

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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**Drainage Board
January 13, 2015
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Training 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: Steven Foust, Leroy Petit, Richard M. Heid, Richard M. Sobieski, Richard L. Sobieski, Scot Harenburg, Tony Daley – Berlin Journal, Todd Morris – Green Lake County LCD

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

Minutes: *Motion/second (Dolata/Severson)* to approve the December 9, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Mr. Harenburg had a question on changing someones assessment and does this have to go to public hearing? He also stated that the acres that he is assessed for do not match his tax parcel acres. He gave an example of parcel # 020-00229-0000 which has 21.4 acres on his tax bill but he is assessed for 22.6 acres on his assessment, also parcel # 020-00231-0000 which has 19.0 acres on his tax bill but he is assessed for 20.3 acres on his assessment. He also feels that cropland owners pay less of an assessment than wetland owners.

The board will check with MSA on how they got the parcel acres.

Mr. Foust spoke stating that according to Chapter 88.01 (1) – Benefits can only be assessed to anyone who gains a monetary advantage from the ditch. Mr. Foust spoke with Steve Struss – acting drainage engineer regarding this issue. Mr. Foust feels that he does not receive any monetary benefit and should be removed from the district.

Mr. Richard M. Sobieski commented on why did everything that REA had originally done in 2000 get changed? Also feels that work should be done at the end of the ditch where it runs into the bayou, and that landowner east of Hwy D do not receive any benefits.

Mr. Richard L. Sobieski questioned What is the goal of the board, and what are the boards plans for the ditch?

Appearances: None

Annual DATCP Report: Board reviewed DATCP Annual Report and the Financial Statements for each District.

Motion/Second (Severson/Dolata) to have Krueger sign the Annual Reports. Motion carried.

Seneca-Warren Drainage District – Sucker Creek/Lateral A: Morris stated that the DNR plans on hauling some rock to still haul rock to the site this winter, as long as there is enough ice to drive the trucks out there.

Survey Lateral A to Hwy D: Survey was completed last fall. MSA was out on Monday, January 12, 2015 to shoot elevations from Hwy D to the Fox River. Dolata and Krueger were present during the survey.

Harenburg Bridge Request: Mr. Harenburg submitted his bridge plan to the board. Mr. Harenburg is going to meet with the DNR on Monday, January 19, 2015 regarding the project and permit application. There is no proposal on how much the project will cost. Severson stated that there was no engineering approval that the bridge is designed to some standard.

Sobieski Request: Richard M. and Richard L. Sobieski brought their tile maps to the board and discussed the locations with the board. Richard M. & Richard L. Sobieski both feel that the boundary should go back to the original district line because their water is tiled out of the district. The board is going to meet with Morris to redraw boundary due to water leaving district. The Sobieski's left copies of their tile maps with Morris.

Motion/Second (Severson/Dolata) to send tile maps to MSA for ruling on request. Motion carried.

Corridor Policy: Seneca-Warren District has a policy that was created in 2000 with the REA plan. The board will continue to follow this policy. For Districts 1-5 the board will follow the State policy as outlined in ATCP 48.24 – Corridor Policy.

Vouchers: **Motion/second (Severson/Dolata)** to approve \$8757.34 voucher to

Dolata – \$901.72 per diem, Krueger - \$760.12 per diem, Severson - \$835.64 per diem, Green Lake Title & Abstract - \$75.00, Green Lake County Register of Deeds - \$240.00, Waushara County Register of Deeds – 60.00, Green Lake County Land Conservation Department - \$5854.86. Motion carried

Correspondence: Open Records Request from Hirschberg Law LLC., MSA Draft Memo regarding Investigation into Drainage Ditch Official Profile – Preliminary Results.

Committee Discussion: Board re-signed the Order for Annexation and the Order for Assessment in Seneca-Warren District. The board also discussed that with the current assessments being paid should they make a loan payment. At this time the board will wait until after the deadline of February 14th deadline for assessments and evaluate if there is money to make a payment.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting will be February 10, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion: Flooding of Harenburg Property in spring, Harenburg Bridge Request, Sucker Creek – Lateral A, Survey of Lateral A, Sobieski Request, Corridor Policy.

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

Respectfully submitted, Todd Morris, Recorder

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