DRAINAGE DISTRICT 22 LANDOWNER MEETING

8/1/2018 - Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Hardin County Board of Supervisors Chairman, BJ Hoffman, opened the meeting. Also present were Supervisors, Lance Granzow and Renee McClellan; Landowners, Denny Harris, Betty Harris, Paul Peterson, Donald Peterson, Randy Madden, Lee Anderson, Di Stoffregen and John Liittschwager; Heather Thomas with Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA); Drainage Clerk, Tina Schlemme.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Discuss Project Materials As Bid

The meeting was turned over to Thomas who explained that there were three bidders from the previous weeks letting. No matter what options are chosen, Gehrke is the low bidder. After discussion, landowners agreed that the base bid of polypropylene was off the table as concrete was the preferred method and it was the cheaper option. After questioned, Thomas stated the perforated concrete meant that the joints would be wrapped so they are soil tight but not water tight. Thomas assured landowners that there would be an observer on site at all times and there would be periodic compaction testing and surveyors on site for grading. Thomas added that the specs state the contractor can start in either the fall or spring but they can only disturb one season of crops. Gehrkes had stated to Thomas that they would like to start this fall though. Paul Peterson questioned how the private connections would be installed, in which Thomas assured they would be industry standards.

Much discussion took place regarding the need for rock bedding. Thomas stated that a waiver would need signed if they did not install rock bedding. She further explained that due to the soil types, the industry standards are to install it with rock bedding. Madden stated he had spoken with a top pipe supplier and they told him they wouldn't require rock bedding. Madden continued to state that he did not like the engineer's approach on this requirement and questioned if this would be their stance on future county projects. He cautioned the Trustees using CGA as it could be costly for landowners. Madden and Paul Peterson both stated they would like the Trustees to shop around for other engineering firms on their requirements and to keep everyone honest. Madden also asked if no rock bedding could be used on the lower, more shallow end of the project. The Trustees agreed that Matt Garber with CGA should attend the next meeting to discuss these requirements and see if a change order reducing the project would be possible.

When asked, the majority of landowners chose the alt concrete bid with rock bedding, no televising to occur, the concrete with rock bedding cross connection and the 2 year maintenance bond. The Trustees agreed that Schlemme should research the industry standards for bedding material on concrete pipe installations and to agenda the discussion with Matt Garber for the next meeting. Schlemme displayed estimated assessments and costs with the chosen options.

4. Award Bid

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to award the bid to Gehrke Inc for the RCP alt bid with rock bedding and add alts #4 (concrete with rock bedding cross connection) and #6 (two year maintenance bond) and to discuss the possible change order reduction at the next meeting. Roll Call-McClellan, aye. Granzow, aye. Hoffman, aye. Motion carried.

5. Other Business

None.

6. Adjourn Meeting

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