

Minutes of the Meeting  
Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners  
June 12, 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 Jasperson, 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.** Item #13 and Item #14 added and Item #30 revised from the original agenda. Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Greg Foat and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2018** - Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2018, seconded by Russ Weis and the motion passed unanimously.

**April 30, 2018** – Alan Jasperson asked that a couple of items be corrected. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the April 30, 2018 minutes as corrected, seconded by John Vyvyan and the motion passed unanimously.

**May 9, 2018 – Farm #1 Waterford** – Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2018 – Farm #1 / Waterford Public Hearing, seconded by Greg Foat and the motion passed unanimously.

**May 9, 2018 – Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek – Special Meeting** Russ Weis made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2018 Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek Special Meeting, seconded by Alan Jasperson and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5 – Financial Reports.** John Knuteson reviewed the financial report and reported that there were two items that needs correcting. Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek – Russ Weis was listed twice under the Commissioner Fees. The item listed as \$350.00 should be moved to reimbursement. The second item is in Norway / Dover. Alan Jasperson is not listed in the commissioner fees. Al Jasperson suggested that any bill paid to Halter Farms should be posted under Seeding. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Alan Jasperson, motion passed unanimously. John Knuteson reviewed the Community State Bank Balance and loan balances. John Knuteson also reviewed the District Assessment Years and Agreement Summary for all Districts.

### Farm #1 / Waterford

**Item 6. Discussion and Update on 2019 – 2028 District Assessment.** The 2019 – 2028 Assessment has been recorded with the Register of Deeds and the Levy of Assessment with the legal descriptions which were also sent to the municipalities. John Vyvyan spoke with Rich Snider with the Commissioner of Public Lands regarding loans and rates. Al Wilks and Alan Jaspersen will request a meeting with Dave Moyer to discuss loan options.

### Farm #4 / Eagle Creek

**Item 7. Discussion and update on the Annexation of Eagle Creek.** Betty Novy sent a letter and requested additional information for the Village of Rochester before they would agree to an annexation. Alan Jaspersen asked that Mark Madsen review the letter and provide the information that Betty Novy is looking for. Russ Weis made a motion not to annex the West end from Hwy J to the River, seconded by John Vyvyan, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 8. Discussion and update on next Assessment – 2019 - ?** Eagle Creek is in their last year of their current assessment. Al Jeske provided projected project budget costs. This item is being tabled until the September 6, 2018 meeting. Al Wilks said that a study should be done for annexation of the upper end, and a cost. Al Wilks directed the board, KHQ and NMB to work on getting a cost estimates.

**Item 9. Discussion re: Betty Novy request for additional information prior to annexation.** This item was discussed in Item 7.

**Item 10. Update on Proposed Village of Rochester Agreement – 2019 - 2023.** Tabled until the September 6, 2018 meeting.

**Item 11. Update on Proposed Eagle Lake Sewer District Agreement – 2019 - 2023.** Tabled until the September 6, 2018 meeting.

### Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek

**Item 12. Discussion regarding Financial Support / Grants to assist with Dredging Project.** Mark Madsen suggested that someone contact Chris Clayton with DATCP to inquire if there are any Grants available. Mark will contact Chris Clayton. Al Wilks said that they will discuss this item with Dave Moyer, Community State Bank along with the Farm #1 / Waterford Loan.

**Item 13. Discuss possibility of approving additional bids from the May 9, 2018, Hoosier Creek Special Meeting.** Contracts 4 through 7 for \$288,518.34 were approved at the May 9, 2018 meeting. Russ suggested that NMB check with the contractors to see if they were ok to start next spring or summer. Alan Jaspersen suggested that Al Jeske make multiple inspections during the project. Russ made a motion to award contracts 1 through 3 in addition to last month's award of Contracts 4 through 7, Alan Jaspersen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 14. Discussion and possible approval of a new Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek assessment 2022 – 2027.** After a lengthy discussion, Russ Weis made a motion to extend the assessment 6 years 2022 – 2027 in the amount of \$750,000.00, seconded by Greg Foat, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 15. Discussion and possible action of the drainage at the CN Railroad and Hoosier Creek Road.** Russ said that he sent a rebuttal to their letter and said CN Railroad was responsible and we have not heard a response. Russ Weis will do a follow up.

**Item 16. Discussion on Field Culverts.** Russ Weis stated that it has always been the landowner's responsibility to pay for their own field culverts. Russ Weis asked that Al Jeske notify the landowners of the District Contractors price for a new culvert if the old culvert can not be reused. Russ Stated there are two culverts up by Lavieri's, and Al Jeske should notify them regarding the Contractors price. Al Jeske said that he would send a letter informing them about the price.

\*\*Russ Weis said that he has a request from landowner Vaughn Weis, wanting a new field culvert. Vaguhn Weis has submitted a map where the field culvert will be. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the field culvert off of Mt. Tom Rd subject to Nielsen Madsen & Barber's approval, seconded by Greg Foat, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 17. Update Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek District Mapping and Specifications.** Al Jeske stated Maps and Specifications will be mailed tomorrow, June 13, 2018; he received the last piece of information from Kim Williams tonight.

**Item 18. Update on Town of Brighton Road Issue.** Kim Williams stated that she talked with John Kiel, Chairman of the Town of Brighton. John Kiel will put the roads matter on their agenda to pay RCBDC the outstanding road bill.

**Item 19. Discussion and decision regarding a suggestion from Diane Baumeister, Administrator/Treasurer from the Town of Burlington, to discuss/approval of bills and financial as the first item under each district.** The Board has agreed to present the Financials within each district as suggested by Diane Baumeister.

#### Norway / Dover

**Item 20. Update on Proposed Village of Rochester Agreement 2018 – 2022.** The Board reviewed the Agreement. Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the 2018 – 2022 Village of Rochester Agreement, seconded by John Vyvyan, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 21. Discussion and Decision on Erosion of Banks and how Best to Stabilize them.** Al Jasperson commented that a lot of money has been spent on ditch cleaning and nobody is going to want to do it again in the next 10 years. If the profile was not 2 to 1 in areas where there is sloughing could we go back in and pull them back at 2 to 1 and seed them, and make a

difference? Mark Madsen stated that you could probably go back in and do the maintenance to fix them. The only thing to be careful of is the top of the bank. Alan Jasperson said that once we get them back to 2 to 1 we should have them seeded, grassed or blanketed. Mark Madsen said that there was an interest in actually doing this project.

Tom Greil spoke and said that he is now on the Land Conservation Committee; he feels that the County may be able to help with the bank erosion issue. Al Wilks asked that if we prepare a design on what they are going to do and then we can present it to Chad Sampson, maybe there are some funds available? Tom Greil said that maybe if there are not funds, he may have a solution. Tom Greil has encouraged the Land Conservation Committee to come out and that Tom Greil would give them a tour, so they can see what is happening. Al Wilks told Tom Greil to keep on it, and if they have any ideas that would help.

**Item 22. Wind Lake Canal Dredging Project Status.** Al Jeske said that Roman's Grading and Gunderson have been doing some spoil spreading. They both will be doing some restoration work, which in the next couple of weeks should be all greened up.

#### Yorkville / Raymond

**Item 23. Update and possible approval of Union Grove, Yorkville and Raymond 2018 – 2020 Agreement.** Union Grove has agreed to the agreement. John Knuteson said that all three agreements are ready for signing by Al Wilks and Alan Jasperson. Alan Jasperson made a motion we approve the agreements as presented, Russ Weis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 24. Discussion with Municipalities regarding better drainage north and east of District to Lake Michigan.** Al Wilks stated the last rain event dumped 6 ½ inches of rain in Union Grove. Al Wilks got a drone and took some pictures of the water coming out of Union Grove. Al stated the canal was overflowing at the beginning of the canal. Al couldn't get the pictures until 1:00 and it was still above the road, so the canal was full. Alan Jasperson said that he was flooded as well. The Root River went over the bank on his farm. Town of Raymond has done a lot with their storm water going down to 8 Mile Rd. Like everything else, it has to get to the end and we don't have an outlet anymore. Alan Jasperson asked Tom Greil for them to meet with Chad Sampson and discuss the issues. Alan Jasperson said that he would like to do the Norway/Dover and Yorkville / Raymond at the same time.

#### ALL DISTRICTS:

**Item 25. Status on Recording Final Release of Levy of Assessments for all Districts.** John Knuteson explained which final releases have been filed and which ones were still being prepared.

**Item 26. Update on the Racine County Intergovernmental Agreement.** Nothing to report. John Knuteson will contact Alexandra Tillman. John Knuteson said that he needs to reexamine the agreement to ensure we get paid on a timely manner.

**Item 27. Review and possible acceptance on Draft Letters to Wisconsin Drainage Districts – Looking for Support.** John Knuteson reviewed the draft letter to Wisconsin Drainage Districts. The board approved the letter and Kim Williams will begin to mail the letters out. Russ Weis suggested a 30 day follow up.

**Item 28. Update on D&O Insurance.** Paul Dross spoke to the Board. It was determined that the insurance that RCBDC has been paying for was for the Pump House and not the Pumps. The insurance should have been for the Pumps only. It was suggested that Kim Williams provide Paul Dross with Greg Foat's email address, so that Paul and Greg can discuss the costs for pumps replacement if ever needed. Paul will send information for John Knuteson to review, and it will be discuss at the September 6, 2018 meeting.

**Item 29. Update on the Appeal of the Prevailing Wage Decision.** John Knuteson said that there is no updated information.

**Item 30. Status of Horlick Dam Removal with County Engineer.** John Knuteson said that he spoke with Racine County Engineer Nathan Plunkett. Nathan Plunkett staid that the removal of the dam is still an option. However, the attached DNR order has an April 2024 deadline to increase the capacity of the dam. SEWRPC has suggested 5 options to the County.

**Item 31. Discussion on 9/1/2017 – 8/31/2018 Annual Reports.** John Knuteson asked the Board to get their annual reports to Kim by August 1, 2018.

**Item 32. Next Drainage Meetings.**

September 6, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Hoosier Creek Public Hearing

September 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Quarterly Meeting

December 6, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment.** Alan Jasperson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Greg Foat and passed unanimously at 9:20 p.m.

RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED: 9/6/2018

Al R. Wilks  
Chairman

Alan Jasperson  
Secretary