

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek Farm Drainage Board
Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners
April 30, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
Racine County – Ives Groves

Item 1. Chairman Alvin Wilks called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Item 2. Roll Call: Members Present: Commissioners Alvin Wilks, Alan Jaspersen, Greg Foat, Russ Weis, John Vyvyan.

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

Item 3. Approval of Agenda. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Alan Jaspersen and the motion passed unanimously.

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Item 4. Discussion and approval of updated mapping and specification. Al Wilks explained that this meeting is to approve the mapping and specification for the Farm #5/Hoosier Creek Drainage District. The meeting was properly noticed with 533 parcels within the district and published by both Racine Journal Times and Kenosha News. Al Wilks gave background information on Hoosier Creek and discussed some of the major expenses for the district: maintenance and repairs, insurance premiums, attorney and accounting fees and administrative overhead.

Al Wilks asked Mark Madsen and Al Jeske describe what Nielsen Madsen & Barber did to complete the mapping and specifications per the Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 48.20. John Knuteson reported that Knuteson, Hinkston & Quinn, S.C. had received 5 letters. Once this public hearing is concluded, landowners have at least 30 days to file, with the drainage board, written objections to the proposed specifications. After 30 days, Nielsen Madsen & Barber will send to DATCP the specifications, a description of how the county drainage board established the specifications, documentation showing that the county drainage board has complied with notice to landowners, each landowner objection and the drainage board's position on every unresolved objections and other relevant information required by the department. Within 90 days after the county drainage board files the application, the department will approve or disapprove.

Al Wilks said that even though most letters received had issues with something other than the mapping and specifications, they will all be sent along with the application.

Al Wilks opened the floor for public comment.

Mike Newholm: 27309 - 1st Street Kansasville: There is a 12" tile that was installed prior to his family owning the property. He has questioned if this tile was recorded as a district tile and if not, he would like to see it recorded as a district tile.

Sue Wierzbicki: 29000 - 2nd Place, Kansasville: Ms. Wierzbicki wanted to know with the new law changes that have recently taken place, how will it impact her property during the project and in the future. Mark Madsen explained that currently the minimum corridor for the drainage per the State Statute is 20', from the top of the bank on either side of the ditch, however, RCBDC is proposing a 60' corridor. By using the 60' the district has the ability to do maintenance work, any dredging and disposing of spoils within that 60' corridor. The idea of that is to use 20', except for when there is a need to do dredging and they need the 60' to disperse the spoils.

Russ Weis commented that Ralph Rice called and wanted to let the board know that he is against the dredging project.

Jeff Bratz (Rosewood Cemetery) Wanted to know if the board can do something about the fees. Jeff Bratz said that they don't collect any money and that Rosewood Cemetery is just a county cemetery. He believed that Cemeteries should not be included in assessments.

William and Eugenia Applebee: 6326 Wheatland Road. Can a landowner oppose to having work done on their property? Al Wilks said that a landowner can not oppose to having work done. William said that they feel that the drainage isn't helping their property.

Timothy Goodman: 6834 Foxtail Lane / 6730 Fox River Rd: Wanted to know if there is a drainage or private tile on Hwy142 & Hwy J. Al Jeske said that the district does have a tile that runs through that area. Said that there are some pooling issues and he feels that the land wasn't graded very well. Mark Madsen explained that the municipality may have information about the location of district facilities. Municipalities are supposed to be contacting the district to have the district engineer review the plans so that the building does not affect the district tile. Mark feels that Mr. Goodman would need to speak with the municipality.

Al Wilks closed the public discussion on the mapping and specifications and asked for a motion. Greg Foat made a motion to close the public hearing discussion on mapping and specifications, seconded by Russ Weis and the motion passed unanimously.

Al Wilks wanted to talk with Donald Klotz 6747 Womack Lane who spoke during the public comments, but his comment did not deal with the mapping and specifications. Mr. Klotz asked who is responsible for taking care of the creek? He said that his area looks terrible and wanted to know when work will be done. Al Wilks said that the board hasn't been able to do any work because the mapping and specifications wasn't completed. Al Wilks said that there is not enough money in the budget. The board is planning to do the dredging work first and if they need more funds, the board will have to propose another assessment.

Item 5. Results, discussion and possible awarding for work of the Hoosier Creek Dredging Project. Al Jeske said that there are 7 contracts that went out to bid. They have received 6 bids from 7 contractors. These are the 7 areas that need the most work. The total for all the apparent low bids is \$591,484.14. Al Wilks mentioned that the Board has budgeted \$125,000 to \$150,000 for this work, and obviously we don't have the funds to complete all the work.

Russ Weis spoke and said that he would recommend only doing half of Contract #1, Contract 2

and Contract 3 would be eliminated. Contract 4 would be taken in its entirety. He said that on Contract 7, if they reduce it by 1500' West of Hwy J, that would open the pocket in there and cut the cost by \$10,000.00. On Hwy 11 if we do 1500', it will open the culvert under Hwy 11 to a better flow. Russ said that if we do what feels needs to be done right away the cost would be just under \$200,000.00.

Mike Newholm questioned where did all the money go? If the last assessment is \$500,000 and the current assessment is \$500,000 and the board doesn't have enough money to complete this project, where did the money go? Russ Weis explained that at the beginning of the current assessment we had to pay \$100,000 toward the last assessment. The Board had paid approximately \$70,000 with DNR issues. Al Wilks said the district must complete annual reports every year which details where the money was spent and that the Annual Reports are online to view.

Before the Board makes a final decision they asked John Knuteson to put together some financial information and Russ Weis and Al Jeske to go through the numbers and the areas that need to be addressed. The Board will hold a Special Meeting on May 9, 2018, immediately following the Farm #1 / Waterford Public Hearing.

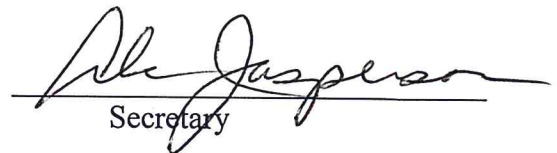
Item 6. Next Drainage Meeting.

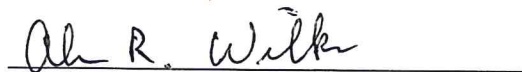
- May 9, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
- June 12, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
- September 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
- December 6, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment. Commissioner Russ Weis made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Greg Foat and passed unanimously at 8:30 p.m.

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APPROVED: 06/12/2018


Secretary


Chairman