

**RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS**  
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RACINE AND KENOSHA COUNTY – WIDE DRAINAGE BOARD  
MINUTES

Date:            October 24, 2023  
Time:            7:00 p.m.  
Place:            Racine County Office Building, Ives Grove  
                      14200 Washington Ave  
                      Sturtevant, WI 53177

**Procedural**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Commissioner Alan Jasperson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. Roll Call
  - a. Commissioners in Attendance: Alan Jasperson, John Vyvyan, Gregory Foat, and Matthew Rowntree. Commissioners Russell Weis is excused due to illness.
  - b. Others in Attendance: Mark Madsen and Al Jeske, engineers at Nielsen Madsen & Barber, Mark Hinkston, Attorney at Knuteson Hinkston & Rosenberg, S.C., and Carolynn Frazer, recorder.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve the Agenda as written by Commissioner John Vyvyan and seconded by Commissioner Matthew Rowntree. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Yorkville/Raymond Farm Drainage District Assessment**

1. 2024-2028 Assessment
  - a. Opening Statement
    - i. Commissioner Alan Jasperson started by explaining what the drainage board does, why it exists, and how it helps the Yorkville Raymond Farm Drainage District specifically.
    - ii. Village of Raymond, Doug Schwartz, spoke of the Village Board meeting. The board met and agreed to pay the amount due for the Raymond Drainage District's share so that the property owners do not need to pay individually. They are spreading out the charge throughout the whole municipality.

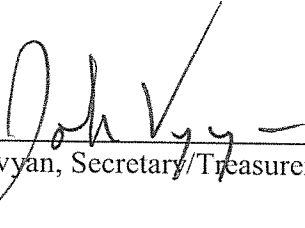
- iii. Steve Nelson from Yorkville, the Village of Yorkville board agrees to pay all of the assessments and fees on behalf of the property owners for the Yorkville Drainage District's share to pay to the district directly.
- b. Commissioner's Report on Assessment – Budget
  - i. An engineering budget was prepared and the major costs are:
  - ii. Maintenance and repairs.
    - 1. Dredging, mowing, debrushing, spraying, erosion control, etc.
- c. Engineer Report – Mapping & Benefits
- d. Objections (received in writing prior to the meeting)
  - i. Frantz – Vacated due to the Village Boards' decisions.
  - ii. Jaeck – Vacated due to the Village Boards' decisions. He had additional questions regarding the bids and financials. The bids are posted and then the board votes to approve/deny. All information will be put on the website.
  - iii. Holt – Not present.
  - iv. Funk – Vacated due to the Village Boards' decisions. If Union Grove prevails in the lawsuit, what happens to the funds? Will they be put on the district? No, the board will work with what they have and make only the repairs within the current budget.
  - v. Dexter – Vacated due to the Village Boards' decisions.
  - vi. Brand – Vacated due to the Village Boards' decisions.
  - vii. Goldsworthy – Had concerns regarding the disturbance to the land once the maintenance and repairs begin. The district has a 20-foot corridor in which it works. The Board will work with the landowners as much as possible to lessen the disturbance.
  - viii. Strueder – Vacated due to the Village Boards' decisions.
  - ix. Poedtke – Vacated due to the Village Boards' decisions.
  - x. Zaleski – They had questions regarding the engineers' calculations. Concerns regarding using the assessor's info and the coefficient. Mr. Madsen addressed the concerns.
  - xi. Gehrand – Not present.
- e. Public Comment
  - i. Peter W. – scope of the work vs property value. Concerns with the trees removed and the remains burned.
  - ii. Ross Johnson presents concerns with the dredging and thinks it will cause more sediment.
  - iii. Terry Gifford – Church cemetery is in the district. Questions regarding the removal.
- f. Motion and Possible approval of the \$2,035,200.00 assessment payable in 5 installments pursuant to Sec. 88.41(2)(b) Wis. Stats.
  - i. Commissioner Matthew Rowntree makes a motion to approve the assessment for \$2,035,200.00 for the Yorkville Raymond Drainage District payable in five (5) installments over five years (2024-2028) pursuant to Sec. 88.41(2)(b) Wis. Stats. and seconded by Commissioner Gregory Foat. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner John Vyvyan and seconded by Commissioner Matthew Rowntree. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved: 12/07/2023

  
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Alan Jaspersen, Chairman

  
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John Vyvyan, Secretary/Treasurer