

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Farm #1 / Waterford Farm Drainage Board
Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners
May 9, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
Racine County – Ives Groves

Item 1. Chairman Alvin Wilks called the meeting to order at 7:00 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

Al Wilks asked for a motion to approve the proposed \$750,000.00 for 2019 - 2028. Motion was made by Greg Foat and seconded by Russ Weis.

Al Wilks read the proposed budget. Al Wilks then asked Al Jeske from Nielsen Madsen & Barber to give the Summary of the Engineer's Report, Mapping & Benefits.

John Knuteson discussed the notice requirements. He stated that 434 Notices were mailed by ordinary mail on April 18, 2018, 21 days prior to the 5/9/2018 public hearing. Wisconsin Statutes Section 88.05(3) required at least 20 day's notice by ordinary mail, and publication within 20 days of the hearing; the last publication date was April 20, 2018. Under Wisconsin Statutes notice is serviced when mailed. The Statutes also say that failure to give notice does not defeat the jurisdiction of the drainage board. From the time of recording, the order confirming such assessments for costs and the interest thereon are a first lien upon the lands assessed until they are paid and take priority over all other liens or mortgages except liens for general taxes and liens under ss. 292.31(8)(i) and 292.81, regardless of the priority in time of such other liens or mortgages.

Al Wilks now opened the Public Hearing for comment.

John Pimentel - 28817 N. Gale Circle Access to work, drainage tile runs across behind his property, year after year water stands for days, weeks at a time after a rainfall. What assurance do I have that this will assessment have any change in that? Greg Foat said that the tile has not been replaced since 1920. Greg explained the work that is proposed is tile replacement.

Before any more public comments were received, Al Wilks asked Al Jeske from Nielsen Madsen & Barber to review the bids received and location of work to be done.

Ray Thorsen – 708 Aber Drive: Wanted to know how the assessments work. For example, does the existing assessment end and the new assessment be picked up for this year's property tax year? He then wanted to know what the difference between the total dollar amounts would be. Al Wilks explained that the proposed assessment is more however, it runs for 10 years, so the yearly amount won't seem too high.

Tom Greil – Big Bend Road, Waterford: One of his parcels should be on Norway/Dover not Waterford. How do I get off the Waterford District? Al Wilks told him to discuss with Al Jeske. Mr. Greil feels that the District should get turned over to the Village Storm Water. He feels that the money was poorly spent updating the pump /drainage system.

Al Wilks said there was only one written objection. Al Wilks read the objection.

Peter A. Lucas - 506 Aber Drive: Requested to have his parcel removed. They have sewer, curb and gutters front and back off his lot and all water run off now goes to the river by the Village gutters. We do not benefit or divert water to or through the district. Alan Jasperson asked if the water is being pumped by our pump, Greg Foat couldn't give him a definite answer. Al Wilks asked for a ruling from the Board. Alan Jasperson made a motion to deny removal of this parcel from the District seconded by Greg Foat, motion passed unanimously.

Al Wilks asked if there are any more public comments. Al Wilks said that the work will be done in July / August 2018. Al Wilks also explained that the Board received a favorable bid that the board couldn't pass up.

Al Wilks called a vote on the motion for the 2019 – 2028 Levy of Assessment for \$750,000.00, motion passed and the 2019 – 2028 Levy of Assessment was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED: 06/12/2018

Al R. Wilk
Chairman

Alan Jasperson
Secretary

Minutes of the Special Meeting
Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek Farm Drainage Board
Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners
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Racine County – Ives Groves

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

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Item 3. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was approved.

Item 4. Results, discussion and possible awarding for work of the Hoosier Creek Dredging Project. John Knuteson has review the Farm #5 finances and he has prepared a memo with his findings. It is the recommendation of John Knuteson that there is only \$150,000.00 available under the current assessment. Al Wilks asked Al Jeske to review the 6 bids received from seven contractors and they are as follows:

Contract 1 –Fox River to STH 142 – 1.77 miles. \$112,922.00 – Romans Grading

Contract 2 STH 142 to Mt. Tom Road – 2.55 miles. \$114,970.80 – Gunderson Excavating

Contract 3 – Mt. Tom Road to Branch 5 Ditch – 2.26 miles \$115,867.00 – Romans Grading

Contract 4 – Hoosier Creek - Branch 5 Ditch to Branch 4 Ditch – 0.53 miles
Branch 5 Ditch - Hoosier Creek to CTH BB – 0.35 miles
Branch 4 Ditch – Hoosier Creek to Branch 4 Tile – 0.76 miles
\$122,531.60 – Romans Grading

Contract 5 – Hoosier Creek – Branch 5 Ditch to Hoosier Creek Terminus – 1.10 miles
\$40,793.20 – Gunderson Excavating

Contract 6 – Branch 2 Ditch – Hoosier Creek to Branch 2 Ditch Terminus – 2.34 miles
\$80,926.31 Kartechner Brothers

Contract 7 – Branch 8 Ditch – Hoosier Creek to Branch 8 Ditch Terminus – 1.18 miles
\$44,267.23 – Kartechner Brothers

The total for all the low bids is \$591,484.14.

Al Wilks opened up the discussion up with the Board. Russ Weis stated that \$150,000.00 is not enough to do any kind of job. After a lengthy discussion about the financial status of the district and options for a possible new levy of assessment, Russ Weis made a motion to approve

Contracts 4 – 7 in the amount of \$288,518.34, seconded by John Vyvyan, and the motion passed unanimously.

Al Wilks asked the Board and John Knuteson to research any possible funding assistance for the dredging project and that they should make this a priority so the Board can get the work done.

Item 5. Discussion and possible action of Yearly Public Officials Professional Insurance Policy. John Knuteson explained that it is time to renew the public official’s professional insurance policy. However, the underwriter is requesting that RCBDC also obtain General Liability Insurance. 2017 public official’s insurance cost was \$2,859.00 and the quote that the Board received that included the General Liability was \$6,080.00.

Paul Dross with Dross Insurance attended the meeting and addressed the Board to explain General Liability coverage. Paul Dross questioned the policy for Farm #1 / Waterford regarding the pumps. Kim Williams and Paul Dross will follow up with one another to ensure that the Board is paying for just the pumps and not the pump house.

The Board asked Kim Williams to research with the other districts what type of insurance they have.

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- September 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
- December 6, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment. Greg Foat made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Al Wilks, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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