

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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**Drainage Board
September 9, 2014
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
County Board 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: Gary Walejko, Norbert Walejko, Leo Souder, Dick Sobieski, Joan Alf, Lavern Alf, George Piechowski, Mary Piechowski, Gerald Frey, Tyler Zick, T.J. Kempf, Bob Nighbor, Amber Converse – MSA Professional Services, Bill Curran – Curran, Hollenbeck & Orton S.C., Todd Morris-Green Lake County Land Conservation Department.

Agenda: *Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)* to approve the agenda with changes of moving #6 Public Comments and #7 Appearances after #9 Set 2014 Watershed Assessment for Seneca-Warren Drainage District. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)* to approve the August 12, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Appearances: Amber Converse, MSA Professional Services gave a presentation as part of the public hearing on how the watershed was determined and how the benefits and assessments were determined.

Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Watershed Assessment in the Seneca-Warren Drainage District: Move into the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. Severson read opening remarks.

Krueger gave a history of boards decision to consider a Watershed boundary for the drainage district and that the board is considering annexation of lands into the district and increasing the annual assessment for the district.

Dolata presented the budget for the new assessment and why the assessment needs to be increased. The reasons are outstanding loan balance, current work by MSA, maintenance cost to the ditch and projected cleaning/maintenance of the ditch. The projected 3 year budget is \$70,403.

Amber Converse, MSA Professional Services, gave a presentation on how the watershed boundary was determined, which lands are within the watershed and would be annexed and how assessments were determined.

Gary Wajaleko, Waushara County Drainage Board, commented that he wanted to make sure that the northern boundary of the Seneca-Warren district does not overlap with the Marion-Warren drainage district in Waushara County. Converse and Wajaleko will compare maps to eliminate any overlap. Another comment that he had was that if Sucker Creek watershed is brought into the Seneca-Warren drainage district that these landowners should be notified in advance so they know what is coming. The board responded that at this time Sucker Creek is not included in the Seneca-Warren District, but it may be later if this water continues to flow into the district. His final comment was, Why didn't the current district assess more to pay off their debt?

Jerry Frey did not agree that wetland should be assessed high because they do not get any benefit from drainage. Frey had a question on why wetland was assessed so high? Converse explained that the assessment is based off of the runoff curve number and contributing water downstream even though it is moving slowly. Frey was not satisfied with the answer because the water sits and floods his property.

Set 2014 Watershed Assessments in the Seneca-Warren District: No action taken.

Watershed Tax Assessment Update: Amber Converse presentation in public hearing.

Seneca-Warren Drainage District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A: DNR plugged the connecting ditch on September 4, 2014. The water coming down the connection was running around the plug. Dolata does not want to pay anything on a project that will not work and the board should not pay on a failed project.

Motion Severson/Dolata to refuse to pay anything on the Lateral A plug. Motion carried.

Seneca-Warren Drainage District – Brush Cutting/Weed Spraying: Spraying was completed on August 13, 2014.

Lehmann Shed Wetland Restoration: The board was concerned on where the overflow water would go and why the overflow spillway was not on the west side away from Alf's.

Survey Lateral A to Hwy D: Waiting for contract from MSA.

Vouchers: *Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)* to approve \$5795.75 vouchers to

Skyline Helicopters Inc, Berlin Journal Newspapers, & MSA Professional Services. Motion carried

Correspondence: Received notification by phone from Waushara County Highway Commissioner that they will be replacing the culvert on Hwy F.

Committee Discussion:

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be October 14 at 6:00 P.M. in the County Board Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion: Public Hearing – Annexation and Assessment, Set 2014 Assessment for Seneca-Warren District, Watershed Assessment, Seneca-Warren District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A, Lehmann Shed Wetland Restoration, Survey Lateral A to Hwy D, Souder Ditch, Corridor Policy

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

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morris, Recorder

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| Meeting expenses: Ditch #1 | _____ | Ditch #5 | _____ |
| Ditch #2 | _____ | Seneca-Warren | <u>100%</u> |
| Ditch #3 | _____ | General | _____ |
| Ditch #4 | _____ | | |