

Green Lake County *Drainage Board*

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**Drainage Board
May 16, 2012
10:00 A.M. – 11:40 A.M.
Government Center Training Room
571 County Road A
Green Lake, WI**

Call to Order: The meeting of the Drainage Board was called to order by Chairman Soda. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Merlyn Soda, Chairman
Patrick Krueger, Vice-Chairman
Wayne Albright, Secretary

Also Present: Landowners: Mike Eagen
Norbert Walejko
Seth McClure, DATCP State Drainage Engineer
Caleb Zahn, NRCS District Conservationist
James A. Hebbe, LCD County Conservationist
Brenda Sondalle, LCD Administrative Assistant

Agenda: *Motion (Albright/Krueger)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Board Officers Elections: Chairman Soda excused himself from chairing the meeting while Hebbe called for nominations for Chairman. Albright nominated Soda. *Motion (Albright/Krueger)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Merlyn Soda as Chairman. Motion carried.

Soda called for nominations for Secretary. Soda nominated Albright. *Motion (Soda/Krueger)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Wayne Albright as Secretary. Motion carried.

Soda called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Albright nominated Krueger. *Motion (Albright/Soda)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Patrick Krueger as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Minutes: *Motion (Albright/Krueger)* to approve the February 8 & 23, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Mike Eagen commented on the District #5 waterway.

Drainage District #5 – Request for Consideration of Drain Tile Replacement: Mike Eagen expressed concern that something should be done with the District #5 waterway. Currently it does not handle the volume of water that is draining to it. It needs to be cleaned or modified. The drain tile is functioning fine at this time. McClure advised that cleaning out the waterway to original specifications is maintenance while modification to make the waterway larger would require additional steps such as engineering and a public hearing. *Motion (Albright/Krueger)* to compare what the current waterway dimensions are to the plan specifications and then decide what should be done with the waterway. Motion carried. Timeline on this would be August-September.

Homeowners to the west of the ditch have told the Town of Berlin Chairman that their back yards seem to be wetter than they used to be.

Appearances: Seth McClure offered advice on various issues.

Drainage District #5 – Sue Thoma Request: Mike Eagen spoke on behalf of Sue Thoma. She is unhappy with Wal-Mart because water pools by her driveway. Also, she feels the storm water detention pond near her property line may be the cause of the water in her basement. The Board understands her frustration but this issue is not a Board issue, it is between her and Wal-Mart.

Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Lateral A Inspection Report: Sucker Creek rerouting through Lateral A was discussed. Cleaning out the remainder of Lateral A may just encourage Sucker Creek to flow through it more. Restoring the natural flow of Sucker Creek would keep stream water out of the main ditch. McClure will see what options the Board has for the Sucker Creek dilemma.

Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Ditch Maintenance Plan Between South Road and Highway E: Before any further work is done on this upper portion of the ditch, the Board would like to inspect the lower portion of the ditch beginning at the Fox River. Currently the area is flooded due to heavy rains. **Motion (Krueger/Albright)** after the ditch dries, to inspect the ditch beginning at the Fox River to see what areas need work. Motion carried.

Seneca-Warren Drainage Ditch – Loan Summary and Plan of Direction: Current Drainage District account balances were reviewed. Seneca-Warren is the only district with a bank loan balance of \$35,000. **Motion (Albright/Krueger)** to payoff \$10,000 toward the bank loan. Motion carried.

Vouchers: none

Correspondence: One letter read from the DNR notifying of a wetland restoration project (ditch plug) on their land on the former Florian Krueger farm.

Committee Discussion:

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting will be July 11, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. in the Training Room of the Government Center in Green Lake.

Future Agenda Items for Discussion & Action:

1. Annual inspection week of July 9-13
2. Seneca-Warren Ditch
 - a. Sucker Creek
 - b. Ditch Status - Fox River to County Road D
3. Ditch #5
 - a. Waterway

Adjourn: **Motion (Albright/Krueger)** to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sondalle, Recorder

Meeting expenses: Ditch #5 – 50%, Seneca-Warren – 50%