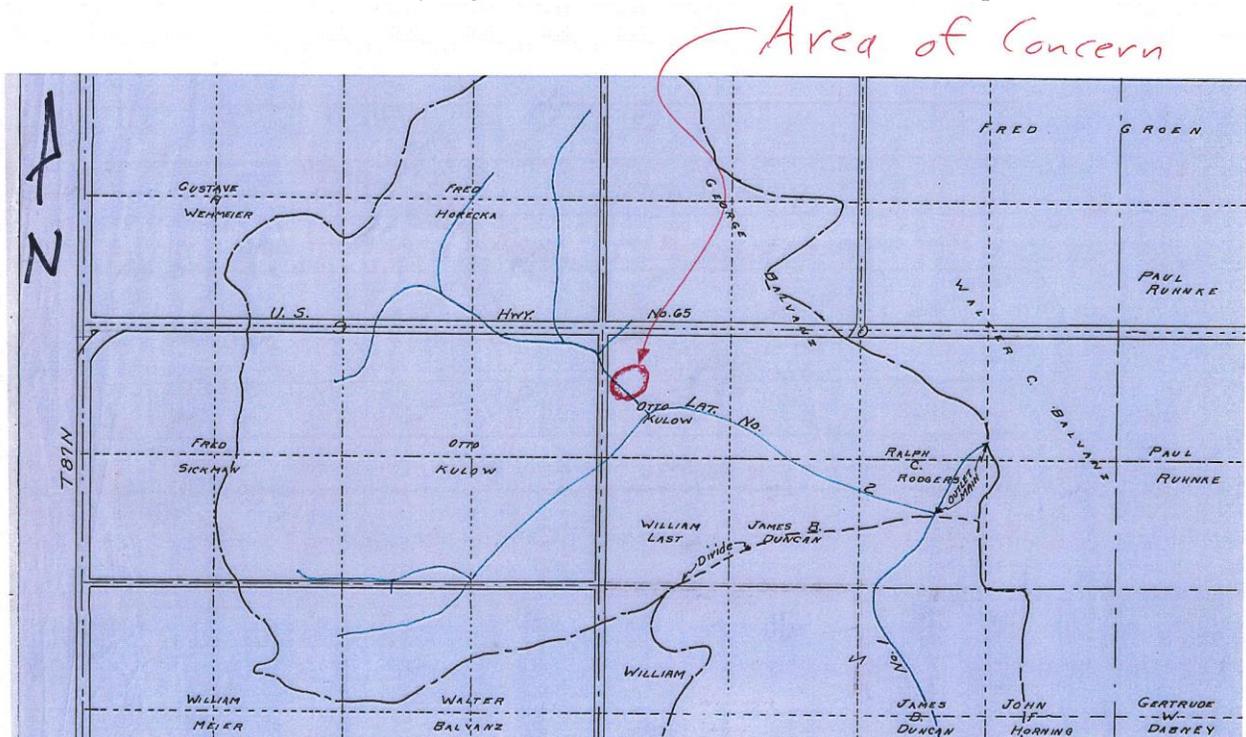


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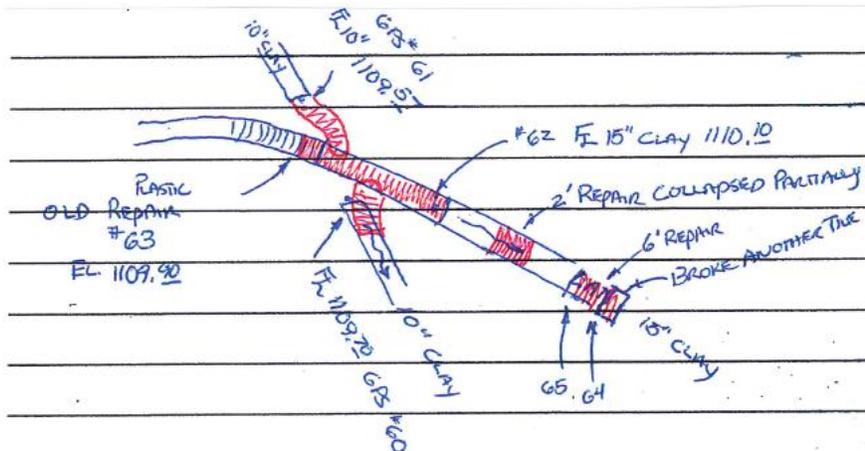
Hardin County Board of Supervisor Chairman, Lance Granzow, opened the meeting. Also present was Supervisor, Ronn Rickels; Landowners, Verl Duncan, Dennis Balvanz, Norman Kulow, David Hebrank, David Duncan, Richard Hornung and Chuck Balvanz; Lee Gallentine with Ryken Engineering; Drainage Clerk, Tina Schlemme. Absent: Renee McClellan.

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

After introductions, the meeting was then turned over to Gallentine who explained the project. A couple repairs were reported on lateral 1 in Section 10. One concern, shown in red on the 1953 map, is that two tiles were found intersecting each other in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4. A 15" tile was presumed to be district tile and another old 10" clay tile was presumed to be private tile. Gallentine stated that wasn't unusual except that the 10" was lower than the 15" tile and that while on site, a landowner stated the county engineer's office had laid the 10" to assist tile problems at the time.



Gallentine explained that they only temporarily repaired the HDPE tile with fabric wrapped joints and they are not sure how long that will last. They could tell it had been repaired before with plastic tile where they had fixed the 15" and plugged the 10" tile. During this repair, they opened up the 10" and connected it again. All water comes from the northwest tile and from the west tile and drops into the 10". The water only goes into the 15" tile if it is too full.



Gallentine also added that they placed a camera in the 15" and the tile appears in poor condition. He recommends that the tile be televised.



Landowners discussed the history of the 10" tile. Kulow stated his father had told him the engineer's office had installed that tile and it went from near Highway 65 towards the southeast and connects to the main somewhere. He estimated it happened possibly in the 1940's to early 1950's. Gallentine added they could not find anything in the drainage district files to prove the 10" was district facilities but they don't have any reason to doubt Kulow's history either. They did find a letter from the county engineer discussing a large project being performed in 1948 but no details were given. Kulow stated the only way to prove its district tile is to televise all the way and see where it ends.

Gallentine summarized that the question on hand is if the 10" tile is district tile and if landowners wanted to televise the tile to confirm its condition. When asked by Granzow, Gallentine responded that the water is flowing at this time, primarily into the 10". Granzow then presented the options to the landowners. One is to do nothing. Another option is to investigate more. Gallentine stated he is unsure what they might find if they televise so no way to estimate a cost. Granzow asked the landowners if they thought the 10" tile was district facilities. Kulow stated yes but no other landowners committed to an opinion. The Trustees agreed to not look into the situation any further at this time. They would like to wait until there is another repair needed to determine at that time, with televising, if it is district or private.

Landowners asked the difference between county tile and drainage district tile. How drainage districts work and assessments were briefly discussed. No current classification amounts with estimated costs were available.

The 10" tile located south in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 in Section 10 was also discussed. This tile was presumed private and was repaired privately by tenant, Craig Duncan. Duncan's brothers were in attendance and stated Craig seemed okay with paying for the labor and landowner, Mary Maakestadt, was okay with paying for the materials. The Trustees agreed to continue to assume the tile was private for now.

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