Green Lake County
Drainage Board

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Drainage Board
November 7, 2018
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Training 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
Roger Sell, Vice-Chair
Dick Severson, Secretary

Also Present: Steven Foust, Tyler Zick, Stacy Kerwin, Jerry Frey, David Gneiser, Dick Sobieski, Todd Morris - Green Lake County Land Conservation Department

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

Minutes: *Motion/second (Sell/Severson)* to approve the July 11, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Tyler Zick spoke regarding their land east of Hwy D. Their land has water backed up on it from the Town Ditch. Mr. Zick does not feel that they are receiving any benefit from the ditch. Their land is wet and is getting wetter. Mr. Zick shared with the board a video that he had taken of his property showing how the water is flowing onto his land from the district ditch. The board advised Mr. Zick to file a petition to have his land removed from the district. Morris will correspond with Mr. Zick on how to file the petition and what it should contain.

Dick Sobieski spoke regarding the Zick property and stated if the board is assessing Mr. Zick's land he must get a benefit and Zick is not getting a benefit. Cannot assess for seepage. Nothing east of Hwy D receives a benefit.

Steven Foust passed out copies of the definition of pecuniary benefits to the board, stating that you have to have pecuniary benefits to assess someone for drainage. He also stated that the board is voluntarily violating the law, per statute. Check the monetary benefit definition. Most sportsman are buying land in the district for wildlife and have no benefit from drainage. He also stated that there are no tree farms in Outagamie County, just Managed Forest Law (MFL) lands and the board is not allowed to tax this land. Also feels that the Annexation was illegal. MSA never said there was a benefit, just drew the watershed boundary.

Dave Gneiser spoke on damages to crops. He brought in photos of the Zietlow farm which showed flooded crops, and stated there is no way drainage could be provided. Let us end this whole sham of watershed drainage and shrink the district back to original boundaries. Mr. Gneiser also thought the district owes the Zietlow's crop damage. Thank you.

Dick Sobieski spoke again stating it is impossible to provide drainage for Zietlow. Sobieski also requested a report of how much the Seneca-Warren District has been assessed since 1999. Morris will try to develop the report and get a copy to Sobieski.

Severson and Foust had a discussion on MFL lands, and why the board did not remove the assessment on his land.

Appearances: none

Report on Annual Inspections: Each board member gave an oral report of the district that they inspected. Severson inspected Districts 1 & 4, Sell inspected Districts 2 & 3, and Krueger inspected District 5 & Seneca-Warren. The reports shall accompany the minutes.
Maintenance items are as follows:
District 1 – some trees over ditch and appear to be backing water up, Severson thought this might also be because of the high water that we have been having. In addition, some possible riprap may be needed in eroding spots of ditch. Also the board will keep an eye on neighbor that has been talking of plugging some ditches, and make sure that this does not take place on the district drain. This would be on the Leider property.

District 2 – no concerns.

District 3 – Due to excessive rain this fall there was some sloughing of the bank on the Ed Crescio property. Mr. Crescio will repair the damage himself. No other concerns.

District 4 – The upper section of ditch needs some cleaning, backing water up on cropland. Also, the lower end could be cleaned; the water does not appear to be flowing. Severson would like Morris to meet with Mr. Mashuda to assess the cleaning needs.

District 5 – no concerns.

Seneca-Warren – Spot elevations were taken of bottom from station 300+00 – 340+00. Some areas of brush that could be removed. John Schrock contacted Krueger about part of the bank side slope caving in. There is an artesian spring at the base of the ditch causing this. There should be some riprap installed in this area to control the bank erosion. In addition, the corridor needs some maintenance to allow access; there are some areas of brush and dirt piles, which impede travel.

Review and approve DATCP Reports: The board reviewed each districts reports. Severson noted that in District 4, there is unpaid assessments of $150.00, which should be included on the report. Morris will make the change.
Motion/second (Severson/Sell) to approve, have Krueger sign them, and send them to DATCP. Motion carried.

Discussion/action on Loan Payment: Board will wait for collection of unpaid assessments in the Seneca-Warren District that were put on 2018 tax bill. When these are collected, there should be enough funding to pay off the loan.

Vouchers: *Motion/second (_____/_____) to approve $_____ voucher to*

_____. Motion carried
Cathy approves all vouchers. – none submitted.

Correspondence: Email correspondence from Chris Clayton, DATCP.

Committee Discussion: Board would like Morris to email them when $6000.00 comes in from unpaid assessments, and then pay off the loan of $6000.00. The board will wait for issues to be brought to the board before calling another meeting.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be _____ at _____ P.M. in the _____ Room of the Government Center in Green Lake. – nothing scheduled at this time.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion: as needed

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

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morris, Recorder

Meeting expenses:	Ditch #1	1%	Ditch #5	1%
	Ditch #2	1%	Seneca-Warren	95%
	Ditch #3	1%	General	_____
	Ditch #4	1%		