

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

January 2, 2020 9:00 AM

1/2/2020 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage District Board of Trustees Chairperson Renee McClellan, opened the meeting. Also present were Trustee Lance Granzow, Trustee BJ Hoffman; Hardin County Economic Development, Angela De La Riva; Iowa Falls Economic Development Director, Mark Buschkamp; Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA), Lee Gallentine and Drainage Clerk, Denise Smith.

2. Approve Agenda

Granzow moved to approve the agenda, second by McClellan. All ayes. All approved.

3. Approve Minutes

Hoffman moved to approve the minutes to Regular Drainage Meeting dated 12-18-2019. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Discuss W/ Possible Action - Drainage Trustee Election Canvas

McClellan moved to set Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 10:30 AM for the Drainage Trustee Election Canvas. Second by Granzow. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. DD 55 Wetland Project - Presentation Date Confirmation

DD 55 Wetland Project - Presentation Date is January 22, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Mike Bourland confirms his availability for proposed date and time. Hoffman moved to accept date and time for the Wetland Presentation on January 22, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. DD 124 - WO 259 - Discuss W Possible Action

DD 124 - WO 259 Landowner Steve Kjormoe is requesting an update on WO 259. Gallentine stated the WO had not been assigned to previously discussed out of county contractor Justin Ross, as we had pulled back when in county contractors became available. This work order is one of about a half dozen others waiting for a contractor to become available. This work order is in queue and Adam Seward will hopefully get to it soon. Granzow requested to ask Seward if he can get to this one or not. Gallentine will verify Seward's schedule and let the Drainage Clerk know Seward's timeline.

7. DD 22 - WO 276 Discuss W Possible Actions

DD 22 - Landowner Randy Silvest stopped in to the Drainage Clerks's office with concerns about work being done on his farm. It was noted that this work was done as part of the larger DD 22 project and not WO 276 as noted on the agenda. Silvest's concerns were shared with Heather Thomas of CGA, Thomas reached out to contractor Gehrke, and replied to the drainage clerk via email. Silvest's concerns and the replies are in black, (Gehrke's reply is in red, Thomas's reply is in blue):

The dirt grading was done in a deep V shape and the water flows through the field about 100" south of the cut the contractor made, water is not flowing to the cut.

Not sure what area he means by this. The guys reshaped 2 areas to get water out of his field where is was visible that water stood there. We can fill it back in I guess in the spring if something is wrong. (we were just trying to make it better than it was before we were there. We will touch base with Randy Silvest on these to confirm what his concern is.

He had questions about the standpipe in the middle of his field, he wanted to know why it was located in that spot.

Have no idea where this issue is.??

We only installed intakes in the ditches. (unless I forgot about one somewhere, but I cannot think of where.)

We will touch base with Randy Silvest on these to confirm what his concern is.

He states there is a fencepost that was removed and has not been replaced yet.

He has mentioned this before and we have no idea what or where this was?? He even said I removed it when I was mowing crops which was a long time ago.

We will install a new post if needed, we just need to know where. We will touch base with Randy Silvest on these to confirm what his concern is.

There is a 100" long pile of dirt in his field that was left by the contractor and has not been cleaned up yet, he wants to know when that will be cleaned up.

This area is what we have talked about and is the spot where we need to remove and replace the 24" which the crew installed without Randy Brocka blessing.

We will do it I am hoping after the first of the year due to a couple short weeks this week and next. Pending weather. We were aware of this and it is one of the items that we discussed at the landowner meeting that is still on the punch list.

Smith wanted to make sure that the Trustees were made aware of Randy Silvest's concerns. Thomas will respond to Silvest to address his concerns. Smith stated WO 276 is still open, and has not come up yet for lottery.

8. DD 160 - WO 283 - Discuss W Possible Action

DD 160 - WO 283 Kenny Smith reports that the tile outlet is plugged where it meets the open drainage ditch. Drainage Clerk Smith stated she was unsure which DD to label this WO with, as the location that Kenny Smith references actually lies in DD 155, but the original tile maps reference the tile outlet as lying in DD 160. Kenny Smith reports that the tile outlet was plugged when utility contractor replaced some poles and left diggings in the open ditch, plugging the tile outlet. Smith referenced current/recent utility permits and did not find one that shared this location. Gallentine stated that this location was between Ackley and the ethanol plant and that in the last couple years there was possibly a new rail siding or an access road added, Gallentine was unsure if this was a utility contractor or the railroad. Hoffman motioned to instruct CGA to investigate and bring back their findings, and to see if CGA can determine who did the work that resulted in the remaining dug material. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. DD 9 - Discuss W/ Possible Action - ROW Easement

DD 9 - We have received a draft back from attorney Ryan Haaland, which Smith shared with the Trustees, and they had a chance to review it. Smith asked what the Trustees thoughts were on the draft, if they felt it was ready to go out, and if so, would the Trustees like Smith or Legal to send that out. Hoffman inquired what the usual procedure was for sending this out. Smith stated she did not know but would find out from previous Clerk Junker, when she returns or could reach out to other drainage clerks for their policy. Gallentine stated that plans and specs for the project are ready and we had decided to hold on the bid letting until the easement was granted. Hoffman stated he would like to execute the easement as soon as possible. Granzow stated it should be sent out Certified Mail.

Hoffman motioned to execute the easement and send to Mr. Sailer via USPS Certified Mail, second by McClellan.

In further discussion, Granzow stated he did not want Mr. Sailer to be confused, because he does own land in the district, but that the easement is only for the portion of the land that lies outside the district, that he

is still included on the costs for the parts of the tile project that lie within the district. Gallentine stated he did email tenant Kevin Vierkandt, and he did not receive notification that the email was not received. Gallentine can email a copy of the of the plans to Smith to include with the easement document. Granzow stated that the landowner's tenant Kevin Vierkandt should also be notified of the easement via Certified Mail and provided a copy of the plans.

Hoffman called for the vote. All ayes Motion carried.

Hoffman motioned to send a copy of the easement with plans and map to tenant Kevin Vierkandt via USPS Certified Mail. Second by McClellan. All Ayes. Motion carried.

10. Other Business

DD 122 & DD 8 Lat 2 Warranty - There was a reminder on the drainage calendar, in minutes dated 6-27-2018, for the Public Hearing Minutes on Completion of Contract, stated that we needed a reminder on the calendar to have the Trustees to look at the calendar to look at the warranty at one and a half years. Smith stated we are now at that one and a half year mark, and asked if this was something the Trustees would like Smith to add to another agenda to review. Granzow directed Smith to add to the agenda and let the contractor know, this would be contractor Cole Excavating. Granzow asked if we had a farmer that had volunteered to share review of work done during warranty. Smith will review minutes to verify if there were any volunteers.

DD 1 - WO 205 - Minutes of 5/23/2018 state that a letdown structure was discussed and tabled for one year before revisiting. Minutes quote "Gallentine explained the additional actions recommended to bring fill in and install a let down structure. He stated the current channel bottom is below the original design. Marvin Kramer stated he believes the district is fighting mother nature while Jerry Kramer added that he would like to see the best long term interest for the drainage district. The Trustees agreed to table any action for another year while Marvin Kramer speaks with Arnold Luiken about the situation and will keep an eye on the area. Granzow moved, Hoffman seconded to table any action for another year." Smith asked if she was to contact those two landowners for feedback. Gallentine stated that Marvin Kramer was going to try to shape some of that ground on his own, and was to let the Trustees know how that worked out.

DD 165 - WO 232 - Landowner Bill Ibeling requested an update on the status of this work order which was awarded to McDowell in April of 2019. Ibeling reported that he had dug out 2 lengths of 18" tile that are broken and need replaced, Ibeling wondered when someone could get to his repair. Gallentine stated that 165 was put with 146 and 148 for a clean out project with the contractor from Humboldt, and when DD 148 took their District back to Private Trustees, and the contractor was not willing to come back to finish up these two small projects. Gallentine spoke to McDowell in the spring and they were willing to take it on but they have not progressed, when Gallentine spoke with McDowell this fall, McDowell stated that Gallentine could take small projects to other contractors as his schedule was full for fall/winter. Gallentine inquired if the Trustees would like to combine this with DD 9 project. CGA has plans done, as they were in the bid letting for DD 148, bid amount was under \$15,000. Gallentine stated that it could be combined with DD9, he was concerned if it went to lottery the new bid may come back higher than the previous bid. Granzow stated that the contract with McDowell was voided when the district went to Private Trustees. Granzow requested Gallentine reach out to McDowell and see if he can get to this work order, Gallentine will let Smith know how McDowell responds.

11. Adjourn Meeting

Granzow motioned to adjourn. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.