

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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**Drainage Board
Minutes
July 9, 2008
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Courthouse Demonstration 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
Wayne Albright, Secretary

Also Present: Landowners: LaVern Alf
Richard M. Sobieski
Norbert Walejko
James A. Hebbe, County Conservationist
Brenda Sondalle, LCD Administrative Assistant

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

Minutes: *Motion (Disterhaft/Albright)* to approve the April 9 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Appearances: none

Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Ditch Tour Report: LaVern Alf shared spring 2008 photos of the water backing up onto his property because the ditch can not handle the large amount of water flowing down it and then the water gets “bottled-necked” south of South Road where the ditch has not been cleaned out yet and ponds on his property. Ponding occurred again after the heavy June rains.

Also shared were photos taken from Bert Zietlow’s silo showing the high water after the heavy June rains.

LaVern Alf also wondered the status of cleaning the Lateral A ditch. It was agreed that cleaning the ditch on the DNR land between South Road and County Road D was the first priority but that it would be practical to finish Lateral A at the same time.

Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Cleaning Plan and Permit Application: Hebbe read the DNR’s response letter to the general permit application the Board submitted for cleaning the ditch between County Road D and South Road. The DNR is in need of additional information before making their

decision on issuing the permit. The US Army Corps of Engineers is also in need of additional information.

Set Annual Tour Date: Saturday, July 26, 2008 at 1:00pm the Board will tour areas of the Seneca-Warren Drainage District and Drainage District #5.

Set Board Per Diem Rate: Hebbe informed that the current per diem rate for county board supervisors has increased to \$45 as of April 15, 2008. **Motion (Disterhaft/Albright)** ~~to set Drainage Board per diem rate at \$45 per meeting that Drainage Board per diem will remain at the \$40 maximum per Wisconsin Statute 88.17(7).~~ Motion carried. **modified per 8/13/08 meeting minutes**

Drainage Board Insurance: Hebbe informed that Rural Insurance does not insure drainage boards. Rural would have to get insurance from another vendor and it would be expensive. **Motion (Disterhaft/Albright)** to not pursue any further insurance for the Drainage Board. Motion carried.

Vouchers: **Motion (Albright/Disterhaft)** to approve one voucher to Steve Meilahn \$118.38 for per diem. Motion carried.

Correspondence: State Representative Sheryl Albers sent information regarding AB116 increasing the minimum bid threshold to \$25,000 and AB 118 addressing local planning and zoning offices to incorporate drain district information into their records.

Committee Discussion and Future Agenda Items: Chairman Soda updated that Joe Formiller received permission from the USDA-NRCS to clean his private ditches. He will now approach the DNR for a permit for ditch cleanout.

Next Meeting Date: Saturday, July 26, 2008 at 1:00 pm for a ditch tour; Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 7:00pm in the County Board Room of the Courthouse in Green Lake; Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:00pm (assessment public hearing) in the Demonstration Room of the Courthouse in Green Lake.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sondalle
Recorder

Meeting expenses: Seneca-Warren – 100%