

MINUTES
OPEN DITCH TREE AND BRUSH CONTROL BIDS
DECEMBER 21, 2016
11:30 A.M.

Hardin County Supervisor Chairman, Lance Granzow, opened the meeting. Also present were Hardin County Supervisors, Ronn Rickels and Renee McClellan; Board of Supervisor Elect, BJ Hoffman; Contractor, Don Reffer with B & W Control Specialists; Drainage Clerk, Tina Schlemme.

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

Schlemme verified the publication notice before McClellan opened the bids.

Joe Harrah bid a total of \$70,700 for all drainage districts, including landowner trustee districts as noted. B & W Control bid a total of \$118,000 for all districts for a three year period.

Discussion was had that B & W's quote was the maximum dollar amount allowed but the actual invoices and amounts paid were substantially less. Reffer stated they use Polaris and Streamline as their main chemicals, where Harrah's were Stocker and Streamline as detailed in their brochure. Reffer also added that if chemicals are sprayed in the water that they need to be aquatic herbicides. Insurance requirements were discussed. Reffer stated he has a \$2,000,000 general liability with a \$1,000,000 umbrella plus workers compensation and \$100,000 rider for pollution. Reffer further added that he has 34 years of experience in this industry and has worked for Hardin County since the early 1990's.

McClellan moved, Rickels seconded to table any action on the bids until they are reviewed and additional information is received. The Trustees agreed that Schlemme should submit a summary of the previous amounts bid with actual costs, as well as, obtaining Harrah's insurance and bid details. All ayes. Motion carried.

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