

DANE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
August 22, 2019

Location: Bristol Town Hall, 7747 County Highway N, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Drainage Board Members Present: Scott Ringelstetter, Leonard Massie, Paul Maly

Others Present: John C. Mitby (Board Attorney) Elizabeth Spencer (Board Attorney), Bob Pofahl (Resource Engineering Associates, Inc.), Josh Miller, and Jerry Derr (Town of Bristol).

District Members present:

District No.4: Frederick Porter, Grant Gullickson, Dennis Laufenberg, Annie Tremaine, Delano Tjugum, Brett Renk, Richard Gilbertson, Bryan Rauls, Al Setzner, Dawn Porter, Kim Porter.

District No. 21: Doug Tjugum.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Scott Ringelstetter.

District 4

- S. Ringelstetter reviews the highlights of the July 18, 2019 meeting and the discussion that occurred at that time regarding the engineering report presented by REA.
- B. Pofahl of REA summarizes the previously discussed engineering reports and the options and costs it presented.

Public Comments

- Realities and Financial Feasibility of System
 - B. Renk opposes the project. The current plan includes unnecessary tile for areas where there is no need for drainage. REA was wrong in the assumptions that it made from the start regarding what areas of the District needed draining. The plan is not economically possible and is too off base for the members to even make a decision on.
 - Delano Tjugum opposes the project.
 - D. Laufenberg opposes the project. The project must be financially feasible for the District landowners. The Board has not been honest about potential costs from the start.
 - J. Miller states that it is not realistic to drain all areas, proposes discussing what amount the landowners would be willing to pay and investigating what work can be performed for that amount.
 - S. Ringelstetter acknowledges valid points from District members particularly on where the line should be drawn for the job. Board is aware that the highest level of upgrades proposed by REA are not an economic possibility but are interested in what the District members want to pare down to.
 - P. Maly states that the system will not improve and it will fail at some point.
 - L. Massie discusses that realistically there are only 800 wet acres that are of concern.

- J. Mitby discusses annexations of additional land so costs may be spread out over more owners. L. Massie notes that this will likely result in a prolonged legal battle.
- Percent of Benefitted Acres Owned
 - At the request of Delano Tjugum, S. Ringelstetter provides to present members the percentage of benefitted acres they own so they may calculate what they would pay if REA plans are approved.

Board Action

- L. Massie moves that the results of the REA Study are such that District 4 will not go forward with the project. Second by P. Maly. MC 3-0.

Current Funds in District 4 Account

- S. Ringelstetter- Account currently has \$38.00. There has been a \$26,000 assessment that has not gone out yet. District 4 could potentially borrow money from District 9 to cover costs of engineering report.

L. Massie moves to adjourn meeting. P. Maly seconds. MC 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.