

From: Jill Calkins <jillcalkins0625@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:27 PM

To: Paul Maly <spdrainage@gmail.com>

Cc: Cheng her <chengher2@gmail.com>; Tristan McAloon <Tristanmcaloon@gmail.com>; Bill Ringelstetter <bill@ringelstetter.net>; Nick Brattlie <nickdanedrainage@gmail.com>; Kevin D. Trost <ktrost@trostllc.com>; Rep. McCarville <Rep.McCarville@legis.wisconsin.gov>; randy.romanski1@wisconsin.gov <randy.romanski1@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Formal Written Objection to \$40,000 Assessment – Drainage District #27

Dear Paul Maly

Chair, Dane County Drainage District Board

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I am submitting this formal written objection under Wis. Stat. § 88.40(3) to the \$40,000 assessment issued for Drainage District #27. This objection is submitted on behalf of myself, Jill Calkins, and fellow petitioners Cheng Her and Triston McAloon who have also filed petitions regarding this matter.

We continue to challenge the assessment based on lack of benefit, procedural due process violations, and noncompliance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 88 and Wis. Admin. Code ATCP Chapter 48.

We expect the board to carefully consider these concerns and provide a timely response.

Sincerely,
Jill Calkins

From: Jill Calkins <jillcalkins0625@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 7:01 AM

To: Paul Maly <spdrainage@gmail.com>

Cc: Cheng her <chengher2@gmail.com>; Cheng <thaomaix@gmail.com>; Bill Calkins <bill@calkinsconsulting.com>; Kevin D. Trost <ktrost@trostllc.com>; Tristan McAloon <Tristanmcaloon@gmail.com>; Bill Ringelstetter <bill@ringelstetter.net>; Nick Brattlie <nickdanedrainage@gmail.com>

Subject: Formal Objection to Drainage District No. 27 Assessment and Survey Requirement

Dear Chairman Maly,

I am the property owner of 4102 Westerfield Lane, Madison, Wisconsin. I am writing regarding the recent \$250 assessment issued by Drainage District No. 27 and the Board's informal expectation that I pay for a private survey to prove my property is not benefited by the District.

As outlined in Wisconsin Statutes §§ 88.40 and 88.46, the Board is responsible for conducting and providing updated engineering reports, surveys, or redeterminations of benefits before levying assessments. The burden to prove benefit rests solely with the Board, not with the landowner.

Additionally, my property is served by the City of Madison's stormwater system, which includes a recently dredged retention pond maintained by the City, as documented in the formal notice I received dated approximately June 24th, 2025.

Therefore, I hereby formally object to the assessment and to any requirement that I pay for a private survey. I expect the Board to fulfill its legal obligations under Wisconsin law and to cease attempts to shift this burden onto property owners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,
Jill Calkins

Attached is my formal petition in PDF format, submitted under Wisconsin Statutes §88.78.

I respectfully request that this matter be added to the agenda of the next available drainage board meeting and that I be notified of the date and time. Please confirm receipt of this petition and let me know the next steps.

Sincerely,
Bill and Jill Calkins

To Kevin Trost and the Dane County Drainage Board,

I am in Drainage District #27 and received a public hearing notice regarding the district that will occur on August 14. I would like to formally object to the assessment we were given in 2025. There was no warning for the work done nor for the assessment charged to us. In addition, I fail to see how the work that was done would benefit my address given it is for farm drainage and given the large distance between my home and the streams that were worked on. More importantly, it certainly is not fair to be charged this assessment when the drainage board was found to be in violation of state laws in the process of all this. As found by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the drainage board did not seek bids for the work, did not notify the landowners of the public hearing via mail, and did not obtain an engineer's report showing the benefits residents receive from this work. It is my understanding there is no certified engineer's report, no survey, no documentation of benefits to the landowners, and no bids. There is nothing to support that this was done legally and there is nothing to support that I am benefitting from this. Thus, I formally object to the \$250 assessment being asked of us.

Thank you for your time,

Paul Huset and Hannah Huset

4142 Westerfield Lane

Madison, WI 53704

Tristan McAloon
Kala Drake-McAloon
4138 Westerfield Lane
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June 09, 2025

Drainage Board for Dane County
c/o Dane County Land and Water Resources Department
5201 Fen Oak Drive, Room 208
Madison, WI 53718

RE: Petition to Remove Property from Drainage District No. 27 under Wis. Stat. §88.78

Dear Drainage Board Members,

I am writing to formally petition for the removal of my property from Drainage District No. 27 under Wisconsin Statutes §88.78. The property in question is:

4138 Westerfield Lane (Parcel Number: 081021109089)

I respectfully request that my land be removed from the drainage district for the following reasons:

1. Lack of Benefit: My property does not receive any current or measurable benefit from the district's drainage facilities. No drainage work has been performed on or affecting my property. No improvements have been made that benefit the drainage of my land.
2. Unlawful Assessment in 2025: The district's recent \$40,000 assessment appears to have been conducted in violation of Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 88, including:
 - Absence of a required engineer's report (§88.21–§88.23)
 - No redetermination of benefits (§88.46–§88.48)
 - Lack of construction plans, survey, or formal notice to landowners (§88.05, §88.235)

I have also requested documentation of these steps from the board but have not received a response.

Regardless, I am moving forward with this petition as permitted under §88.78. Please notify me of the required public hearing on this matter. I am prepared to attend and provide any further supporting information.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Tristan McAloon and Kala Drake-McAloon

From: Tristan McAloon <tristanmcaloon@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 1:11 PM

To: Paul Maly <spdrainage@gmail.com>; Nick Brattlie <nickdanedrainage@gmail.com>; Bill Ringelstetter <bill@ringelstetter.net>; Kevin D. Trost <ktrost@trostllc.com>

Cc: Bill Calkins <bill@calkinsconsulting.com>; Nicole Herzog <Nicole.Herzog@wmtv15news.com>; Jill Calkins <jillcalkins0625@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Petition for Removal from Drainage District No. 27

Dear Members of the Drainage Board,

I am formally submitting this petition to be removed from Drainage District No. 27. My property, located at 4138 Westerfield Lane, Madison WI, does not receive any benefit from the district's drainage system, and I am therefore requesting to be excluded from the district and released from any **current or future assessments**.

In addition, it appears that the recent \$40,000 assessment was imposed without adherence to key requirements under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 88, including the absence of a current engineer's report, a redetermination of benefits, or proper notice to affected landowners.

While I am submitting this petition individually, I am aware that other affected landowners also intend to petition for removal from Drainage District No. 27. These concerns are not isolated, and they reflect a broader pattern of dissatisfaction with the district's recent actions.

Attached is my formal petition in PDF format, submitted under Wisconsin Statutes §88.78.

I respectfully request that this matter be added to the agenda of the next available drainage board meeting and that I be notified of the date and time. Please confirm receipt of this petition and let me know the next steps.

Sincerely,
Tristan McAloon

On Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 10:26 AM Jill Calkins <jillcalkins0625@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Members of the Drainage Board,

I am formally submitting this petition to be removed from Drainage District No. 27. My property, located at 4102 Westerfield Lane, Madison WI, does not receive any benefit from the district's drainage system, and I am therefore requesting to be excluded from the district and released from any current or future assessments.

In addition, it appears that the recent \$40,000 assessment was imposed without adherence to key requirements under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 88, including the absence of a current engineer's report, a redetermination of benefits, or proper notice to affected landowners.

While I am submitting this petition individually, I am aware that other affected landowners also intend to petition for removal from Drainage District No. 27. These concerns are not isolated, and they reflect a broader pattern of dissatisfaction with the district's recent actions.

From: chengher2@gmail.com <chengher2@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 1:05 AM

To: spdrainage@gmail.com <spdrainage@gmail.com>; bill@ringelstetter.net <bill@ringelstetter.net>; treasurer@danecounty.gov <treasurer@danecounty.gov>; Kevin D. Trost <ktrost@trostllc.com>; barton.chapman@wi.gov <barton.chapman@wi.gov>

Cc: thaomaix@gmail.com <thaomaix@gmail.com>

Subject: Petition for Removal from Dane County Drainage District 27

Dane County Drainage Board Members:

My name is Cheng Her and I am the owner of 4001 Sutteridge Trail Madison, WI 53704. I am formally petitioning to be removed from Dane County Drainage District 27 and to be released from the current and any future assessments as my property does not receive any benefits from the drainage district's systems, nor does it receive any benefits from the recent \$40,000 project completed on property owned by Fly Over Acres LLC. Myself and many of my neighbors were actually surprised to find out our properties were in a drainage district when we received the \$250 assessment for this work done on properties owned by Fly Over Acres LLC. I have owned my property since 2017 and according to WI 88.212 I should have received at least two of these notices.

- WI 88.212.1 "Beginning in 2009, and every 3 years thereafter, provide written notice to every person who owns land that is located within the drainage district that such land is in the district. The notice shall also include contact information for every member of the drainage board".

Due to the lack of available required documentation, I am also submitting a public records request under WI Statute 19.35 for the items below:

- Annual Reports for Drainage District 27 for all years going back to 2017. *WI 88.19 Board to keep records, WI 88.24 Board to file annual report, and ACTP 48.14 Annual inspection.*
 - The last available Annual Report on danecountydrainage.org is from 2021.
 - The available report for 2019 is the same document submitted for 2017.
- Meeting Minutes from the September 16, 2024 Drainage Board Meeting. The Meeting Minutes from the October 8, 2024 meeting state "The August 1, 2024 and September 16, 2024 meetings were both approved as written" but no available record of the Sept meeting. *WI 88.19 Board to keep records.*
 - The \$40,000 project was proposed, discussed, approved, and a bid completed all in one meeting?
- Any and all reports, surveys, bids, and costs related to the recent \$40,000 project
- Any and all reports or inspections related to benefits to my property from the drainage district.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and the next required steps for the requests noted above.

Cheng Her