Green Lake County
Drainage Board

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Drainage Board
November 4, 2026
5:30 P.M. – 6:30 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 Foust. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Steven Foust, Rodney Zietlow, John Bobek

Also Present: Steve Eckert, Judge Slate

Agenda:

Minutes: ***Motion/second (Bobek/Zietlow)*** to approve the November 11, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Steve Eckert had a question on District 2; he was wondering why the district didn't clean out north of County Road I & O to the Grand River. He feels that ditch would drain better if it was cleaned out. Board explained that District 2 boundary ended at township line and they did not have jurisdiction on section of ditch he was questioning.

Appearances: none

Reports on Annual Inspections: See attached reports.
District 1 – No complaints, nothing done with trees in corridor
District 2&3 – No complaints, well maintained, some buckthorn coming into ditch that should be addressed.
District 5 – No complaints, some dead trees along corridor in lower section of ditch, no action needed at this time.
Seneca-Warren – No complaints, inspected ditch at roadways, also looked at areas repaired in 2026, portion by Shrock project looks good, grass coming in nicely, one possible concern is the north stoned area that appears to have settled and may need some repair. Kujawa project area looks good and this is a good access point to the lower section of ditch. From South Road up the ditch is in excellent shape.

Review and Approve DATCP Reports (9/1/2025 – 8/31/2026): Reports were reviewed.
Motion/second (Zietlow/Bobek) to approve FY2026 DATCP reports. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action on Maintenance Issues in all Districts:
District 1 – no action
District 2&3 – possibly buckthorn removal
District 5 – no action
Seneca-Warren – possibly repair rock lined portion of bank of Shrock project. Brush control on ditch bank and corridor should be addressed. Look into control for 2027.

Update/Discussion on projects completed in Seneca-Warren District: Shrock project looks good, grass coming in nicely, one possible concern is the north stoned area that appears to have settled and may need some repair. Kujawa project area looks good, and this is a good access point to the lower section of ditch.

Discussion/Action to Annex Benefited Parcels 034-0311-0000 & 034-03113-0200 Mark Burbey Revocable Trust: Discussion held on item. Zietlow would like to review the entire district of parcel withdrawn and see if they are getting a benefit. Would like parcels back in but does not want to pursue this due to the fact that previous board members let them out because they stated they were not getting a benefit. Would like additional information before making a decision. Tabled this item until additional research can be done.

Discussion/Action on Annexation of properties benefiting from Sucker Creek Connection: Foust requested this item for discussion. Gerald Staunch, Land Information Officer with Green Lake County, looked up the history of the connection of Sucker Creek to Lateral A. There are maps from around 1910 that show the ditch that existed connecting to Lateral A. Foust looked at landowners benefiting and there are few landowners other than the Department of Natural Resources. Upon review of information he doesn't feel there are enough landowners benefiting to make it worth the cost of annexation. No action taken.

Correspondence:
Class II Notice Berlin Journal Newspaper
Green Lake County Land Conservation Invoice for staff reimbursement
Motion/second (Zietlow/Bobek) to approve paying vouchers in the amount of $1847.79 to Berlin Journal Newspaper and Green Lake Count Land Conservation Department. Motion carried.

Letter from Judge Slate – discussion held on how to recruit members for the drainage board, there should be three applicants submitted to the Judge for consideration, there has typically been one. Suggestion by Judge Slate to send letters to everyone in district or put something in the tax bills to landowners in the district. Board will look into putting something in tax statement.

Foust received invitation to the Wisconsin Association of Drainage Districts, there is a meeting on Monday, November 9th in Portage. Cost is $20 if members would like to attend.

Committee Discussion: Board discussed need for an assessment in Seneca-Warren district. This will require a Public Hearing. Would like to schedule something in January – February.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be set at later date.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion:
Seneca-Warren Assessment
Annexation of Parcels

Adjourn: ***Motion/second (Zietlow/Bobek)*** to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morris, Recorder

Meeting expenses:	Ditch #1	1%
	Ditch #2	1%
	Ditch #3	1%
	Ditch #5	1%
	Seneca-Warren	96%