

**MINUTES
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 1
LANDOWNER MEETING
MAY 17, 2017
1:30 P.M.**

Hardin County Board of Supervisor Chairman, Lance Granzow, opened the meeting. Also present was Supervisor, Renee McClellan; Supervisor, BJ Hoffman via teleconference; Landowners, Jo Dunca, Royle Duncan, Donald Peterson, Paul Peterson, Annette Sweeney, Randy Silvest, Brad Fjelland, John Liitschwager, Randy Madden and Greg Hanson; Drainage Clerk, Tina Schlemme.

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

After introductions and verification of attendance, Granzow stated that the full settlement amount from the lawsuit had been received. He explained that a work order request had been submitted for the tile located by C Avenue, across from Randy Silvest. Schlemme provided photos from contractor, Paul Williams, showing the condition of the top of the tile. Granzow further explained that this is the same area that has been having blowouts. Granzow asked the landowners how they would like to proceed with the problems in that stretch of tile...if they want to spot repair or look at fixing a longer length of tile now that the lawsuit is settled.

Much discussion was had concerning what engineer the landowners wanted to hire. It was pointed out that this is the same stretch of tile that Ryken Engineering, McDowell & Sons and ADS Tile had offered to replace before the lawsuit began. The landowners stated discomfort with hiring any engineer without comparing options each would provide. Hoffman suggested Clapsaddle & Garber as they appeared to do a good job in a previous case he was involved in. It was also stated that Don Etler with Bolton & Menk would already have the details of the project and could provide an easy recommendation on how to move forward. Landowners agreed they would like to see a few different engineering firms give opinions and compare them before hiring one.

The previous annexation of the land north of the highway was discussed. Landowners would like to see the tile disconnected. It was discussed that an annexation report had already been submitted. It was unclear whether the landowner has paid an annexation fee. Madden stated he would like to see the new tile by Silvest interconnected with the old tile. Silvest stated he thought the design of the project was to intentionally leave it unconnected to provide him with drainage to the old tile.

McClellan moved, Hoffman seconded for Schlemme to contact Fox Engineering, Matt Garber with Clapsaddle & Garber, and Don Etler with Bolton & Menk to describe what problems the district is having and ask what they would charge to give a recommendation/opinion and to provide the district with that recommendation/opinion on how to move forward. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Trustees agreed that Schlemme should research Don Etler's previous opinions regarding the interconnection of the old tile with the new tile and the issue regarding the annexation of land. These items will then be discussed at the next regular drainage meeting.

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