

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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**Drainage Board
July 6, 2016
5:00 P.M. – 5:52 P.M.
County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center
571 County Rd. A, Green Lake, WI 54941**

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

Present: Patrick Krueger, Chair
Thomas Dolata, Vice-Chair
Dick Severson, Secretary

Also Present: Gary Abel, Leroy Petit, Jane Olson, Dick Sobieski, John Peichowski, Lavern Alf, Joan Alf, Robert Nighbor, Paul Kent – Attorney Stafford & Rosenbaum, Todd Morris – Green Lake County Land Conservation Department.

Agenda: *Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve the June 1, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Appearances: none

Public Hearing to discuss and set annual assessments in the Seneca-Warren District and District 4:

5:03 pm the Public Hearing was called to order, Severson read the opening comments. The meeting was open for public comments:

Jane Olson, W4215 County Rd. E, Berlin, WI 54923 – Commented that most of their land is in the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and feel it is unfair to be assessed for something that they do not use. WRP is a Federal Program. Discussion by board. Dolata feels this should be discussed at a regular meeting. All but about 60 acres of the Olson land is in WRP. Kent recommended that Olson provide the board with a map of the enrolled acreage. The board will put this item on the August agenda.

Wisconsin DNR provided written notice contesting the assessments of state owned lands and the acreage assessed. The DNR is asking the board to revise its proposed assessments for 2016 and 2017 and its prior assessments for 2014 and 2015 to reflect the actual acreage of DNR “agricultural lands.” The board will discuss this further with legal counsel.

John Piechowski, W3990 State Rd. 21, Redgranite, WI – Chairman for the Town of Warren and representing the Town of Warren. Would like to know what the board is assessing the township for. Mr. Piechowski stated that the right-of-way is not owned by the town but by the landowners. Mr. Piechowski also stated that the township has never received a notice from the drainage board before. If the board continues to charge the township for the right of way in the district the township may bill the board for collection of unpaid assessments. Mr. Piechowski stated that the board cannot tax a

municipality. Mr. Kent stated that statute 88.64 allows the board to charge a municipality. Mr. Kent also asked that Mr. Piechowski provide the board with some documentation that the township just has an easement for the town roads. If documentation is provided the board can then address the issue.

Hearing closed at 5:34 pm.

Profile and Cross Section Elevations from Hwy E to County Line: No survey done. Morris will contact Dolata to schedule survey.

County Hwy U Update: Morris spoke with Duane Prachel, Highway Superintendent. The DNR will allow the highway department to lower the culvert 1 ft. lower than was proposed. The culvert on Hwy U will be lowered to 846.0.

Seneca-Warren District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A: nothing

DNR Notification to stop water from entering Lateral A: Board spoke with Kent on this matter. Mr. Kent felt that there are some options that the board could look at, to move this matter forward. Mr. Kent will get back to the board with some options for their next meeting. The board will provide some maps and run some basic calculations on cubic yards of material to remove. This information will be provided to Mr. Kent.

Vouchers: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve \$469.75 voucher to

Berlin Journal and Stafford, Rosenbaum, Rieser and Hansen. Motion carried

Correspondence: none

Committee Discussion: Board discussed the assessments and are not going to assess the German Evan. Lutheran St. Paul Church due to tax exemption. This was passed in 2014 to not assess them.

Motion/second (Severson/Dolata) to sign resolutions setting the 2016 and 2017 assessments in the Seneca-Warren District and District 4. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be August 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion:

- Jane Olson Property Request
- Town of Warren Request
- DNR Assessment Request
- Profile and Cross Section Elevations from Hwy E to County Line
- Seneca-Warren/Sucker Creek
- DNR Notification to stop water from entering Lateral A

Adjourn: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morris, Recorder

Meeting expenses: Ditch #1	_____	Ditch #5	_____
Ditch #2	_____	Seneca-Warren	<u>90%</u>
Ditch #3	_____	General	_____
Ditch #4	<u>10%</u>		