

# Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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**Drainage Board  
December 2, 2015  
7:00 P.M. – 8:37 P.M.  
Training Room  
571 County Road A  
Green Lake, WI**

**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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Also Present:** Richard M. Sobieski, Scot Harenburg, Pat Gonyo, Joe Gonyo, Dave Gneiser, Lavern Alf, Joan Alf, Bob Alf and 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 November 3, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none

**Appearances:** Scot Harenburg stated that the ditch is flooding his property and he had pictures of property that showed this. Pictures were shown to the board. Harenburg is being assessed \$4.93/ac for drainage and he has 1 ft of water on his property. Harenburg also stated that the beaver dam at the end is only a pile of sticks. Harenburg wants to be compensated for assessments paid on his property, or he would like the berm between his property and the district drain fixed so water from the ditch does not run on his property. The berm between the district drain and the Harenburg property has about 7 breaches that let water into Harenburg's property. Harenburg estimated that repairs to this berm would be between \$20,000 - \$40,000. If something is not done he will get a court order. Harenburg would like to be removed from the district due to his land being all wetland. Dolata stated that the water coming down the ditch is not the boards property and that water will seek the lowest point. Harenburg pointed out the double ditch along his property and explained that his land does not even drain to the ditch, but that his water exits his property through private ditches to the Fox River. Sobieski spoke and stated that the low lands landowners should have the same benefit of drainage as the landowners at the upper end of the district. Dolata feels the board needs to address this issue and will have to walk this site with landowner to come up with a solution. Krueger would like to meet with the Green Lake County Land Conservation Department to look at the maps and decide what to do with wetland areas in the lower section of the ditch.

**Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)** to meet with the Green Lake County Land Conservation Department to look at maps and address wetland areas. Motion carried.

Morris will look at his calendar and schedule a date to meet with the board. Harenburg will be notified of the meeting date.

**Town of Seneca – South Rd. Bridge Replacement:** Culverts were lowered. Invoice sent to Township for meeting expenses. This invoice has not yet been paid.

**Seneca-Warren Drainage District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A:** Board wrote letter to the DNR requesting meeting to come up with additional recommendations to address Sucker Creek coming into Lateral A. Copy of letter attached to minutes. The board has not heard back from the DNR as of tonight's meeting.

**Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)** that if there is no response by the DNR by the next meeting that the board has Attorney William Curran writes a letter to the DNR. Motion carried.

**Survey Lateral A to Hwy D:** Morris spoke with Carl Chenoweth, REA, who stated that the original survey work was done by Jenkins Survey and Design and converted from Waushara County Coordinates to Green Lake County Coordinates. REA could not dig up the survey information but that the error may be in the conversion process. Morris feels that if the board wants to change the ditch profile they should just move forward with that process. The board would like Morris to notify MSA when they are meeting with Green Lake County Land Conservation to have a teleconference with them to discuss changing the ditch profile.

**Gneiser Request:** The survey information and information provided by Gneiser was sent to MSA. MSA response was given to the board and also Gneiser and Gonyo. Copy of Memo attached to minutes. Gneiser still feels that the water in his wetland flows north and would like to be removed from the district. Gneiser feels that MSA is still in error and would like to talk to them about his issue. Dolata and Severson both agree that the north portion of Gneiser's land needs to be looked at.

**Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)** to use the revised watershed boundary based on Figure 2 (based on USGS 10 ft contours) of MSA recommendation. Motion Carried.

Severson asked Gneiser if he had paid his 2014 assessment. Gneiser stated that he has not and will not pay this.

**Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)** to re-adjust the 2014 and 2015 assessments to the new boundary. Motion carried.

**Gonyo Request:** Gonyo stated that their issue is the same as Harenburg and Gneiser and they feel that their assessment needs to be re-adjusted. Gonyo's feel their share is too large for their benefit. They don't have a problem paying their fair share but feel that an assessment of \$3.27/ac is an excessive assessment for wetland. The board will discuss this issue when looking at the map with the Land Conservation Department. Notify Gonyo of meeting date.

**Brush Cutting:** Notify landowners in the corridor of the boards intent to cut the brush. Morris will check on what type of notification is required.

**Mashuda Dissolution Request:** nothing

**Vouchers:** **Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)** to approve \$130.00 voucher to

Register of Deeds and Wisconsin Association of Drainage Districts. Motion carried

**Correspondence:**

U.S. Census Bureau – Census on District 4  
MSA Memo regarding Gneiser and Gonyo

**Committee Discussion:**

Severson reported on the WI Assoc. of Drainage Districts Annual Meeting – Matt Woodrow will be working as the new State Drainage Engineer, everything should be channeled through Chris Clayton, DATCP should be sending drainage boards a To-Do list, there is some grant money available for Water Quality projects.

Morris commented that the Green Lake County Highway Department will be replacing culverts on Hwy U in the Town of Manchester. The culverts area located in Drainage District 3. Morris will be assisting the Highway Department with the calculations for replacement.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be January 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion:

- Sucker Creek/Lateral A
- Survey Lateral A to Hwy D
- Gneiser Request
- Gonyo Request
- Brush Cutting
- Mashuda Dissolution Request
- Culvert Replacement – District 3

**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>100%</u>
Ditch #3	_____	General	_____
Ditch #4	_____		