

REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:30 AM

This meeting was held electronically due to Covid-19 concerns.

6/24/2020 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Drainage Chairperson Lance Granzow opened the meeting. Also in attendance were Trustee BJ Hoffman; Trustee Renee McClellan; Landowner Merv Vierkandt; Lee Gallentine of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates; and 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 Hoffman to approve the minutes to Drainage Meeting dated 06-17-2020. Second by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. DD 11 WO 294 - Discuss W Possible Action - Progress Update/Direction To Proceed

Gallentine stated this is the work order on Smuck's property for a sinkhole that televising was authorized on last week, and we determined about 500' total of tile in the downstream direction, has the top starting to cave in, that was the field determination and CGA is going through the videos right now. Merv Vierkandt was called into the meeting. Gallentine stated as the contractor started digging to find tile stable enough to hook onto, there is a void next to the tile on the outside of the tile, and the tile is cracked on the bottom, top and sides, so that when they uncovered the next piece of the tile to hook to, it would collapse into that void. Gallentine stated that at 50' out they stopped and decided they could not keep chasing the tile, so they decided to televise the tile, in the field we determined that upstream doesn't look too bad, it is cracked but it isn't collapsing, downstream there is about 500' that the top is cracked and collapsing. Gallentine stated we are viewing it on a large screen in the office to verify our field findings. Gallentine stated that Seward thought his price for replacing that 500' would be higher than what Gallentine thought it would be, and would be well over the \$50,000 price threshold that would require a hearing, so we put it back together temporarily and covered it back up.

Vierkandt stated he had heard it was fixed and covered up and assumed that was the end of it, in 1967 there was an expensive section of tile put in, and asked if CGA saw that in the history. Vierkandt stated in talking with other landowners in the district, they would like to continue with repairs as needed only. Gallentine stated CGA will draw up a report so the landowners can see what they are making the decision on, if you have not seen the video, you may not have all the facts on which to base a decision on. Gallentine understands the current financial status and you may want to move ahead with larger repairs and you may not. Vierkandt asked if any other landowners were in attendance. Gallentine stated there was not. Vierkandt stated in speaking with other landowners, Jack Runge and Robert Smuck, they had discussed that the temporary repair was made and they would like to move ahead with repairs as needed only, however Vierkandt stated he thought the other landowners would like to view the video of the televising as well. Gallentine asked if Runge was a landowner in the district or a tenant as we have had requests come in recently from tenants. Vierkandt stated Runge was a landowner in the district, and may be the largest landowner at just over 100 acres. Vierkandt asked how do we go on from here to view the video. Gallentine stated CGA will finish out viewing the video, and will generate a report that they will make available along with copies of the video, which will be sent to the Drainage Clerk, and the Clerk will have an electronic copy of the report that can be shared with any landowners and also a copy of the video for those that would like to view it. Gallentine stated that they may not want to view the video until they have the report in hand. Vierkandt stated he would like to see the video to help us make a determination, a few years ago we knew it had cracks in the top and it may last a few more years or it may not, with the farm economy what it is right now, we are of a mind to just keep repairing it. Gallentine stated he understood that, and it is in the same condition as a lot of other tile of the same age, other than there is that void on the outside that makes it less stable. Gallentine stated he could provide Vierkandt with a USB copy of the video file, Vierkandt

stated he would appreciate it and provided Gallentine with his address.

Vierkandt asked where the exact location was of this work order, Gallentine stated we were west of the gravel road, Vierkandt asked if the 500' of tile that was bad, or is it bad after that as well. Gallentine stated we think it is the 50' of tile we took out plus 450' of additional tile, that comes to a total of 500' of tile, we did televise past that and it appeared to still be cracked but was not collapsing. Vierkandt stated we knew the top was cracked for many years, but we were not aware the side and bottom were cracked as well, that is new information for us, but Smuck and he were of the mind we are still wanting to do just repairs. Vierkandt asked if there was a way to get the percentage of cost for a repair as it would be split out to each landowner. Gallentine stated the Drainage Clerk could provide that information. Vierkandt stated hopefully in the next few weeks we can view this information and come together to make a decision, Vierkandt appreciated the Trustees including him in the conversation, times are tough right now in the farm economy, and we want to make sure the Trustees are doing what we think is best right now. Vierkandt stated he will make sure to have Runge and Smuck included in the conversation so the Trustees know he is not speaking out of turn for the others. Hoffman appreciates Vierkandt's input and that democratic process. Smith stated there have been few repairs on the district and will verify the classification is entered in Tyler.

5. DD 25 - WO 1 - Discuss W Possible Action - Contractor Update / Change Order

Gallentine provided an update on this work order near Garden City, contractor McDowell has requested a time extension for another month through July 31, 2020, current completion date is June 30th, contractor is requesting another month due to the amount of rain we have had and the additional footage he has to install. Granzow stated he does not have an issue with that. Gallentine stated we redrafted the plans to show the private tile, district tile and the new clean set of plans are on record with the Drainage Clerk.

Motion by Hoffman to approve Change Order 4 for the time extension as presented. Second by McClellan. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. DD 55-3 WO 201 - Discuss W Possible Action -UPRR Permit Extension Update

Smith stated we received an update from the railroad regarding our requested extension from July 1, 2020 to September 9, 2020. The UPRR has granted our request for extension. Contractor Seward has been made aware as well, and the letter granting the request has been forwarded to RailPros to schedule flagging, RailPros has replied that there are still some documents related to the Contractor Right of Entry that will need submitted, Seward is working through providing the required documents. Gallentine stated he is confident Seward will get through the extension and get it done.

7. Other Business

DD 56 - Smith received a call from landowner Kevin Sheldahl, regarding the March 2019 DD 56 hearing in which the landowners selected to separate the district west of E Ave, and not replace any tile at that time. Sheldahl would like to move forward with the reclassification and not replace any tile at this time. Gallentine stated if we do not install the bypass there is no reason to split the district. Smith stated that was what Sheldahl had relayed this and that Smith encouraged him to attend the meeting by phone or in person, and Sheldahl stated he had trouble participating by phone at the last hearing, Smith tried to clarify how the zoom meeting worked for Sheldahl and encouraged him to share his thoughts at our next hearing. Gallentine stated Sheldahl is a wealth on information and would really like him to attend the meeting.

8. Adjourn Meeting

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