

# Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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## **Drainage Board Minutes March 11, 2008 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Courthouse County Board Room Green Lake, WI**

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

**Present:** Merlyn Soda, Chairman  
Michael Disterhaft, Vice-Chairman  
Steve Meilahn, Secretary

**Also Present:** Landowners: Gene Schroeder      LaVern Alf      Norbert Walejko  
James A. Hebbe, County Conservationist

**Agenda:** *Motion (Meilahn/Disterhaft)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** *Motion (Disterhaft/Meilahn)* to approve the October 24, 2007 meeting minutes with one correction on page one to the last name of Senator Luther Olsen's aid from Mary Ellen Vollbrecht to Mary Ellen Boario. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Gene Schroeder, addressed the Drainage Board stating that the Drainage Board has not been aggressive enough in addressing the poor drainage characteristics of the Seneca-Warren drainage ditch. He felt that Wisc Statutes 88.21, 88.31, 88.50, 88.63, 88.68, and 88.72 should empower the Board to deal with the drainage issues. All landowners in attendance felt that the DNR as a landowner should be viewed and treated like any other landowner in the drainage district. The fact that the DNR is a state regulatory agency should not matter in addressing the issue of the ditch not functioning properly through their property.

**Appearances:** none

**Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Bob Nigbor Ditch Cleaning Cost Estimate:** The Board acknowledged Bob's estimate for cleaning but would first like to take care of the drainage problem on the DNR portion of the ditch before committing to doing the work at Bob Nigbor's.

**Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Ditch Survey:** Survey work not needed at the moment since the Board will instead seek a permit to clean out.

**Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Cleaning Plan and Permit Application:**

*Motion (Meilahn/Disterhaft)* to approve Chairman Soda to sign and submit the DNR permit application dealing with cleaning out the ditch through the DNR land and for the cleanout of Lateral A up to the end of LaVern Alf's property. Motion carried.

**Ditch #5 - Wal-Mart Storm Overflow:**

Chairman Soda will speak with Mary Lou Neubauer on this.

**Drainage Board Insurance:**

Hebbe will check with Rural Insurance to see what it would cost.

**Vouchers:** *Motion (Meilahn/Disterhaft)* to approve two vouchers: Green Lake State Bank - \$3,271.06; and Green Lake County Department of Land Conservation - \$2,459.75. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** none

**Committee Discussion and Future Agenda Items:**

**Next Meeting Date:** April 9, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Demonstration Room of the Courthouse in Green Lake.

**Adjourn:** *Motion (Disterhaft/Meilahn)* to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hebbe  
Recorder

Meeting expenses: Ditch #5 - 10%, Seneca-Warren – 90%