

Minutes of the Meeting  
Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners  
December 15, 2016 – 1:30 P.M.  
Racine County Ives Grove Office Complex

**Item 1.** Chairman Alvin Wilks called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Item 2.** Roll Call: Members Present: Commissioners Alvin Wilks, Alan Jasperson, John Vyvyan and Russ Weis

Excused - Greg Foat

Others Present: John W. Knuteson, Attorney for Board; Mark Madsen, Engineer; Kim Williams, recorder.

Al Wilks asked that everyone stand and take a moment of silence in memory of Donny North who passed away.

**Item 3. Approval of Agenda.** Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the agenda as modified, which was seconded by Greg Foat and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 4. Reading and approval of minutes of Prior Meeting:**

**9/15/2016 Regular Board Meeting:** Russ Weis made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by John Vyvyan and the motion passed unanimously.

**11/2/2016 Special Meeting:** Russ Weis made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Alan Jasperson and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5: Financial Report (attached).**

a) Financial Report – John Knuteson reviewed the financial information from September 1, 2016 thru November 30, 2016. Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Russ Weis and the motion passed unanimously.

b) Bills paid and bills to be paid – Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Russ Weis and the motion passed unanimously.

c) CSB Account Balances and Loans as of November 30, 2016 – John Knuteson reviewed the Account Balances and Loan payments.

**FARM #1/WATERFORD:**

**Item 6. Status on Memorandum of Understanding regarding the lower winter water level for the Rochester Dam.** Alan Jasperson explained that nothing has been done, and doesn't know if we will be moving forward with this.

**Item 7. Discussion regarding next potential assessment.** Alan Jasperson said that Greg want to move forward with another assessment. Greg is getting a list together of the proposed projects and then will

meet with Mark Madsen and Al Jeske to get budget amounts and recommendations for another assessment.

#### **FARM #4/EAGLE CREEK:**

**Item 8. Spraying and De-Brushing – Continued from the September 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting.** Most of the spraying and de-brushing in Eagle Creek is completed. Since Donny North has passed, it would be nice to find a contractor that we could call and have them do the work. Chuck Brintnall from T&T Tree Service has offered to do that service.

#### **FARM #5/HOOSIER CREEK:**

**Item 9. Status and Discussion of the Not Guilty Plea entered for the Alleged DNR Violation for RCBDC and Gunderson Excavating.** John Knuteson went to the Kenosha Court Hearing; DNR did not show and after a 40 minute delay in waiting the Assistant D.A. called the case. We entered a No Contest plea to the Citation against Gunderson Excavating, which they already paid \$1,397.50. The charge against RCBDC for the same violation was dismissed. The Board in September decided we will hold Gunderson Excavating harmless on their citation, and the Board will reimburse Gunderson Excavating \$1,397.50 for their citation.

**Item 10. Status and Discussion about De-Brushing and Spraying in Hoosier Creek.** Plenty of work that needs to be done. We cleaned one side of the creek this year. For the de-brushing this year, Mike Gunderson sent RCBDC a contract to de-brush from Hwy 142 to Brever Rd (Hoosier Creek Road) for \$24,000.00. RCBDC signed the contract with Gunderson Excavating. Mike Gunderson hopes to begin by March, but which side of the creek is undetermined. It was recommended by Mark Madsen and the Board agreed that RCBDC applies for a fill permit.

#### **NORWAY/DOVER DRAINAGE:**

**Item 11. Status update on the tile work with Romans Grading.** Romans Grading is finished with the work, Al Jeske will inspect the area and prepare a punchlist for Romans Grading.

**Item 12. Dredging Project from Dover Line Road to Hwy 20.** We received the permit to do the project. The permit was contingent upon applying for the Winter Drawdown. Two years ago we were told to go ahead with the drawdown September 28<sup>th</sup> but we didn't get the permit that year. We did the drawdown, it was a beautiful year to get the dredging done but we didn't get the permit from the DNR. We finally received the permit last year, a very wet year and could not get the dredging done with all the rain, so we didn't attempt to start. This year when we applied for the winter drawdown, the DNR rejected it, because Waterford had concerns. DNR told us that we would get the drawdown next year, but it should be applied for earlier.

**Item 13. Engineer Report and Bidding from Mark Madsen on Projects in District.** After being put out for bid, we received only 1 bid. Mark and Al have changed the plans to make it easier for any contractor to bid the project, and put the project out for rebid. This time we have contractors from all over the state looking to bid. The bids will be opened December 22, 2016. The Board has recommended that we hold a special meeting on December 29, 2016 at 1:30 at the Racine County Ives Groves to review the De-Brushing bids with possible approval.

**Item 14. Rejection of Winter Drawdown Request needed for Dredging Project of Wind Lake Canal.** Discussed in Item #12.

**YORKVILLE/RAYMOND:**

**Item 15. Status of Union Grove Agreement.** Tim Pruitt sent the Union Grove Agreement and John Knuteson recommended that the Board sign the Agreement. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the Union Grove Agreement, which was seconded by John Vyvyan and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 16. Negotiations for Yorkville, Raymond and Union Grove for the 2018 Assessment.** Al Wilks has requested that the Yorkville/Raymond District and RCBDC start negotiations with Union Grove. Like the meeting that was held October 26, 2016, Al Wilks is asking that no attorneys be present. Al Wilks requested that Kim Williams set up a meeting with representatives of RCBDC, the Village of Union Grove, Town of Yorkville and the Town of Raymond.

**Item 17. Engineer Report and Bidding from Mark Madsen on Projects in District. (Hribar, Eder and Duck Farm).** The first project is 90% complete and being done on the Nielsen property of the east bank. The other project will be part of the bids to be opened December 22, 2016.

**ALL DISTRICTS:**

**Item 18. Discussion and Review on Annual Reports.** Due to delays, we are spending more money on Engineering and Legal Fees and not much tile work and dredging work is getting done.

**Item 19. Legislative Update on Proposed Drainage Bill.** Legislation is being formatted at this time and there has been discussion about specific wording. They are hoping to get it introduced in January, 2017.

**Item 20. Discussion regarding bidding of Spraying needs for all districts.** Will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at Racine County Ives Groves Complex.

**Item 21. Status on RCBDC document storage at Racine County. Winter project for the Board to go through old documents before transfer to Racine County.** RCBDC Commissioners will be reviewing old documents that are currently stored at Knuteson, Hinkston & Quinn offices to determine what should be moved to the Racine County Ives Groves Complex for storage. A tentative date of January 31, 2017 at 1:30 is scheduled

**Item 22. Status of 2016 Tax & Road Bills.** All tax bills were submitted to Racine County on November 17, 2016 and the Road Bills were prepared and mailed on December 8, 2016.

**Item 23. Commissioner Fees for 2016.** All Commissioners were requested to turn in their reimbursement for meetings attended on behalf of RCBDC in 2016.

**Item 24: Proposed 2017 Meeting Dates:**

December 29, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.

January 31, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

March 15, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.

June 8, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 7, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.


Dec. 7, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.

**Item 25:** Adjournment. Alan Jasperson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Russ Weis and passed unanimously at 3:18 p.m.

RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Chairman

DATE APPROVED BY BOARD: 3/15/17