

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING ON CLASSIFICATION COMMISSION REPORT FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT 55 DIVISION 3 LATERAL 9

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 AT 11:30 A.M.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM – HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Hardin County Supervisor Chairman, Lance Granzow, opened the meeting. Also present were Hardin County Supervisors, Ronn Rickels and Renee McClellan; Landowners, Lonnie Hoelscher, Joan Hoelscher, Brent Torgeson, Jim Spaid, Brent Bunte, Mike Fiscus, Dennis Kielsmeier, Karen Kielsmeier, Richard Eller, Randy Dubberke and Tara Yoder Tjelmeland; 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 after introductions were made. Schlemme then verified notice was published in the South Hardin Signal Review on October 26, 2016.

The meeting was then turned over to Gallentine who explained the original classification report that was discussed but tabled at the Classification Hearing on April 27, 2016. At a later date, the Trustees had asked the report be revised to exclude the 1944 Mutual Drainage District.

Schlemme read six letters regarding objections to the project and classification, as well as, a petition signed by 17 individuals asking to be removed from the financial responsibilities pertaining to the classification commission report.

Granzow explained the project had already been approved at the April 27, 2016 hearing and this hearing was for the classification report. Granzow further explained that the Trustees are obligated to repair the tile and the Engineer's Report showed the repair at a greater cost than the improvement. One landowner stated the open ditch through his land is overloaded and this project will make that problem worse. He didn't want to put in an official request at this time to upset neighbors. He agreed he would see how the project affects the capacity issues and he may request a ditch cleanout at a later time.

Gallentine stated if the Trustees asked the Commissioners to look at the Classification Report, that they provide specific details on which tracts to adjust. He further explained to the landowners that if they lower $\frac{3}{4}$ of the landowners' amounts, then the other $\frac{1}{4}$ of owners would be increased. Granzow then asked several times if anyone still had an objection to the project and/or classification with no landowners commenting.

Granzow closed the hearing.

Rickels moved, McClellan seconded to adopt the classification commission report. All ayes. Motion carried.

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