

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING
Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:30 AM
This meeting was held electronically due to Covid-19 concerns.

5/27/2020 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage Chairperson Lance Granzow opened the meeting. Also in attendance were Trustee BJ Hoffman; Trustee Renee McClellan; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Michael Pearce; Denise Smith, Drainage Clerk.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by Hoffman to approve the agenda. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes

Motion by McClellan to approve the minutes to Drainage Meeting dated 05-20-2020. Second by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Approve Claims For Payment

Motion by McClellan to approve claims for payment with pay date of Friday, May 29, 2020. Second by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 14 WO 290 - CCTV & Tile Repair, Parts, Labor	Williams Excavation LLC	\$ 3,595.08
DD 33 WO 278 - Tile Repair, Parts, Labor, Equip.	Honey Creek Land Improvement, LLC	\$ 17,578.48
DD 167 WO 208 - Prof Svc 4/25/20 to 5/19/20 RepSum	Clapsaddle-Garber Assoc	\$ 660.95

5. DD 131 WO 275 - Discuss W Possible Action - Repair Summary

DD 131 - WO 275- This was a request made by Greg Huebner reporting a sinkhole. CGA reports sinkhole was excavated and tile was misaligned with connection to private tile. Repair was made using dual wall tile, the rest of the clay tile was in good shape, no cracks. CGA has no additional recommended actions.

Motion by Hoffman to acknowledge the repair summary on DD 131 WO 275. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Discuss W Possible Action -Wind Turbine Ordinance And Drainage Utility Permit Language & Process
Smith reports we are still waiting on an update from attorney Mike Richards, once an update from attorney Richards is received it will be on the agenda again.

7. DD 52 WO 215 - Discuss W Possible Action - Crop Damage Claim 2020-4

DD 52 WO 215 - Smith stated we have received a quote for reseeding from contractor Honey Creek Land Improvements, for reseeding 3.5 acres of alfalfa. Quote was for \$715 including seeding, drilling, ground preparation, quote was for round up ready alfalfa seed. The Trustees discussed concerns over the cost of round-up ready alfalfa and that landowner Piel is in negotiations to sell the property. The consensus of the Trustees were that there was no benefit from the use of round-up ready seed, as it may be torn up by new owner anyway.

Motion by Hoffman to have Honey Creek Land Improvement to resubmit the quote with traditional alfalfa seeding. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. DD 55-3 WO 201 - Discuss W Possible Action - Permit Extension

DD 55-3 WO 201 - Gallentine stated this work order involves a letter of consent for work from the Railroad to

work in their right of way that expires June 10, 2020. Contractor Honey Creek land Improvement (Seward) is working hard to meet all of the Railroad's requirements, including railroad insurance, which is not an easy, simple process for an insurance agent to obtain. Gallentine and Smith had discussed requesting an extension due to the Railroad's extensive requests for documents and insurance, and with the wet weather we have had the last 2 weeks, even if we have paperwork in place, it may be too wet for contractors to get into the field to access the tile. Gallentine recommends requesting an extension, not that we want to delay the work, but to give people breathing room, an extension of 3 to 6 months would not be unreasonable. The Trustees discussed if we should request a specified time frame for an extension and if the field has been planted yet, it was discussed that there could be some crop damage, even if we can get in the field soon. Gallentine stated if we can get all the permitting in place, and get the work accomplished, we should just pay the crop damages. Smith has stated that Seward has done his prep work to create an access road for the needed equipment. Gallentine stated the delay has not been with Seward or the Clerk, the Railroad is just difficult to work with.

Motion by Hoffman to request an extension of 90 days from today from the Union Pacific Railroad. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Discuss W Possible Action - IRUA Correspondence / Invoice

Smith stated a reply was sent to landowner Kiele Rolph and the IRUA's Matt Mahler granting permission for rural water connection through the IRUA. Smith requested clarification on payment of invoice from attorney Mike Richards of The Davis Brown Law Firm for consult on this issue, in the amount of \$275. Smith asked if the Trustees would like payment of this invoice to go through Rural Services, as we do not have a specific assessment for legal fees that cover/involve all districts, and are not single district specific. Hoffman stated there is no quick resolution for this. Granzow stated to review how these invoices were paid in the past, and thought they should be paid out of general fund, not rural services, as we will have some legal fees involved in the review of the wind turbine ordinances and those would not be strictly rural, but would affect everyone in the county, whether we are city or rural. Granzow continued that this would affect all the cities as well as most in the county lie within a drainage district, and we are borrowing from rural services to be paid back after assessments, and would rather keep the consistency as to where we have been paying from. Granzow stated Rural Services is 62% of general, it should not be permanent out of rural services.

Motion by Hoffman to pay the Davis Brown invoice for IRUA consult from Rural Services fund. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Other Business

Smith received a response from Franklin County that the Franklin County Drainage Trustees have approved our assessment for joint drainage district H-F 5-75.

Gallentine stated that the work order for H-F 2 submitted by Landon Aldinger has also been approved by the Franklin County Trustees, who approved repair on the work order.

McClellan asked what the outcome was on Randy Silvest's work order. Smith will request an update from Heather Thomas on this work order. Hoffman had heard work went well, and Granzow appreciates the work contractor Seward has done on behalf of the drainage districts.

11. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by McClellan to adjourn. Second by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.