

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

7/31/2019 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Board of Supervisors Chairperson, Renee McClellan, opened the meeting. Also present were Supervisor, Lance Granzow and BJ Hoffman; Lee Gallentine with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Drainage Clerk, Becca Junker. Heather Thomas with Clapsaddle-Garber (CGA) conference called in during DD 22 discussion.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Approve Minutes

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 regular drainage meeting, July 10, 2019 DD HF 5-75 reclassification hearing, and July 17, 2019 regular drainage meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. DD 22 - Discuss, With Possible Action, Project Update

Thomas informed the Trustees that Gehrke has four spot repairs completed and are working on their fifth one and has been working well with CGA. Gehrke has submitted an alternate for private tile, Thomas explained she is fine with the alternate and would like to give them the go ahead to do the first couple this way and then formalize it in a change order next week. Thomas told the Trustees that the alternate being requested is a tap tee, they will put grout around the tap tee into a rectangular square and concreted in. It will be bedded in rock and there will be dual wall used to make connections to the private tile. It was explained that it is the same process that McDowell was allowed to use in Radcliffe and Handsaker to do last year.

Thomas explained she gave Gehrke the following items that needed to happen for a good connection using this method:

- Connections don't protrude into the pipe where it would potentially restrict flow or camera access.
- Hole cut in RCP pipe is neat.
- Grout is smoothed out on the inside of the pipe and adequately seals/holds the joint in place. Joint is soil tight.
- The specified granular bedding of the RCP is used also to support the connection.
- Connection to existing tile is done with appropriate fittings to prevent crushing the tile connection.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to approve the change on today, July 31, 2019 to use this process for the next week and have the installation and the methods observed and recorded by CGA to ensure proper technique and standards were met before proceeding to other variations of this type. Thomas updated the Trustees that they will continue with the spot repairs, she thinks it will be mid next week before they get to C Ave. They will skip over the spot repairs at C Ave because that is where the 30 inch is on the E side of the road is going to be replaced so they are going to do all of that at the same time. They will proceed to the cornfield on the E side after that. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. DD 9 - Discuss, With Possible Action, Legal Moving Forward

Junker explained that Sailor picked up the letter two week prior and had not contacted the drainage clerk. She explained that the Trustees had her put in the letter if they had not heard from him within two weeks, they would assume he approves of the project moving forward. She explained that she had emailed Mike Richards to let him know what was going on and ask if it would be better to do the reclassification or annexation first. He replied and said he would do the annexation before the reclassification. One of his colleagues reached out to Junker to ask if they should be proceeding with the annexation or if they should have this project on hold. She explained she just needed a motion on how the law firm should proceed.

Gallentine then explained that CGA has plans and specs ready and was looking to set a date and time for a bid letting. Granzow said that he would have Richards move forward when the project gets sent to bids. Gallentine said that everything is ready for this project to be sent to a bid letting. McClellan then asked how long it takes for annexation and splitting the district. Granzow then stated that he wants a signed approval of annexation from the landowner before the project goes to bid.

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to contact Richards and tell them to start the annexation process. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. DD 9 - Discuss, With Possible Action, CGA Findings

Gallentine explained that following the public hearing, CGA started investigating drainage district 9 to figure out if one of the northern laterals was in the railroad right of way. After a lot of digging they found one single original map that every map since has been a trace of. He said looking at the legend there is a nice straight line where there is tile and there is a more squiggle line that is ditch. Looking at the profile the length of the lateral only matches to the red dot on the map. He explained that all the current 1950 maps and GIS is wrong and is actually private because the lateral ends. He further explained that there was a ditch there at one time which is where there could have been confusion. He explained that in his opinion the tile is private and not district. Hoffman asked what year the original map is from and Gallentine explained it is from 1909. Hoffman then asked how to correctly show the tile in the records going further. Junker explained that she already fixed the tile within GIS after receiving the original map from Gallentine.

While looking at the original map, Granzow pointed out that all of the land that is currently under water was originally wild hay. He also noticed that the name of the original map was "Mather & Kier" who owned majority of the land that now the Roberts own. Gallentine explained that Mather & Kier were probably the people who requested the district. He further explained that majority of the laterals and main end in the Mather & Kier land which means the tile mainly benefited their land.

Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded to acknowledge the 1909 drainage district 9 map containing 550 acres. Hoffman continued that this map shows lost history that needs to be recognized now, that it was not hidden it was just unavailable, but it does show that the Mather & Kier properties have substantially benefitted from the drainage district since its conception. Gallentine then pointed out that it appears the 1950s copies are incorrect, unless there are minutes somewhere that the tile was extended. Hoffman explained the biggest misconception was that the tile makes an abrupt stop and that is not noted in the later maps. All ayes. Motion carried.

Junker reminded the Trustees that in the public hearing, landowners had requested for the drainage district to do work in the tile that is now determined to be private tile. It was decided at the hearing that any findings would be sent to the landowners. Junker asked if the Trustees wanted her to mail the findings to the landowners, or how they wanted to proceed with informing the landowners of the findings. Hoffman moved, Granzow seconded for Junker to forward the letter and map that Gallentine submitted to the Trustees to the landowner within the district. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Drainage Utility Permit #2018-9 - Discuss, With Possible Action, Resubmitted

Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to create a new utility permit work order for the revised plans and close the #2018-9 work order. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

Wind Turbines: Hoffman explained that now that he is doing work on wind turbine sites, he wanted to go on record and say if there are wind turbine sites being built within a drainage district, there needs to be reconsideration on how that is approached. He went on to say he has been on many sites and talked to many landowners who have said drainage has been significantly affected.

8.1. Regular Drainage Meeting 8/7/19

Trustees decided to have a meeting on August 7, 2019 and have Tina attend the meeting and take minutes since Junker will be out of office.

9. Adjourn Meeting

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