

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

5/29/2019 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage District Board of Trustee Chairperson, Renee McClellan, opened the meeting. Also present were Trustees, Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; Landowners Sheryl and Tom Roberts, Jody Mesch; Contractor, Adam Seward; Lee Gallentine with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Drainage Clerk, Becca Junker.

2. Approve Agenda

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the agenda as provided. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes

Hoffman moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2019 regular drainage meeting. Ayes: Hoffman, McClellan. Nays: None. Abstain: Granzow. Motion Carried.

4. DD 124 - Discuss, With Possible Action, Contractors Concern

Junker advised the Trustees that the contractor (Adam Seward) reported two parallel tiles in the road ditch where he is supposed to be fixing blowouts. This creates a problem because there is only record of one district tile in the ditch. She also reminded them that in the Landowner Meeting in December it was decided that the landowners did not want CGA involved in fixing the blowouts because they did not want to pay for engineering fees.

Seward then presented his findings and said that as far as he could tell the live tile comes from the NW and under the highway to then join up with a "dead" tile. When he found two tiles in the ditch he called Gallentine with CGA who informed him he is not involved on this project, so he called Junker. At that time, he determined he was going to abort the project until he had more eyes or the Trustees made a determination of how they want him to proceed. Seward's recommendation would be to go in and completely kill the old "dead" tile and focus on the newer "live" tile, with oversight from the engineer.

Granzow called Mesch, a landowner in the district, into the meeting and Seward updated him on his findings. Granzow then asked Mesch if he thinks the Trustees should send CGA out to investigate. Mesch responded that he is a very small landowner with a small portion of benefit in this district and he is not in the position to make that decision because the cost will not affect him like it will the larger landowners who have more benefit within the district.

After much discussion, Seward said he will return to the area and run his locator in both tiles and then reports back to the Trustees with a rough sketch of the paths of the tiles. It was decided since these sink holes are not causing any problems for the district's drainage or the landowners, there was no need to make any big decisions until Seward reports back with his findings. Junker will put Seward on next week's agenda for an update, weather permitting.

5. Other Business

DD 9: Workorder 258 - Seward asked the Trustee's how he is to dispose of the trees once he has them cut down. After much discussion it was decided that Seward would work with Roberts, a landowner in the district, to find a good place to burn the trees. Once the project is complete Seward is to update Junker.

DD H-F 1: Workorder 238 - Seward asked the Trustees if they were sure that they wanted to spray and not mow this district as his recommendation was to mow first to shorten the root base and then come back and spray. Gallentine cautioned the Trustees that in the past they have not wanted to get in the habit of mowing over tile, but they could create and implement a new program. Seward said he would encourage putting a

program in place because the cost of mowing is a lot smaller than the price of fixing tile once roots have damaged it. Granzow thought that it might be a good idea to test this program on DD H-F 1 because it will be easy to see/observe the results from the road at any time. McClellan then asked if this was going to be pre or post nesting season and Granzow said they could do it at any time because it would be run as a trial and it's on private land. Seward said if this was a program that the Trustees wanted to continue, in the future they could always do it after nesting season is over. McClellan also asked if we would have to have permission from the landowner since the tile is located on private land. Gallentine said it wouldn't hurt to let the landowners know what's going on but that the district is responsible for maintaining trees.

After much discussion Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to have Junker send a mailing to the landowner explaining the spraying/mowing program and to inform them if they have questions or concerns to reach out to Junker within two weeks of the mailing, otherwise the Trustees will plan on starting the program. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 120 - Granzow was in contact with Kent Picht who privately put in an intake a few years ago. Since the intake has been put in there has been no problems, but this year with all the rain it is causing water to flow into his neighbors' field. Since these fields are in a drainage district Picht wanted to check with the Trustees to make sure there wasn't anything they needed to do/know about. Gallentine explained that since Picht put the intake in privately and the drainage district tile is still flowing, just at capacity, this is a private matter. He said if the district wanted to request for an improvement to put in a larger tile then the Trustees would have to be involved but if there is a problem with a privately installed intake it does not concern them.

6. Adjourn Meeting

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