minutes of the September 12, 2001 meeting with one correction on page 1 under the paragraph "2002 Budget", strike \$.25 per acre and replaced with \$.50 per acre. Motion carried.

**Appearances and Public Comment:** none

**Drainage District Specification Map Approvals – District #5 and Seneca-Warren District:** Lee Bartlett, Resource Engineering Associates recapped that the 30-day comment period on the district specification maps for District #5 and the Seneca-Warren District was over. All comments the Board received during that 30-day period should be recognized here in these minutes.

**District #5:** A letter from Stan Disterhaft was read. Disterhaft's letter indicated a 66-foot wide strip of land in parcel 002-0109-0200 along the north of parcel 002-0109-0000 where he found broken pieces of clay drainage tile while working his land. He requested that this strip of land be included in the boundaries of Drainage District #5. Discussion held on whether a tile line ran in front of the homes and/or in back of the homes. There is no historical information that indicates that tile exists behind the homes but it does show in front of the homes. It appears that the 66-foot strip of land was an access to another parcel that Mr. Disterhaft later bought. The reason this strip of land may have been excluded historically was that it was part of another parcel that wasn't really benefiting from the drain.

Oliver Eagen commented that there is tile on another area of the Disterhaft's farm that drains to the south. Mr. Disterhaft is aware of this. There is no tile in back of the houses that drains into the District #5 drain tile. Disterhaft has the rights to tile from his land into the main tile. He's paying for the drain.

The Board felt that since the tile, if it is there, would be a private tile which would not come under the Board's jurisdiction, they did not have any objection to including this land in the Drainage District. REA will include the area as discussed on the final specification map.

Hebbe mentioned a verbal comment he received that there seems to be more land to the West which is benefiting from the drain and that the Board should consider looking into that.

***Motion by Meilahn, seconded by Dukelow*** to approve and send to the state the district specification map for District #5. Motion carried.

**Seneca-Warren District:** Leo Souder added private lateral drains to the map prior to today's meeting. Norbert Walejko, Spring Lake Farms, made a correction to their land that drains into the Seneca-Warren drain. Parcel number #016-2511-0100, 39.2 ac and #016-2511-0200, .8 ac were listed and previously assessed in error. The correct parcel should be #016-2514-0100, 38 acres. The correction will be noted.

A letter from Patricia Chappa-Hess was read. The request is to be withdrawn from the Seneca-Warren Drainage District. The Board visited the site in June 2000. From what was observed, the Board agrees that the land is flooded and the drainage away from it is blocked. Previous petitions for withdrawal were acknowledged but the Board was reluctant to withdraw any lands at that time until more detailed engineering information was available. This property would require private drains/ditches across neighboring properties to reach the main ditch. This would require cooperation between neighbors. The Board has said that they would either not assess or refund assessments if it was found that there is nothing that could be done to get drainage from her property. Historically this property was in the district. So there must have been a benefit when the district was formed. Ms. Chappa-Hess is also petitioning for dissolution of the Seneca-Warren Drainage District. The Board will keep the land in the district on the specification map. The Board will continue to review this request.

A letter from Robert Alf was read. Mr. Alf feels that specifications should be set back to the original elevation and any obstructions in the first 2000 feet of ditch should be cleaned out.

A letter from Jim Holzwart, DNR Wildlife Biologist, was read. The request is to exclude State lands from the Seneca-Warren Drainage District. The DNR land is under a "state master plan" which lists the White River Marsh Wildlife Area as managed for waterfowl and wetland associated wildlife. The Board cannot assess lands under a "state master plan". The Board will keep the DNR land in the district on the specification map.

A letter from Thomas Dolata was read. Mr. Dolata's request was to be withdrawn from the Seneca-Warren Drainage District. The Board has discussed this request in the past but is waiting for the engineering work to be completed before making any decisions on removing lands from the district. The Board will keep the land in the district on the specification map. The Board will continue to review this request.

A letter from Tom Harenburg was read. Mr. Harenburg's concern was about what was going to happen to the "old town bridge" near the outlet of the ditch on his property. If it were to be removed, it would cut access to part of his land which he would be opposed to. The Board is not aware of any



“bridge” in that area. There are no plans at this time to remove it. No action is required on the specification map issue.

**Motion by Meilahn, seconded by Dukelow** to approve and send to the state the district specification map for the Seneca-Warren District. Motion carried.

**Benefits Reassessment Presentation District #5 and Seneca-Warren District:** Lee Bartlett summarized the benefits reassessment process that they used based on ATCP 48.06, 48.08, and 48.10. The benefits reassessment is based on if the drain is functioning properly. This benefits reassessment project will be reimbursed 60% from the state. These do not get approved by the state.

Bartlett explained how they worked up the reassessment. They looked at the parcels in the district. They obtained the parcel # and property owner. They used assessor's tax roll information to determine acreage. If the ditch happens to go through a parcel of property, the ditch and the corridor acres are removed and benefits are not calculated on it. They looked at each soil type and calculated the area of each soil type. Each soil type has a certain ability to grow crops and ability to drain or not drain. The soil type is assigned a factor from 0 to 1 as the Water Table Factor A. If soil drains well, it would be a 1; if the soil does not drain well, it would be a 0. Then land use is looked at using assessor tax roll information. The Land Use Factor B reflects the land use by soil type. This reassessment treats every parcel the same. It does not matter where in the district the land is, it is entitled to drainage.

Bartlett distributed benefits assessment listings to the Board for both District #5 and the Seneca-Warren District. Discussion held.

Hoppa asked about the Board extending the District #5 ditch. Dukelow responded that that would require a petition to extend the ditch. The Board is not in a position to do that until at least the next phase of the engineering work is done. There would be a cost involved. It would require the Board to conduct public hearings as outlined in the state statutes, get cost estimates for extending the ditch etc.

**Public Hearing Matters to Consider Drainage District Assessments:** Chairman Dukelow read the public hearing meeting notice at 11:14 A.M. Written comments will be accepted through October 7, 2001.

A motion was made at the September 12, 2001 Drainage Board meeting that assessments for Districts #1, #2, #3 & #4 will be \$.50 per acre with a minimum of \$50 per landowner.

Dukelow extended a comment he received from Herb Dahlke, District #1, that the landowners paid for cleaning the ditch some years ago because it was plugged and they weren't getting drainage. Everything is working fine now.

Darwin Kelm asked for clarification on what lands were included in the district.

Discussion held on District #5. End of the year account balance estimates were reviewed. Discussion held on whether or not to require a minimum assessment amount. **Motion by Meilahn, seconded by Dukelow** to base the assessment on the benefits reassessment spreadsheet that REA presented to collect \$4,000 with no minimum assessment amount per person for District #5. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the Seneca-Warren District. End of the year account balance estimates were reviewed. Discussion on estimated maintenance plan costs. The Board would like to have funds



**OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

