

**MINUTES
REGULAR DRAINAGE MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2016**

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

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

McClellan moved, Rickels seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 regular drainage meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rickels moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016 Open Ditch Tree and Brush Control Bid Letting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rickels moved, McClellan seconded to approve the claims for payment with pay date of Friday, December 30, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 1	Hudson Law Firm	Legal Re Alt Classification Method	\$ 186.00
DD 1	Linda Luiken	Election Clerk	\$ 80.00
DD 1	Arnold Luiken	Election Judge	\$ 20.00
DD 1	Williams Excavation	Lateral Repair	\$21,328.18
DD 22	The Davis Brown Firm	Legal Services	\$ 66.09
DD 34	Hands On Excavating	Project Final Pay Estimate	\$ 5,488.89
DD 55-3 Lat 9	South Hardin Signal Review	Hearing Publication	\$ 272.25
DD 136	McDowell & Sons	Backhoe & tile locate	\$ 255.00
DD Big 4 Main	Rognes Bros Excavating	Ditch Cleanout Final Pay Estimate	\$ 4,777.17

Gallentine requested a written statement on the Trustee's position on Code of Iowa §468.10. Gallentine is hiring a new engineer and the best candidate has relatives that live in drainage district within Hardin County. The Code states the acting engineer of a drainage project must be disinterested. Gallentine advised the Trustees that he would not place this new engineer on any projects that pertain to his relatives. Gallentine also informed the Trustees that he spoke with three different attorneys. One stated it would be a conflict to hire, another said as long as the engineer does not work on those specific districts it would be okay, and the third attorney thought it wasn't a conflict at all. It was discussed that when lawmakers wrote the Code of Iowa, an individual engineer was appointed to each drainage project. They did not have engineering firms then.

McClellan moved, Rickels seconded to table any decision regarding the request for a written statement on the disinterested engineer until County Attorney, Rick Dunn, was consulted. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 1 – McClellan moved, Rickels seconded to hold a landowner informational meeting for January 18, 2017 at 11:30 am in the lower lever conference room of the Hardin County Courthouse. This is to discuss how to proceed moving forward with the project now that the alternative classification method election failed. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 11 – McClellan moved, Rickels seconded to discuss the road repair method (as stated in in the June 8, 2016 minutes) again in April. It was discussed that any possible settling should have happened by then. All ayes. Motion carried.

DD 22 – The Trustees agreed to consult with County Attorney, Rick Dunn, regarding payment of the Pete Howe outstanding invoice amount. This was for work done that was not completed by the contract completion date and work that the contractor did not finish and another contractor duplicated the work to complete.

DD 45 – Rickels moved, McClellan seconded to acknowledge the resignation of Steve Mannetter as the Trustee, effective immediately. All ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business:

The open ditch spraying bids from December 21, 2016 was discussed. Schlemme is to agenda the item for next week for the Trustees to make a motion on accepting a bid. It was also discussed that the publication invoice can be paid out of the

Supervisors' fund and this invoice, in addition to the attorney invoice for open ditch taxation, would be paid together out of each ditch's fund.

The Trustees agreed that County Attorney, Rick Dunn, should be invited to the next regular drainage meeting.

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