

PUBLIC HEARING ON ENGINEER'S REPORT ON REPAIRS TO MAIN OPEN DITCH, DRAINAGE DISTRICT 148, HARDIN COUNTY

1/16/2019 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Board of Supervisors Chairperson, Renee McClellan, opened the meeting. Also present were Supervisors, Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; Landowners, Bill Ibeling, Kenneth Smith, Paul Enslin, Marie Rameyer, Brandon Pieper, Jim Bartling, Harold Muller, Dean Stalzer and Marvin Kramer; Lee Gallentine with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Drainage Clerk, Tina Schlemme.

2. Approve Agenda

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Introductions/Attendance

Introductions were made and attendance verified.

4. Open Public Hearing

McClellan opened the public hearing.

5. Verify Publication

The publication was verified as being published in the Times Citizen on December 22, 2018.

6. Explanation Of Project

Gallentine explained the project as shown in the Engineer's Report dated November 30, 2018. He stated the upper 3,700' of the open ditch had 1/2 to 3 inches of siltation. Gallentine presented photos of washouts and surface drains.

7. Written Or Verbal Comments/Discussion

Smith questioned why so many surface outlets were needing replaced, in which Gallentine replied a lot of them looked rusty and they are easily damaged by the contractor during construction. They estimated 17 but this can always be reduced. The landowners agreed they would like to salvage what they can during the project. They would like to see UV resistant, PVC/sewer pipe included as an alternate bid item.

Smith also questioned why the fancy flared ends were included to which Gallentine explained they recommend them, but it is up to the Trustees discretion and they can remove them. The landowners agreed they would like to include this as an alternate bid item.

Landowners questioned why engineering is not a bid item like the contractor, to which Gallentine stated they could be if the Trustees preferred that. They also questioned why the fees were so high, in which Gallentine replied about 50% of the costs are field services/observations that the Trustees ask to be included. The landowners agreed they would like to bid the job first and to see who the contractor is and then decide if they want to include engineering observation at that time.

Landowners added they were unsure of why the seeding warranty was needed. They agreed they would like seeding to be included in the project, but the seeding warranty be an alternate bid item.

Reclassification options were discussed in which landowners agreed they would like to look at doing after the bid letting. Landowners stated there is a lot of trees east of T Avenue. It was discussed that Schlemme should let B & W Control know that the drainage district facility extends 400 feet east of T Avenue and to be sure they are spraying it.

Schlemme stated she had received two written letters of concern. Kenneth Smith stated his questions had been answered and Schlemme read David Keninger's letter outloud.

8. Close Public Hearing
McClellan closed the public hearing.

9. Possible Action

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adopt the recommendations of the engineer's report with the changes discussed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to direct CGA to prepare plans and specifications including the alternate bids items of the surface drains, flared ends and seeding warranty and to set a landowner meeting directly following the bid letting. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Other Business
None.

11. Adjourn Meeting
Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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