

Minutes of the Meeting
Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners
March 27, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.
Racine County – Ives Groves

Item 1. Chairman Alvin Wilks called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

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

Greg Foat - Excused

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

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

Item 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2018 – Quarterly Meeting. Al Wilks wanted to discuss **Item 10 Dale Noble Update re: Dredging.** Item reads as follows: Dale Noble and Randy Newholm have agreed to do an reasonable amount of dredging in Hoosier Creek lease the machine from work down on the I-94, it is a new machine, they should be able to cover a lot of ground in a short period of time. It should take them 2 to 3 weeks working time for approximately \$20,000.00. They are willing to do it for the cost out of their pockets. Russ Weis would like to get them paid by August of 2019. Work will be supervised by Nielsen Madsen & Barber, Al Jeske added that the Racine and Kenosha County permits have been extended for this winter coming up and he just submitted the DNR Permit, which should have that in 10 days. Notifications were sent to property owners informing them of the work. Al Wilks feels that there was a motion was made to pay \$24,500.00 for 2019 and \$24,500.00 for 2020. Russ Weis made a motion to correct Item 10 on the December 6, 2018 meeting minutes to state that \$24,500.00 per year for two years, seconded by John Vyvyan, and the motion passed unanimously.

Russ Weis made a motion to approve the December 6, 2018 Quarterly Meeting, seconded by Alan Jasperson, and the motion passed unanimously.

The February 26, 2018 Farm #4 / Eagle Creek Informational Meeting and Public Hearing minutes have not been completed as Kim Williams has been sick and we've received more objections this past week. Al Wilks said that it is John Knuteson's recommendation that the Board hold a special meeting to deal with the Farm #4/Eagle Creek objections, subject to John Knuteson's schedule.

Steve Ament asked how the objections will be handled; John Knuteson reviewed the procedures.

Farm #1 / Waterford

Item 5. Financial Report

- a) Bills paid and bills to be paid
- b) CSB Account Balances and Loans as of February 28, 2019

John Knuteson read the financial reports. No questions were asked. Alan Jaspersen made a motion to approve the Farm #1 / Waterford financial report, seconded by John Vyvyan, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Update on the Waterford Tile Project: Al Jeske said that currently they are working on Drain Tile #1, and working on the WE Energies Right of way. Al Jeske was in contact with We Energies to get permission to relocate the District Title No. 1 from the current location to the West due to many utilities conflicts that were not located by Diggers Hotline at the time Nielsen Madsen & Barber requested it for the plan design. We have about 500 feet of pipe to complete and touch up restoration on the remaining projects.

Farm #4 / Eagle Creek

Item 7. Financial Report

- a) Bills paid and bills to be paid
- b) CSB Account Balances and Loans as of February 28, 2019

John Knuteson read the financial reports. No questions were asked. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the Farm #4 / Eagle Creek financial report, seconded by John Vyvyan, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 8. Discussion on Steps to be taken to finalize the Eagle Creek Annexation. Discussion and Approval to proceed with District Mapping and Specifications. The objection due date was March 26, and we have a Special Meeting to be held in April 2019.

Item 9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Assessment (2019 – 2023) Tabled until after Special Meeting

Item 10. Discussion regarding Eagle Lake Sewer Utility District and Village of Rochester Agreements. Tabled until after Special Meeting. Jeff Bratz requested that when it comes time to prepare the Agreements can he obtain a copy with the breakdown.

Item 11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Lateral No. 1 Bank Repair Project: It was requested at the last meeting that we put a bid together for seeding, sent it out for bids and quotes and we are just finishing up on Applications for Racine County and the DNR Notice of Intent. Would like to push this project ahead because there are a couple of bank repairs that are shooting into the field and that is a dangerous situation so I would like to get that fixed as soon as possible. This is the same one that Dale Noble dug out earlier in the year. (Tabled until Special Meeting in April)

Item 12. Status of District Wide Bank and Washout Repairs: Al Jeske said that they are approximately 8% done with the plans. That is the work that Al found and inspected on his travels last summer. Al has a list of areas that needs to get fixed up and presented for next meeting. Should have quotes in 2 weeks and permits in 30 days. (Tabled until Special Meeting in April).

Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek

Item 13. Financial Report

- a) Bills paid and bills to be paid
- b) CSB Account balances and Loans as of February 28, 2019

John Knuteson read the financial reports. It was suggested that KHQ contact Dave Moyer to ask about loan repayment, contact Al Wilks for follow up. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the Farm #5 / Hoosier Creek financial report, seconded by John Vyvyan, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 14. Status update from Dale Noble re: Dredging. Russ Weis said that Dale Noble and Randy Newholm covered a lot of ground in a short time, they had 3 good weeks of weather and they made use of every minute of it. They had accomplished just about everything they wanted to accomplish and then some. They have a short stretch North of the bypass that they want to do yet but Russ thinks it's going to take a lot of good weather for George's Grading to get in and get some grading and some reseeding; everything went well, water is flowing much better. Dale Noble said that there will be some tile outlets that need to be replaced. Steve Ament commented that the Board should consider compensating both Dale Noble and Randy Newholm for their time that they spend doing this work.

Alan Jasperson asked how things went for the party that always has a drive-way under water. Russ Weis said that Jeff Bush contracted the work out for a total of \$40,000.00 which is a separate issue from this work. He has completed the dredging work; he has submitted a bill and he still has some grading and seeding to do yet. Al and I both reviewed that and thinks that he has done a terrific job. He's replaced a couple of culverts; and has one more culvert to replace. They did raise the drive way about 2 feet which they should have done a long time ago in his opinion. Al Jeske reported that the culvert was collapsed with no water flowing.

Dale Noble mentioned that he saw Mark with Kenosha County, he complained about all the dirt and culverts on the road. Matt Newholm and I were both shoveling to get the dirt out and to get more flow better. The culvert by Jim Brand on Hwy V is rotting out. On the way to today's meeting I saw Mark and told him. He took pictures of it and what Kenosha is going to do about it, I'm not sure. He feels that the bottom of the pipe is rotting out.

Item 15. Status Update re: Branch 4 Ditch Dredging – by Engineer. Same item as Item 14.

Item 16. Update and possible action of the drainage at the CN Railroad and Hoosier Creek Road. Russ reported that he has made multiple calls and haven't heard anything. Russ said it is time for John Knuteson compose a letter.

Item 17. **Status update on the Revised Mapping & Specifications (by Engineer).** DATCP had asked us to revise even further. That has been completed and it is back up at DATCP.

Norway / Dover

Item 18. Financial Report

- a) Bills paid and Bills to be paid
- b) CSB Account Balances and Loans as of February 28, 2019

John Knuteson read the financial reports. Al Wilks asked about getting information regarding the upcoming loan payments to both himself and Alan Jasperson. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the Norway / Dover financial report, seconded by Alan Jasperson, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 19. Status update on Drainage Information Submitted to Town of Norway re: Groth Subdivision (by Engineer). Nothing new to report. Al Wilks asked Al Jeske to check on a status update.

Item 20. Discussion on Gregerson Park. Alan Jasperson said that Racine County didn't want the park to be billed, but the landowners should be billed. Alan Jasperson made a motion to have this item Tabled until the June meeting, seconded by Russ Weis, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 21. Status update on Wind Lake/Goose Lake Canal Branch Canal Dredging Project (by Engineer). Al Jeske said that the contractors are getting ready to go out and finish the punchlist items. He received a quote from Bart Miller regarding the seeding and weed control, who will keep the same rates as he had in 2018. Al Jeske will be working with the contractor.

Item 22. Discussion regarding Goose Lake Branch Canal Dredging Project (by Engineer). Al Jeske provided preliminary budget costs totaling \$483,400.00. Phase 1 – Cth K to Hanson Road \$258,700.00 and Phase 2 Hanson Road to Burmeister Road \$224,700.00.

Item 23. Discussion regarding Wind Lake / Goose Lake Canal Bank Restoration Project (by Engineer). Al Jeske provided a bank restoration preliminary budget cost. Wind Lake Canal Phase – River Road to Wind Lake Dam would cost \$724,800.00, Goose Lake Branch Canal Phase – Wind Lake Canal to Cth K for \$216,700.00. Total Bank Restoration Preliminary Project Costs \$941,500.00.

Item 24. Status Report on the Branch 8 Ditch De-Brushing (by Engineer). This was previously bided out 2 years ago. It runs from Cross Canal south to Malchine Rd then ½ mile south. Originally quoted as \$12,000.00. Work to be put on hold.

Item 25. Discussion and possible action on the Cross Canal/Jacobson Ditch Drainage Investigations (by Engineer). Al Jeske provided a report. Alan Jasperson made a motion to open the Jacobson Ditch going into the Main to see if relieves some of the drainage problems/issues. It is a very inexpensive short ditch that needs berms taken back out. If we see back flow in the future, we would need to revisit a solution, seconded by Russ Weis, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 26. Discussion and possible approval of 2019 US Geological Survey Agreement. Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the 2019 Geological Survey Agreement, seconded by Russ Weis, and the motion passed unanimously.

Yorkville / Raymond

Item 27. Financial Report

- a) Bills paid and Bills to be Paid
- b) CSB Account Balances and Loans as of February 28, 2019

John Knuteson read the financial reports. Russ Weis made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Alan Jasperson, and the motion passed unanimously.

John Knuteson suggested 3 bills that need to be approved, one for TaylorMade for \$1,500.00 and the other two are for Dale Noble, for Eagle Creek and Hoosier Creek. Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve to pay TaylorMade Wealth Management and Dale Noble, seconded by Russ Weis, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 28. Update on Municipalities regarding better drainage north and east of District to Lake Michigan. Table to June 2019 meeting.

Item 29. Update on Dredging Project (by Engineer). Tabled from December 6, 2018 meeting. Project cost is approximately \$920,000.00. Ditch needs to be cleaned but where do we go from here? Does the drainage board have a say with the new development going in at Union Grove? The Board has asked Mark Madsen to contact Village of Union Grove to inquire. Tabled until June 2019 meeting.

Item 30. Update on Current District Projects. Lateral No 3 Dredging / Bank Repair: After last meeting I sent the out a request for bids to 6 contractors but received only 3 bids with the lowest quote being from RLP Diversified at \$19,200.00, Countyline Contractors \$24,700.00 and Romans Grading at \$59,000.00. Al Jeske suggest that he and John Vyvyan can meet to see where the work can be adjusted to save money. West Branch Root River, Hribar Pond Outlet, 50th Road Bank Repair are the 3 banks that needs to be repaired.

Spraying quote from Bart Miller for treating the Yorkville/Raymond drainage district for not to exceed \$9,870.00. Alan Jasperson made a motion to approve the Bart Miller bid for Yorkville/Raymond Drainage District, seconded by Russ Weis, and the motion passed unanimously.

ALL DISTRICTS:

Item 31. Update on Meeting re: the Racine County Intergovernmental Agreement. Re-Tabled from December 6, 2018 meeting.

Item 32. Status update on Horlick Dam Removal with County Engineer. No update

Item 33. Discussion regarding a late addition to Act 115 and notice to landowners in March for any maintenance to be done that year. Other districts have issues however, RCBDC has none and we have a good working rapport with the landowners.

Item 34. Discussion regarding storage of RCBDC documents and Maps at Racine County. Tabled from December 6, 2018 meeting. Alan Jasperson said that he's had discussions with Kim Williams in the past. The Board needs to review what is already stored at Racine County

and what we need to bring over from Knuteson, Hinkston & Quinn. Alan suggested that the Board gets together either prior to the next meeting or after the meeting to review.

Item 35. Discussion regarding Public Entity Application for Professional Liability Renewal Questionnaire. John Knuteson said that it has been done and there was a slight increase.

Item 36. Discussion and decision regarding RCBDC County Website and to add a Facebook Page. Alan Jasperson said that the suggestion came from Kim Williams. The County website is maintained by Racine County, but documents are not being uploaded in a timely fashion. Kim Williams suggested that it might be helpful since many people are on Facebook.

**Al Wilks said that WE Energies is proposing a 24" gas line to come down through either Racine or Kenosha County. Russ and Al Wilks met with WE Energies. They will sever 18 tiles as they go through 1 mile on his farm (private tiles). If they go the south route, they will sever 43 tiles. We spoke with WE Energies and told them where the district tiles are located, ditches and other problems that they will be looking into. Once WE Energies chooses a route, we must go to Public Service Commission and complain to them.

Item 37. Next Drainage Meeting

June 20, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

September 19, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

December 12, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.

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

RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED: April 23, 2019

Al R. Wilks
Chairman

Alan Jasperson
Secretary