

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPLETION OF CONTRACT
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 34 MAIN TILE, HARDIN COUNTY**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016 AT 11:30 A.M.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM – HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Hardin County Board of Supervisor Chairman, Lance Granzow, opened the meeting. Also present were Supervisors, Ronn Rickels and Renee McClellan; Lee Gallentine with Ryken Engineering; Drainage Clerk, Tina Schlemme.

Rickels moved, McClellan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Granzow opened the public hearing and Schlemme verified proof of publication of the notice as published on September 21, 2016 in the South Hardin Signal Review.

The hearing was turned over to Gallentine, who explained the project as stated in the Completion Report dated September 2, 2016. Gallentine pointed out that on page 4 that the County Engineer has indicated they will be constructing the culvert road crossing, but no date for this construction has been determined. Gallentine explained that typically, per Code of Iowa, the district contractor performs the road crossing construction and then bills that portion to the County Engineer. This project was different in that the Trustees agreed to have the County Engineer perform this task for budgeting purposes. Granzow telephoned County Engineer, Daryl Albertson, who explained that a bid letting date has not occurred for this yet. Schlemme stated that the Trustees would be responsible for seeing that this action gets completed.

Schlemme then updated the Trustees with a written comment received from landowner, Robert Lee. The claim included three photos showing an area to be seeded, another area of dirt being eroded and a third photo showing concrete slabs that have fallen in front of a tile outlet and is blocking flow. Gallentine explained that the contractor performed their duties as specified in the contract and all these items are additional. He stated that the other alternative for the soil that is eroding away would be to build a headwall, which could \$10,000-\$30,000. Robert Lee suggested pouring concrete, essentially creating a makeshift headwall, which Gallentine estimated would cost roughly \$5,000-\$10,000. Gallentine believed that the contractor would probably move the concrete that is blocking the tile as indicated in item #3. The Trustees discussed the seeding issue and feel that it is the landowner's responsibility to perform.

Schlemme also presented a claim for damages that was submitted. Landowner, Brent Friest, is claiming 1 acre of damaged hay ground for the 2015 and 2016 seasons at \$420 an acre each year for a total of \$840. He is also claiming 3.36 acres of crop damages where the open ditch took the land at \$840 an acre for a total of \$2,822.40. Schlemme stated he had spoken with Kelvin Leibold, Iowa State University Extension Farm Management Specialist, concerning prices of crop damages.

Granzow closed the public hearing.

McClellan moved, Rickels seconded to table approving the completion of project and approving the final pay estimate until Gallentine has inspected the Robert Lee items and reported back. All ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Rickels seconded to table approving damage claims until Schlemme has spoken with Friest and obtained specific details, such as, type of crop and yield for the 3.36 acre claim. All ayes. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Rickels seconded to adjourn the meeting.